

## Hawaii #1 in Nation for Long Term Care Facility Quality

Hawaii ranks higher than any other state in the quality of its nursing facilities. 38 percent of nursing facilities in Hawaii earned a five out of a possible five stars from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for their overall performance in health inspections, nurse staffing, and quality of medical care. This compares to a median of 21 percent for all states. Only three other states had greater than 30 percent of their facilities with five-star ratings.

U.S. News & World Report released its fifth annual [Best Nursing Homes](http://health.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes/area/hi) ratings, highlighting the top nursing homes in each state and nearly 100 major metropolitan areas. The ratings cover more than 15,000 nursing homes nationwide. Ratings for Hawaii's 48 Medicare/Medicaid certified long term care homes are posted online at <http://health.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes/area/hi>

**“What this means for Hawaii's families is that they've got some of the nation's best options for the care of their loved ones. This validates the collaborative efforts throughout our state to share best practices.” –George W. Greene, Esq, President and CEO**

Twelve nursing homes in the Honolulu, Hawaii, metropolitan area received an overall rating of five stars from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services:

Ann Pearl Nursing Facility	Kulana Malama
Arcadia Retirement Residence	Leeward Integrated Health Services
Avalon Care Center – Honolulu, LLC	Maluhia
Hale Ola Kino	Maunalani Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Care Center	Palolo Chinese Home
Island Nursing Home	The Queen's Medical Center

Nursing home ratings come from: 1) Health Inspections, 2) Staffing, and 3) Quality Measures. A star rating is provided for each of these three sources. Then, these three ratings are combined to calculate an overall rating. This information gives you a "snap shot" of the care individual nursing homes give.

## About HAH

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii has been the **leading voice of health care** since 1939.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii's **122 member organizations** include all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, a majority of long term care facilities, all hospice providers, nearly every home health agency, durable medical equipment and home infusion suppliers, and other health care providers such as air and ground ambulance, blood bank and respiratory therapy. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by **employing nearly 20,000** people statewide.

In a time of unprecedented change in health care, The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) is committed to working with providers across the continuum of care toward a health care system that offers the best possible **quality of care** to the people of Hawaii.

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