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Hawaii Holds #1 State Spot for Top Percentage of Best Nursing Homes

40% of Hawaii's skilled nursing facilities receive top "Best Nursing Homes" designation by U.S. News & World Report, higher than any other state in the U.S.

Today, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) praised long term care providers for being named among the country's "Best Nursing Homes" by *U.S. News & World Report*. Sixteen Hawaii facilities were named America's "Best Nursing Homes" based on a top Five-Star Rating. This represents 40% of Hawaii's skilled nursing facilities, which is a higher percentage than any other state.

"For yet another year, Hawaii holds its place as the leader in long term care quality. We are very proud of all our facilities," said George W. Greene, Esq., President & CEO of HAH. "They work continually and collaboratively throughout the year to maintain excellent standards of care."

U.S. News determines its annual rankings through data collected from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The federal agency assigns each nursing center certified by the government a rating of one to five stars through its Five-Star Rating System. U.S. News names all those with a Five-Star Rating a "Best Nursing Home." For more information on how the rankings are determined, please visit: <http://health.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes>.

The sixteen U.S. News' "Best Nursing Homes" in 2014 from Hawaii:

Island Nursing Home
Maluhia
Maunalani Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
Arcadia Retirement Residence
Avalon Care Center - Honolulu, LLC
Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital
Kahuku Medical Center

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Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Care Center
Molokai General Hospital
The Queen`s Medical Center
Liliha Healthcare Center
Hale Anuenue Restorative Care
Hale Ola Kino
Ann Pearl Nursing Facility
Kulana Malama
Kauai Care Center

Note: Facilities that have not been surveyed within the last two years may not appear on the Best Nursing Homes site.

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About HAH

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii's 116 member organizations include all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, the majority of long term care facilities, all the Medicare-certified home health agencies, all hospice programs, durable medical equipment suppliers and home infusion/pharmacies, as well as other healthcare organizations throughout the continuum including case management, air and ground ambulance, blood bank and respiratory therapy.