

For Immediate Release:

Best and Worst Rated Nursing Homes in Athens

ATHENS, Ga. – (May 11, 2018) – The American Health Care Association has designated May 13-19 as National Skilled Nursing Care Week. Formerly known as National Nursing Home Week, this week aims to highlight the role of skilled nursing care in nursing homes and long-term care facilities across the country.

In recognition, Georgia law firm Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley, P.C. (BBGA), which specializes in nursing home abuse and neglect cases, has compiled a list of the best and worst rated nursing homes in the Athens area. The list is based on ratings from The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

"Placing a loved one in a nursing home is a difficult decision. We hope this list is helpful to families as they decide which nursing home is right for their loved one," said firm partner Evan Jones.

CMS rates Medicare- and Medicaid-certified nursing homes based on their health inspection status, quality of resident care measures, and staffing. Ratings are updated annually and facilities are given an overall star rating from one-to-five stars. A one-star rating is considered "much below average" and a five-star rating is "much above average."

BBGA lists all five-star (Best) and one-star (Worst) ratings within a 50-mile radius of Athens. All nursing homes are listed in alphabetical order. The CMS data was last updated on April 25, 2018.

Click the link for more information and to see the full list: <u>https://www.bbga.com/practice-areas/nursing-home-abuse/best-and-worst-rated-georgia-nursing-homes/</u>.

BBGA trial attorneys represent nursing home residents and their families who have suffered abuse or neglect at the hands of a caregiver. The firm has successfully prosecuted cases against every significant nursing home chain in Georgia. BBGA has offices in Athens, Atlanta and Lake Oconee, and handles cases across the Southeast.

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