



# 2019 QUALITY REPORT

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES

# CEO **UPDATE**

Each year, the California Association of Health Facilities reviews the accomplishments of our members who work to deliver quality care to skilled nursing patients and developmentally disabled residents in community-based homes.

We have a tremendous amount of great information to share about improvements in the skilled nursing profession that you won't find in the day-to-day headlines.

This knowledge is personally relevant because someone you know – probably a baby boomer – will need to access some form of long term care services during their lifetime following an accident, illness or surgery.

Because our data is collected and validated quarterly by state and federal agencies, we know unequivocally that CAHF members continue to make impressive gains in the delivery of care.

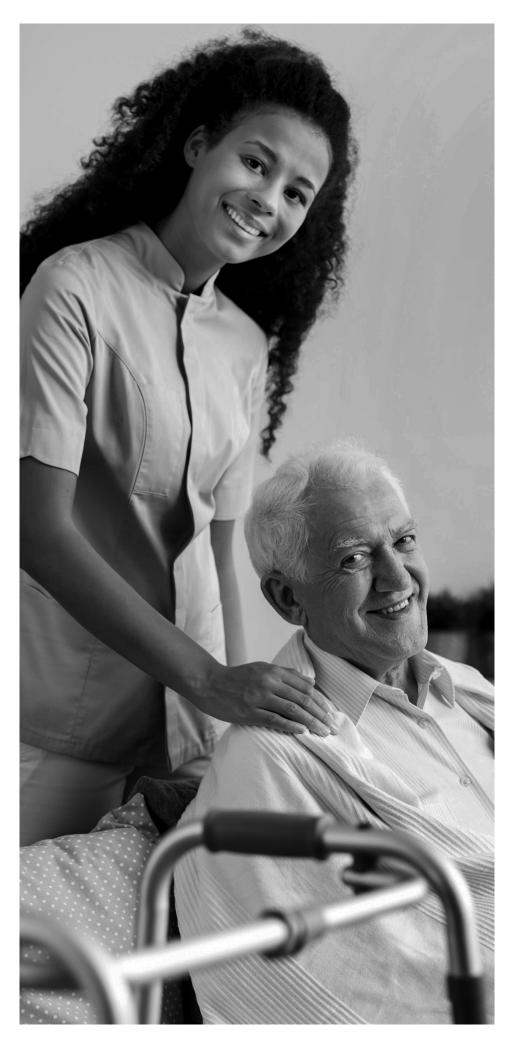
California remains No. 1 in the nation in preventing depression and helping residents get back on their feet and remain independent. The state is second best in preventing falls with injury. Providers have reduced the level of antipsychotic medication by an astonishing 46 percent.

In today's "long term care" secting, only 15 percent of residents are long-stay and 85 percent leave after less than three months. In these 'mini hospital' settings, CAHF members help patients get back home or to a lower level of care following skilled nursing and rehabilitation.

It is often said that those who make a career in long term care have a special calling. That perception was underscored in late 2018 when skilled nursing employees risked their lives to ensure the safe evacuation of 175 frail nursing home residents during the state's deadliest fire in Paradise.

Linvite you to read more about the heroism, dedication and resourcefulness of our members on the following pages.

Craig Cornett President/CEO



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## NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD WINNERS STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE



The American Health Care Association's Quality Award program provides a pathway toward performance excellence.

This year, CAHF members intensified their quality efforts and 37 facilities were recognized nationally for their efforts.

# INTIONAL QUALITY AWARD

#### **Silver** Achievement in Quality

Ararat Nursing Facility, Mission Hills Folsom Care Center, Folsom Remington Club, San Diego San Luis Transitional Care, San Luis Obispo Vista Pacifica Convalescent, Riverside

