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Florida Out Ranks Peer States in Nursing Home Quality

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Secretary Justin Senior today made the below statement about Florida outranking peer states in nursing home quality by the U.S. News & World Report. Florida is ranked 13th for nursing home quality, while our peer states are ranked: California – 14, New York – 22, Ohio – 34, Pennsylvania – 39, Illinois – 42, and Texas – 50. The ranking is based on the percentage of a state's residents in nursing homes rated a 4 or 5 star by the federal government. This means Florida has a higher percentage of residents in better quality facilities than our peer states. For information on the study, click <u>HERE</u>.

Secretary Senior said, "Our Agency has worked hard with providers and stakeholders to improve the quality of Florida's nursing homes. Through high standards and consistent regulation our state has been able to outpace our peer states. Our state is unique, and our nursing homes reflect that, and we are proud that Florida has continued to push improvements in quality. We will continue to work with the nursing home community and other stakeholders to ensure that Florida is truly maximizing the quality of care in these health care facilities."

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