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STATE HEALTH INSPECTION IS CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION!

[Liberal, KS, July 17, 2018] – A state health inspection is not typically cause for celebration; however, the team of professionals at Wheatridge Park Care Center, a Liberal skilled care and rehabilitation facility, have been awaiting their annual survey and are now celebrating their excellent results!

Nursing homes (and skilled care facilities) must meet certain requirements set by Congress. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have entered into an agreement with State governments to complete routine health inspections and to investigate complaints about nursing home care. A quality ranking system has been developed by CMS to help provide insights for consumers that are searching for short or long-term care. Health inspections, as well as staffing, and quality measures, contribute to the overall rating of each facility.

Marc Riley, executive director at Wheatridge Park stated, “This is a direct result of the hard work and commitment to excellence that has been demonstrated by all of our staff and I am grateful to work with such a talented team.”

There are 346 nursing facilities (including nursing facilities for mental health, and long-term care units in hospitals) in Kansas. Nationally, the average number of deficiencies cited during inspection of a nursing facility is 7.2, in Kansas the average is 10.3. (Ref. <http://www.kabc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-3-year-performance-trends-in-Kansas-nursing-homes.pdf>). “To receive only one minor tag is quite an accomplishment given the national and state averages” said Heather Stratton, VP of operations with Frontline Management. The CMS system ranking system will not reflect these updated results until late 2018 or early 2019; however, consumers may ask to see the most recent survey results as they tour care communities.

“Maintaining these excellent results takes a lot of hard work and dedication” said Michelle Deegan, director of clinical services with Frontline Management. “I have a lot of confidence in this team and know that they are incredibly focused on achieving quality outcomes.”

About Wheatridge Park Care Center

Wheatridge Park Care Center provides comprehensive short-term nursing care and therapy services, extended care, and respite/vacation care accommodations. Wheatridge Park is managed by Frontline Management, a healthcare management company located in Lafayette, CO. For more information about Wheatridge Park, please call 620-624-0130 or visit www.wheatridgepark.com.

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