#### Bronze Commitment to Quality

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Windsor Manor Rehabilitation Center of Concord Windsor Post Acute Care Center of Hayward Harbor Villa Care Center, Anaheim **Brookside Healthcare Center, Redlands** Sunrise Villa Culver City Lodi Nursing & Rehabilitation Sunrise at La Jolla, San Diego **Courtyard Healthcare Center, Davis** Pacific Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Fresno Avalon Health Care, San Andreas **Capital Transitional Care, Sacramento** Sunrise of Burlingame La Jolla Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Grossmont Post Acute Care, La Mesa Windsor the Ridge Rehabilitation Center, Salinas Parkview Post Acute, Santa Rosa Windsor Post Acute Healthcare Center of Modesto Franciscan Healthcare, Merced **Gilroy Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Highland Care Center, Redlands** Valle Vista Convalescent Hospital, Escondido Avalon Care Center, Modesto Hy-Lond Windsor Gardens Convalescent Center of San Diego Windsor Country Drive Care Center, Fremont LaSalette Health and Rehabilitation Center, Stockton Palo Alto Sub-Acute and Rehabilitation Center **Turlock Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Anaheim Crest Nursing Center Camarillo Healthcare Center** Windsor Park Care Center of Fremont Buena Vista Care Center, Anaheim **Maple Healthcare Center, Los Angeles** 

### SAVING SOULS HOW NURSING HOME WORKERS SELFLESSLY EVACUATED 175 RESIDENTS



In Nov. 2018, dozens of ordinary people took extraordinary steps to put the lives of skilled nursing residents above all else during the worst fire in California history.

When wind-driven flames swept into Paradise during the Camp Fire, certified nurse assistants, dietary aides, social services workers, therapists and administrative staff sprang into action.

Because of their fearless efforts, 175 skilled nursing residents were safely evacuated from three nursing centers - Cypress Meadows Post Acute, Heritage Paradise and Pine View Center.

As disaster-training protocols kicked into place, residents were lined up, ready for transport. Help never arrived.

When the fire got too close, most were loaded into personal vehicles and driven out of harm's way.

One of the last to leave Cypress Meadows was pregnant social services director Olivia Drummond. "The wind was blowing hot embers into our faces," she recalled. "We were knocking embers off residents, getting fire blankets from fire personnel and putting masks on those in the truck beds. A lot of training just kicked in. Those drills, I am so grateful for them," she added.

Certified nurse assistant Imelda Abed, 67, huddled in the

back of a pick-up truck with two residents during the 16-mile trip from Paradise to Chico. Her boss, Cypress Meadows Administrator Brian Collier did the same with another patient.

Says a grateful Drummond, "I believe people that work in nursing homes are exceptional human beings who are born to do the work, not trained."

At Heritage Paradise, administrator Jessica Johnson, her two pre-school daughters in tow, began making transportation arrangements as soon as she got to work while her boss Sonya Meyer and other staff prepared residents for evacuation. Those who could got into personal vehicles and fled.

Johnson reached Joe Miceli, owner of Merit Medi-Trans who agreed to bring vans. Drivers Tommy Davis from Windsor Chico Creek and Steve Brace and Duanne Barr of The Terraces also drove into the path of the fire against the traffic. When the fire was just 150 yards away, they pulled into the facility to rescue the last seven residents.

All of the nursing home residents were re-located to a half dozen different facilities, but 27,000 people continue to deal daily with the realities of wildfire recovery. The North Valley Community Foundation of Chico is coordinating relief efforts for Camp Fire survivors – and former skilled nursing employees – who lost their homes, cars and jobs during their valiant efforts to help others.



Joe Micelli



Sonya Meyer, Jessica Johnson





Olivia Drummond

Merit Medi-Trans Ambulance

# UNDERSTANDING THE CONTINUUM OF CARE

Three out of four people over age 65 will need some form of long term care services during their lifetime. For the best outcome, it's important to identify the most appropriate setting to serve the specific needs of each individual.

Facility-based care

Both Facility and Community-based care Skilled Nursing Facility

Subacute Care Facility

Institutes for Mental Health

Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs)

**Assisted Living** 

Memory Care

For those in need of round-the-clock comprehensive nursing care for chronic illness or short term rehabilitation. Licensed nurse required on premises 24 hours a day.

Often part of a skilled nursing facility to assist people with complex conditions, including tracheostomy care and patients on ventilators.

