

2015 L. Jean Schoonover Excellence in Caring Awards

This is the twenty-third (23rd) annual presentation of these awards in recognition of Idaho nursing facilities for their excellence in resident care. This award is named in honor of L. Jean Schoonover who was the Chief of the Bureau of Facility Standards until her death in 1994. She was originally hired in 1967 as a Health Facility Surveyor around the same time that both Medicare and Medicaid implemented their standards for certification in nursing facilities. Jean was known for her compassion, fairness, and leadership and was highly respected and admired by her peers both in Idaho and across the nation, and by the health care industry in the state of Idaho. She is most remembered for her dedication and commitment to the assurance that the citizens of the state of Idaho residing in health care facilities received the highest quality of care possible.

The world as we know it has changed considerably in the past 23 years. The Information Age has arrived and along with it, the manner in which data is collected. In 2008 CMS introduced the Five Star system which is based on a multitude of factors, one of which is called the Health Inspection. The Health Inspection rating for the Five Star system is based on an assignment of points for each deficiency cited with the lowest point value for a scope and severity of a “D” level deficiency and the highest point values for citations that rise to the immediate jeopardy level. Last year we decided to put aside our cumbersome way of collecting & analyzing data for these awards and capitalized on the work that CMS has already done for us. Through the use of the Five Star data, we removed issues associated with time between surveys and the very labor intensive process of collecting data. The Health Inspection ratings from the CMS Five Star data for January 2013 through December 2015 were averaged to arrive at a score.

The criteria for the award are:

- Must be both Medicare and Medicaid provider.
- Must have had a minimum of three full surveys.
- To receive a gold award the facility must have an average Health Inspection rating of 4.6 to 5.0 (the highest rating).
- To receive a silver award the facility must have an average Health Inspection rating of 4.0 to 4.59.

2015 - Gold Winners:

ASHTON LIVING CENTER

KINDRED NURSING & REHABILITATION – MOUNTAIN VALLEY

2015 - Silver Winners:

BOUNDARY COUNTY NURSING HOME

DESERT VIEW CARE CENTER OF BUHL

GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY – SILVER WOOD VILLAGE

IDAHO STATE VETERAN’S HOME – BOISE

LINCOLN COUNTY CARE CENTER

OWYHEE HEALTH & REHAB CENTER

VALLEY VIEW NURSING & REHABILITATION

VALLEY VISTA CARE CENTER OF SANDPOINT