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California Long-Term Care Providers Earn National Silver Quality Award Recognition

SACRAMENTO – The American Health Care Association (AHCA)/National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) National Quality Awards Program has announced the recipients of the 2026 *Silver – Achievement in Quality Award*. Six long-term care providers (one more than last year) in California have been honored with this national recognition for demonstrating effective approaches to improving performance, strengthening organizational systems, and achieving positive outcomes for residents and patients.

This year's recipients are:

- Broadway Healthcare Center, San Gabriel
- Meadowood Health & Rehab Center, Stockton
- Merced Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Merced
- The Ridge Rehabilitation Center, Salinas
- Veterans Home of CA – Barstow, Barstow
- Vista Pacifica Center, Riverside

The *Silver – Achievement in Quality Award* is the second of three progressive levels within the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program. Facilities earning this distinction have moved beyond establishing a foundation for quality, and have demonstrated how they systematically evaluate and improve their processes to achieve measurable results.

"Receiving the *Silver – Achievement in Quality Award* reflects an organization's commitment to building a culture of continuous improvement," said Cassie Dunham, CEO/President of the California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF). "These providers have shown that quality is not a one-time achievement, but an ongoing effort that requires leadership, innovation, and a steadfast focus on the individuals they serve."

California's Silver recipients join a distinguished group of providers nationwide that are advancing excellence in long-term care through data-driven decision-making, strong organizational practices, and resident-centered care.

For more information about the AHCA/NCAL Quality Award Program, visit AHCA's website. To learn more about CAHF, visit our webpage.

Founded in 1950, the California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF) is a non-profit trade organization representing skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. CAHF is dedicated to providing quality care for the frail, elderly, intellectually disabled, and those with chronic mental illness. Visit CAHF for more information.

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