Designated as "special treatment programs" within skilled nursing centers, these facilities provide extended treatment to adults with chronic mental health issues and provide skills to help them re-integrate back into the community.

Three levels of care and services that include independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing care on one campus. Require an entrance fee upon admission and monthly payment for services covering the lifetime of a resident.

Licensed as Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE). For those unable to live alone but not in need of round the clock care. Large facilities that provide meals, personal assistance with daily activities and help with medication. Most have private apartments and fee structures based on need.

For people with Alzheimer's, dementia and other cognitive conditions. Offered in board and care homes, in larger assisted living centers when there is a waiver and in some but not all skilled nursing centers depending on patient need.

End of life care and family support for the terminally ill provided at home or in a facility setting.

Home Health Care

**Hospice** 

**Board and Care** 

**Home Care** 

Licensed as Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE). Also known as assisted living facilities. They provide personal assistance, meals and help with medication for those unable to live alone but not in need of 24-hour nursing care. Generally small 4-6

bed homes in the community with shared rooms.

Short term care in the home for chronic or acute illness, usually following a hospital stay or facility

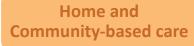
discharge when skilled nursing or therapy

interventions are necessary.

Privately funded, non-medical home support for household needs and personal assistance for elderly and people with physical disabilities to help them remain at home with additional support. Also publicly funded by Medi-Cal through the In Home Support Services program.

Adult Day Health Care

Mostly in community centers, providing care, companionship and basic health-related services for older adults who would benefit from services or who may need supervision during the day.



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# IMPROVING LIVES



#### **Nursing Home Leader Academy of Excellence** Leadership Matters

Most applicants to California's nationally recognized Nursing Home Leader Academy of Excellence already run highly- rated four or five star facilities. Learning how to take that initiative to a higher level is the centerpiece of this unique leadership program that places an emphasis on results.

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The program challenges academy members to identify a specific quality improvement goal, initiate data collection, establish a baseline and implement an action plan. Attendees track their progress during the nine-month program, meet in-person, connect through webinars and report on their achievements at the end of the year.

Facilities have created action plans to address and reduce facility falls, improve employee retention and enhance the dining experience among other specific initiatives.



#### **Dietary Services Project** *Recipe for Success*

Mealtime is the highlight of the day at most skilled nursing centers and safe food storage, preparation and delivery is at

heart of a new statewide initiative to cultivate best practices in the kitchen.

The CAHF Dietary Services Project is serving up a robust curriculum

of education materials, training videos in three languages and in-person classroom courses for dietary managers and food service workers. The \$1.1 million grant from the California Department of Public Health will address behind-the-scenes efforts, enhance the overall dining experience and help members achieve superior survey results.



#### Volunteer Engagement Project Harnessing Human Potential

A good volunteer network is essential to maintain resident quality of life and a connection to the local community. The

grant-funded Volunteer Engagement Project is developing a template for facilities across the state to successfully create and sustain volunteer programs. Twenty skilled nursing facilities are participating in



VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

an intensive pilot program to brainstorm ideas and develop person-centered projects suitable for volunteer engagement. A handbook and how-to video will be available to all facilities by next year.



## FACILITY SUPER STARS LIFE LONG CAREERS IN LONG TERM CARE



Some come in to work on their days off. Others work two jobs. Many never call in sick.

CAHF's Facility Super Stars are certified nurse assistants, cooks, supervisors and office managers who have one thing in common – they are a rare commodity in today's workforce.

#### 2018 Facility Super Stars

Sharon Aleo Director of Nursing Windsor Post-Acute Center of Arvin, Bakersfield 29 years of service

**Eufemia Bone** *Certified Nursing Assistant* Del Rio Gardens Center, Bell Gardens **29 years of service** 

Peggy Cantrell Director of Social Services Dycora Community Care, Fresno 29 years of service

Juana Castaneda Payroll Clerk Grant Cuesta Sub-Acute & Rehabilitation, Mountain View 32 years of service Arcelia Castillo Certified Nursing Assistant Dycora Manchester **30 years of service** 

