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American Senior Communities Becomes 1st and Only in Indiana to Receive Gold National Quality Award from AHCA/NCAL

Indianapolis, IN (August 7, 2026) – Todd-Dickey Nursing and Rehabilitation of Leavenworth, a member of American Senior Communities, has been recognized as a 2026 recipient of the *Gold – Excellence in Quality* Award by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL). The Gold award is the final step in three progressive levels through the [AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program](#), which recognizes providers achieving the highest standards of performance excellence in quality care.

AHCA/NCAL made the official announcement in a [press release](#) on August 6th. Todd-Dickey Nursing & Rehabilitation was one of only **two providers nationwide** to receive the prestigious Gold award level this year, making this the very **first, and to date the only Gold award recipient in the state of Indiana**.

Steve Van Camp, American Senior Communities CEO shared, "Todd-Dickey Nursing & Rehabilitation has achieved something truly historic. Becoming the first and only senior care community in Indiana to receive the AHCA/NCAL Gold – Excellence in Quality Award is an extraordinary accomplishment and a testament to years of unwavering dedication to residents, families, and one another. This award recognizes far more than outstanding outcomes; it recognizes a culture of continuous improvement, accountability, compassion, and excellence. Todd-Dickey's team has set a benchmark for quality that makes all of us at American Senior Communities incredibly proud. Their achievement reflects the very best of who we are and reinforces our commitment to raising the standard of senior care throughout Indiana."

Earning the *Gold - Excellence in Quality* Award requires a facility to achieve both the *Bronze - Commitment to Quality* and *Silver - Achievement in Quality* Awards before

advancing to the Gold level—an accomplishment that takes several years. Applicants adhere to the core values and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, an organizational improvement tool that focuses on assessing and refining systems to drive continuous quality improvement.

"The *Gold – Excellence in Quality Award* is the pinnacle of achievement in long term care, demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to quality care over many years," said **Clif Porter, president and CEO of AHCA/NCAL**. "Earning this recognition requires perseverance, strong leadership, and a relentless focus on continuous improvement. The culture of excellence that our Gold Award recipients have nurtured has made an incredible, positive impact on the lives of their residents, families, and staff. On behalf of AHCA/NCAL and our entire profession, I wish these recipients a massive congratulations on this remarkable achievement."

This year, the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program proudly celebrates its 30th anniversary. Since its establishment in 1996, more than 8,000 providers across the country have participated in the rigorous, Baldrige-based program to strengthen their operations, improve outcomes, and enhance the lives of residents and staff. This milestone anniversary highlights the program's lasting impact on advancing quality care throughout the long term care profession.

"Organizations earning this distinction have successfully navigated one of the most rigorous performance excellence programs in health care," said **Cathy Bergland, AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Board Chair**. "This recognition reflects not just outstanding results, but an organizational culture committed to always getting better. Congratulations to each of our 2026 Gold recipients."

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

The 2026 National Quality Award Program is supported by AHCA/NCAL Associate Business Members: McKesson, Prevail by First Quality, Incite Workforce Solutions Powered by SnapCare, and HealthCap.

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ABOUT AHCA/NCAL

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) represents more than 15,000 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.