

PRESS RELEASE: Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center

“Receives a 2017 Deficiency Free Survey by Department of Public Health”

November 3, 2017 Worcester, MA – Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center, a continuum of care setting located in the heart of Worcester, received a deficiency-free survey rating from the Massachusetts State Department of Public Health during the Center’s 2017 annual survey conducted from October 25<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

“I am so proud of Lutheran’s dedicated staff for their compassionate care and commitment to our residents and families. This survey outcome is a testament to the staff’s dedication to quality,” said Ziad Barood, Lutheran’s Administrator and Sheehan Health Group partner.

The Massachusetts State Department of Public Health inspects skilled nursing facilities such as Lutheran annually to ensure compliance with a multitude of state and federal standards of care such as staffing, cleanliness of environment, nursing and rehabilitation services, activities and dining services, resident rights and administration. These rigorous surveys are unannounced and conducted by health care professionals such as registered nurses, licensed social workers and dieticians.

According to data by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) only about 10% of skilled nursing facilities in the nation receive a deficiency-free survey rating annually. This illustrates Lutheran’s prestigious accomplishment and compliance with all regulations to ensure the highest level of resident well-being in a quality setting.

About Lutheran:

Extensive renovations are underway at Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center to offer an enhanced continuum of care with a Center for Short-term Rehabilitation, traditional long-term care as well as new premier residential care accommodations of the Lillie Mansion coming soon. Renovations will include expansion of the Center’s Rehab Therapy Gym including a fully equipped gym, model apartment with kitchen, bedroom and full bathroom and a private speech/cognitive therapy treatment room with additional outpatient rehabilitation services. Lutheran is proud to be located in the heart of Worcester offering a tradition of caring for Worcester community seniors for nearly 100 years.