Francisca Cedano Director of Social Services Del Rio Convalescent Center, Bell Gardens **39 years of service** 

Elizabeth Dardon Clinical Resource Ensign Services, Mission Viejo 35 years of service

Rosa Guanizo Certified Nursing Assistant Glendora Grand, Glendora 28 years of service

Rosalind Hearne Business Office Manager Long Beach Care Center, Long Beach 37 years of service

Pluma Hobbs Health Information Manager Oroville Hospital Post Acute Center, Oroville 29 years of service

Evelia Meza Certified Nursing Assistant Torrance Care Center West, Torrance 28 years of service

Dianne Rice Director of Business Development Windsor Palms Care Center of Artesia **31 years of service**  Soledad Rodriguez Certified Nursing Assistant Santa Teresita Skilled Nursing Facility, Duarte 38 years of service

Cecilia Santiago Cook Pacific Villa, Long Beach 32 years of service

Monica Santos Licensed Vocational Nurse Dycora Transitional Health and Living, Fresno **31 years of service** 

Tavete Sitafine Certified Nursing Assistant Shoreline Care Center, Oxnard 32 years of service

Erlinda Soto LVN Unit Supervisor Pacific Coast Manor, Capitola 32 years of service

Patricia "Patti" Terry Unit Assistant Edgemoor Hospital DP/SNF, Santee 30 years of service

Elida Velasquez Certified Nursing Assistant Flower Villa, Los Angeles **39 years of service** 

Maribel "Mary" Velazquez Employee Services/Payroll English Oaks - Generations Healthcare, Modesto 28 years of service

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# CONNECTING TO COMMUNITY 2019 SHOWCASE AWARDS



#### **Camp Fire Relief**

#### California Park Rehabilitation Hospital, Chico

When flames from the deadly Camp Fire approached, staff at California Park Rehabilitation Hospital in Chico, safely evacuated 27 residents. However, many employees who lived in nearby Paradise lost their homes and possessions. The Cal Park team set up a GoFundMe account, solicited support from the community and across the United States and raised \$120,000. The money was distributed to needy employees and to a local charity to support disaster relief efforts. To symbolize unity, Cal Park created and distributed t-shirts depicting fire scenes. The design proved so popular the facility is selling the t-shirts to benefit another community relief effort.





**Thanksgiving Feast** Amaya Springs Healthcare, Spring Valley

The Heart to Serve Program quadrupled its giving potential on Thanksgiving when four skilled nursing facilities joined forces to prepare, deliver and serve a Thanksgiving feast to 1,300 people. Skilled nursing residents prepared more than 600 pounds of roast beef, 500 pounds each of carrots and potatoes and six cases of lettuce. The team delivered the goods and served the meal at Father Joe's Village in San Diego. Amaya Springs organized the event with help from Brighton Spring Valley, Brighton San Diego, Point Loma Healthcare and Rockport. The Heart to Serve program gives residents at 70 Rockport facilities the opportunity to prepare and personally serve food each month at area shelters.



#### **Day of Hope** *Country Oaks Care Center, Santa Maria*

Each year, the Marian Foundation and Santa Maria Times sponsor the Day of Hope. The goal of the fundraiser is to sell as many newspapers as possible to support cancer patients and their families. Six residents, some who are cancer survivors, as well as staff and families volunteered to get up early and sell newspapers. The team raised more than \$300, but more importantly, residents had the satisfaction of contributing to the community and making a difference in someone else's life.

# SALON VIENNA DELIVERING SERENITY FOR RESIDENTS THROUGH PERSON-CENTERED CARE

oft chandelier lighting, dark warm finishes and marble inspired floors greet eager nursing home residents who look forward to a relaxing beauty treatment in a tranquil environment.

Whether its hand and nail care during a professional manicure or enjoying a warm water footbath in advance of a pedicure, Salon Vienna offers a break from the daily routine and a chance to rejuvenate the spirit. Residents at Vienna Nursing and Rehabilitation in Lodi are lining up to book appointments for nail salon services as well as hair appointments, which encompass a full array of services including shampoo and set, color and curl. The treatments, which are free of charge, are available Monday through Friday at the sprawling 150-bed nursing center.

