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### **Four Pennsylvania Nursing Homes Earn Awards for Excellence**

National Nursing Home Week is May 13-19

**Harrisburg** – To recognize Pennsylvania nursing homes that excel in complying with state regulations, the Department of Health today announced four facilities have earned the state’s new “Award for Excellence in Health Care Compliance.”

“We feel it’s important to inform the public of those facilities that go above and beyond the rest,” said Department of Health Secretary Dr. Eli N. Avila. “We hope to inspire other nursing homes to strive to earn this award in future years.”

The Department of Health’s Division of Nursing Care Facilities is responsible for the licensing and oversight of 713 nursing homes statewide. The division conducts approximately 5,000 inspections annually, including licensure and certification surveys, follow-up surveys and complaint investigations.

All nursing homes in Pennsylvania were eligible for the award and did not need to apply for consideration.

Facilities had to show no state citations over the last three calendar years based on annual health survey inspections. The following four facilities met that criteria and will be presented the award at their facilities in the coming months:

- Foulkeways at Gwynedd, 1120 Meetinghouse Road, Gwynedd, Montgomery County;
- The Meadows at Shannondell, the Healthcare Center within The Shannondell at Valley Forge Retirement Community, 6000 Shannondell Drive, Audobon, Montgomery County;
- The Schuylkill Center, 1000 Schuylkill Manor Road, Pottsville, Schuylkill County; and
- Pennsylvania Hospital Skilled Care Center, 800 Spruce St., Philadelphia.

“This is a great opportunity to show appreciation to the nursing homes and staff who consistently hold themselves to the highest standards,” added Dr. Avila. “We applaud them for helping us in our mission to deliver quality health care to Pennsylvanians.”

The announcement of the “Award for Excellence in Health Care Compliance” is in recognition of the American Health Care Association’s National Nursing Home Week.

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