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Northern Nevada Nursing Homes Commit to Providing Higher Quality Care

HealthInsight Quality Partners Program Designed to Improve Care, Promote Dignity and Choice for Residents, and Reduce Staff Turnover

RENO, NEVADA April 6, 2006 – *HealthInsight*, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) in Nevada, announced today that 12 Northern Nevada nursing homes have agreed to participate in the *HealthInsight Quality Partners* Program. These nursing homes will work closely with *HealthInsight* to improve quality of life and care for Nevada’s nursing home residents. The focus will be on management of pressure ulcers, physical restraints, depression, and pain. *HealthInsight Quality Partners* are a group of hospitals, nursing homes, and home health agencies that have pledged to improve the quality of health care in Nevada.

Through its partnership with the Wellspring Institute, *HealthInsight* will also work with nursing homes on organizational culture change, which individualizes the care provided to residents, including more resident-directed choices about care and routines as part of daily living. *HealthInsight* will work to help nursing homes identify ways to retain nurturing staff members who are dedicated to high quality care. Improving ways to foster relationships with residents’ families and friends will also aid in creating a more stable and comfortable environment for both residents and staff.

“This group of nursing homes, who are truly committed to transforming care, are working to create an environment where residents live their lives in a private and dignified manner, and feel a greater respect for the staff as a result,” said Marc Bennett, President and CEO of *HealthInsight*.

The Northern Nevada nursing homes participating in the *HealthInsight Quality Partners* Program are:

- Berryman Rehabilitation Center – Reno
- Carson Convalescent Center – Carson City
- Evergreen Carson City Health & Rehab - Carson City
- Evergreen Mountain View and Rehab - Carson City
- HCR ManorCare of Reno – Reno
- Hearthstone of Northern Nevada – Sparks
- Highland Manor of Elko – Elko
- Life Care Center of Reno – Reno
- Regent Care Center of Reno – Reno
- South Lyon Medical Center – Yerington
- Washoe Progressive Care Center – Sparks
- White Pine Care Center – Ely

Quality of care measures for all nursing homes are tracked and reported publicly on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Nursing Home Compare website. To view Nursing Home Compare, visit <http://www.medicare.gov> and scroll down to select *Compare Nursing Homes in Your Area* under Search Tools.

To view a complete listing of all Nevada nursing homes that are working with *HealthInsight*, visit www.healthinsight.org. For more information about the Wellspring Institute, visit www.wellspringis.org.

For more information on these or any of the quality improvement resources available at *HealthInsight*, contact Jackie Buttaccio at 702-933-7322 or jbuttaccio@healthinsight.org.

HealthInsight, the Quality Improvement Organization for Nevada and Utah, provides free quality improvement assistance to hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, and physicians and also works with consumers to advocate for quality and to help them understand and to assure that they receive the quality health care they need. *HealthInsight* has been working with the federal Medicare program for over 30 years in Utah and for 18 years in Nevada.

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