The salon also has a dedicated room for oral care, and the facility has purchased a special mobile chair and state of the art cleaning equipment for routine assessments and cleanings. If necessary, the unit can be wheeled to a resident's room to provide dental cleaning at the bedside. A specially trained, part-time dental hygienist will come on board in the spring.

To accommodate residents in wheelchairs, the salon features special wall-mounted hair dryers and washing sinks that can be raised or lowered to accommodate the individual needs of each customer.

#### "The salon makes our residents feel special and when they feel good about themselves, it contributes to better health."

- Corey Wright, Administrator Vienna Nursing & Rehabilitation As part of the evolution of Salon Vienna, plans include remodeling another private room where personal massages will be provided. Wright says the salon has a side benefit. He sends delighted

"The ultimate goal is to provide a transformative experience," says Vienna administrator Corey Wright. "The salon makes our residents feel special and when they feel good about themselves, it contributes to better health."

Wright notes that residents who come to Vienna after an extended hospital stay in need of a shower and attention to personal hygiene are being moved close to the front of the line. "Think about how much you want to have your hair washed after spending three or four days in the hospital," he adds.



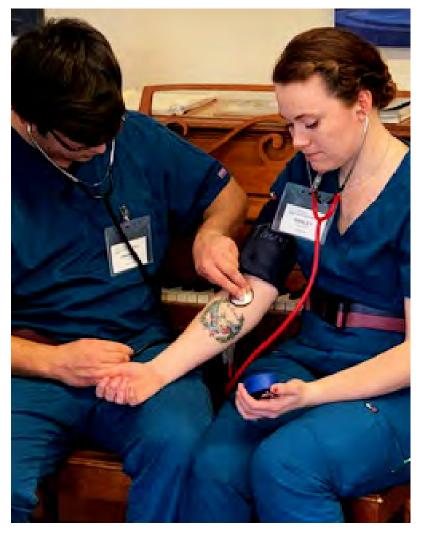


employees to the salon for complimentary manicures or pedicures on their birthdays, or as a reward for exemplary service.

Residents and families agree Salon Vienna is reinventing the perception of skilled nursing, one satisfied customer at a time.



# WORKFORCE SHORTAGE







#### **The Challenge**

# 23,000 certified nurse assistants needed by 2023

As the state's population ages, the demand for certified nurse assistants has skyrocketed. The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development estimates the state will need 23,000 additional certified nursing assistants within the next four years. That's a 70 percent increase in CNA workers.

In 2018, the state passed legislation to require that facilities provide 3.5 hours of direct care to each patient on a daily basis, with 2.4 hours provided by a CNA. However, potential frontline caregivers are choosing to work in less-demanding, higher-paying jobs outside of the healthcare profession.

#### **Seeking Solutions** CNA Training Kickstarter Project

A new training program to employ 1,000 certified nurse assistants (CNAs) and develop 60 in-house CNA training programs by 2020 is making headway.

CAHF's education arm, the Quality Care Health Foundation, is managing a \$2.4 million training grant from the California Department of Public Health. Students enrolled in the CNA Training Kickstarter Project undergo 160 hours of instruction including 100 hours of clinical training to obtain their certification. All of the in-house nurse training programs will be in operation by mid-2020.

California's 32,000 certified nursing assistants are the bedrock of skilled nursing centers. Each day, CNAs help residents with daily living activities like eating, dressing, personal hygiene and continence needs. They take vital signs and help transport residents in the facility. Along with licensed vocational nurses and registered nurses, CNA's provide care for 400,000 people each year.

# QUALITY MATTERS

he federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services tracks 24 indicators of quality care each quarter allowing consumers to access detailed information on any skilled nursing center on the Nursing Home Compare website.

According to CMS, California providers rank No. 1,2 or 3 in the nation in eight categories. California facilities perform better than any other state in reducing depression and helping residents get back on their feet after surgery or illness. (Q3, 2018).

