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Sunnyside Health and Rehabilitation Center Awarded Governor's Gold Seal *Earns designation for sixth consecutive time*

SARASOTA, FL., October 26, 2014— Sunnyside Health and Rehabilitation Center, a 60 bed nursing home, earned its sixth consecutive Governor's Gold Seal award for excellence in long-term care. The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) ranks Sunnyside Health and Rehabilitation Center as one of 19 across 682 licensed nursing homes in Florida to hold a Gold Seal designation. Significantly, of those 19, Sunnyside and two other nursing homes in Florida achieved the distinction for six consecutive times.

“The Gold Seal process is very involved and reviews many aspects of the organization from staffing ratios, financial solvency, and volunteers to program innovations and quality care. Earning the Gold Seal exemplifies our passion and commitment to our patients and residents,” said Diane Marcello, Administrator of Sunnyside Health Services.

Secretary Liz Dudek, representing AHCA, commented on the award's significance: “We congratulate Sunnyside Village for receiving the Gold Seal award for the sixth time and for their outstanding leadership in the health care community,” said Secretary Dudek. “The Gold Seal award is a special award for those facilities that demonstrate excellence in long-term care and we appreciate Sunnyside Village for their commitment to providing both quality care and outstanding quality of life for their residents.”

Nursing homes considered for the Gold Seal Award must submit an application to AHCA which is then reviewed by the Governor's Panel on Excellence in Long-term Care. Earning the designation requires a rigorous application process, an interview and accomplishment of key factors. Facilities must meet a quality-of-care scoring and ranking of top 10 percent in their region or top 15 percent in the state, be a five-star facility in the nursing home guide, and have no Class I or Class II deficiencies within 30 months preceding application. Each Gold Seal designation is effective for two years and organizations must re-apply for future eligibility.

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About Sunnyside Village

Since 1968, Sunnyside Village has provided housing and health care for persons 55 or older through facilities, services and programs in a Christian environment. Sunnyside Village offers independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing and therapy services. For more information: www.sunnysidevillage.org.

About the Governor's Gold Seal

The Gold Seal Award program was developed and implemented by the Governor's Panel on Excellence in Long-Term Care, which is composed of persons appointed by the Governor's Office, Agency for Health Care Administration, Department of Health, Department of Elder Affairs, Florida Association of Homes for the Aging, Florida Health Care Association, Florida Life Care Residents Association, and the State Long Term-Care Ombudsman. For a complete listing of Gold Seal facilities visit www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov then click on "Find a Facility or Provider."

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