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NEWS RELEASE

Clarkfield Care Center Gets Medicare's Highest 5-Star Quality Rating

December 8, 2015 — Clarkfield Care Center, an Ecumen-managed senior community in Clarkfield, Minn., has received the highest possible overall quality rating of 5 stars from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

The quality rating system ranges from 1 to 5 stars, with a 5-star rating given to nursing homes that offer exceptional care to their residents. The [Five-Star Quality Rating System](#) is based on health inspections, staffing data (the number of hours of care provided to each resident by nursing staff), and quality measures (how well a nursing home cares for residents' physical and clinical needs).

"Receiving the 5-Star Quality Rating is a major accomplishment," said Murray Finger, Executive Director of Clarkfield Care Center. "The rating is expert validation of the exceptional care we provide. This is one of the highest compliments our outstanding staff can receive."

CMS created the rating system to provide residents and their families with an easy way to understand and compare quality and simplify decisions around choosing a care center. Five stars is considered "much above average" and only a quarter of care centers in Minnesota received this rating. The CMS Nursing Home Compare website is at <https://www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare/search.html>.

Clarkfield Care Center, which is owned by the City of Clarkfield, is located at 805 5th St, Clarkfield, Minn., 56223. In addition to providing nursing home and short-stay rehabilitation care, Clarkfield Care Center also offers outpatient therapy services, adult day services and home care. For more information call 320-669-7561 or visit clarkfieldcarecenter.com.

About Ecumen

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