Other important milestones include the prevention of weight loss and falls with injury. California is sixth best in the nation in reducing the use of antipsychotic medication.

California

United States

Providers are at or above the national average in a majority of the remaining quality measures:

LS High-Risk Pressue Ulcer Incontinence Catheter Restraints LS Flu Vaccine LS Pneumonia Vaccine Worsening Ulcers SS Flu Vaccine SS Pneumonia Vaccine SS Pneumonia Vaccine SS Antipsychotic Meds SS Discharge to Community SS ED Visit SS Re-hospitalization SS Improvements in Function LS Antianxiety/Hypnotic Meds

> LS - Long-Stay SS - Short-Stay



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# DATA REPORT: SERVING CALIFORNIA'S LONG TERM CARE RESIDENTS

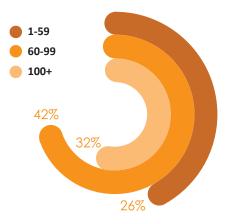
There are approximately 1,250 licensed nursing facilities in California (SNF and ICF,

including long term care units o acute hospitals, known as distinct parts). care facilities employ more than 147,000

employees with payroll benefits exceeding \$6.2 billion Nursing facility occupancy rates in California are approximately

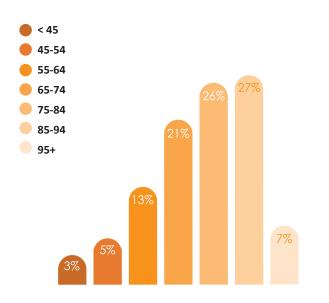
87 percent

SNF Residents by Bed Size

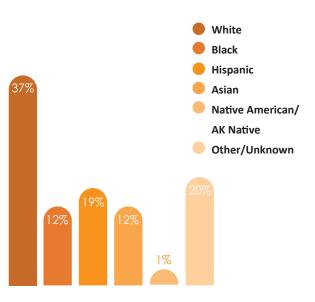


Skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) provide nursing care on a 24-hour basis. Intermediate care facilities (ICFs) provide regular medical, nursing, social and rehabilitative services in addition to room and board for individuals not capable of independent living.





**SNF Residents by Race** 





58.8 percent

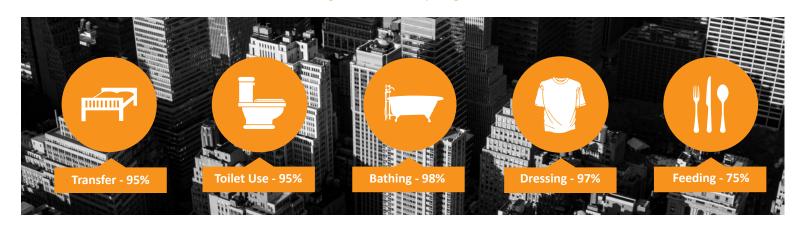
The average length of stay in today's long term

# three months 84.3 percent

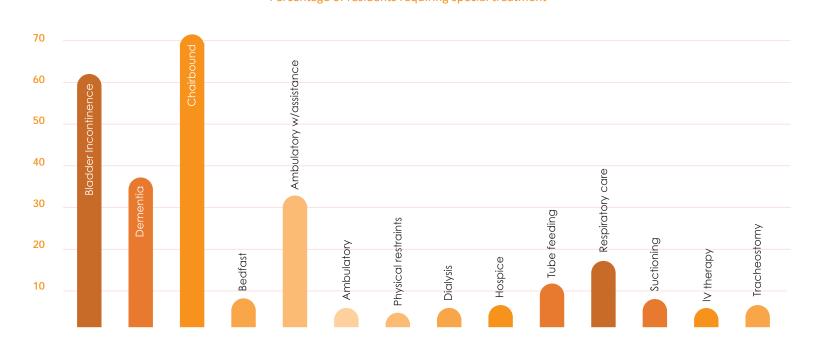
of the resident population

\*Just 6.0 percent of all residents remain in the facility for one year or more.

#### Activities of Daily Living Percentage of residents requiring assistance



#### Other Health Characteristics Percentage of residents requiring special treatment





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