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Cardinal Nursing & Rehabilitation Receives 2026 AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award in Annual Review

South Bend, IN – Cardinal Nursing & Rehab, a member of American Senior Communities (ASC), has been recognized by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) through its annual [National Quality Award Program](#), which evaluates senior care providers across all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

This year, [Cardinal Nursing](#) was one of five ASC communities moving into Silver status, and eight other ASC communities began their journey with Bronze level recognition.

The program helps organizations identify strengths, uncover opportunities for improvement, and implement strategies that build stronger, more resilient operations. Each progressive level (Bronze/Silver/Gold) requires increasingly rigorous demonstrations of organizational excellence. Applications are evaluated by trained experts using criteria based on the [Baldrige Performance Excellence Program](#), a nationally respected framework that supports continuous improvement, long-term success, and enhanced quality of life for residents, making it one of the industry's most comprehensive performance assessment programs.

Clif Porter, president and CEO of AHCA/NCAL said, “These providers are demonstrating a strong commitment to delivering quality care and improving the lives of residents every day. We are proud to recognize hundreds of providers for their dedication to excellence and look forward to seeing their continued success.”

Steve Van Camp, CEO of American Senior Communities, shared, "Earning recognition from AHCA/NCAL through National Quality Award program is a meaningful achievement because it reflects the dedication and discipline required to build a culture of quality. We are extremely proud of our 8 Bronze communities who are on the pathway and

exceptionally honored to have five communities achieve Silver status. This is a testament to our teams at the community level whose unwavering commitment to continuous improvement and our CARE values of Compassion, Accountability, Relationships, and Excellence makes exceptional care possible every day."

The 2026 National Quality Award recipients will be celebrated at [Delivering Solutions 26, the AHCA/NCAL Convention & Expo](#), October 11-14, 2026, in Boston, Mass.

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ABOUT American Senior Communities: American Senior Communities offers a wide variety of Lifestyle and Care Options including Garden Homes, Assisted Living, New Energy Wellness, Inpatient and Outpatient Rehabilitation, Memory Care, Skilled Nursing Care, Hospice and Respite. Our mission is to compassionately serve each customer with quality care and excellence. To learn more about American Senior Communities, visit [ASCCare.com](#).

ABOUT AHCA/NCAL: The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) represent more than 14,000 non-profit and proprietary skilled nursing centers, assisted living communities, sub-acute centers, and homes for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities. By delivering solutions for quality care, AHCA/NCAL aims to improve the lives of the millions of frail, elderly and individuals with disabilities who receive long term or post-acute care in our member facilities each day. For more information, please visit [www.ahcancal.org](#)