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Cardinal Nursing and Rehabilitation Earns Deficiency-Free Rating

SOUTH BEND, IN — Cardinal Nursing and Rehabilitation has received a deficiency-free survey by the Indiana State Department of Health, which is now using tough new inspection standards.

With the state's new set of criteria, a deficiency-free achievement is significant. Few nursing communities receive this distinction.

Cardinal Nursing and Rehabilitation Executive Director Steven Sanders said taking good care of residents is a priority for staff and a major reason Cardinal Nursing and Rehabilitation, which is located at 1121 East LaSalle Ave., South Bend, has received a good survey score.

"It is definitely our staff that makes the difference. They take ownership of this building and make it home. They take good care of our residents. The caring comes naturally. For them, it's not just a job. It's a calling," said Sanders.

The new federally-mandated Quality Indicator Survey has been implemented gradually across the U.S. Most states now use it. The new survey has two stages, the first of which requires in-depth interviews with residents, staff and others and a review of residents' medical records. The second stage involves in-depth investigation of how well residents are assessed and how well care is planned and provided. The new process is more comprehensive.

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Dan Benson, COO of American Senior Communities, said: "The Indiana State Department of Health is rigid in its standards. Surveyors go through the facility with a fine-tooth comb. Receiving a perfect score from surveyors really means something and is what we constantly strive to achieve. The thanks really go to the amazing staff and their strong focus on caring for the individual. Without that level of dedication they show every day, this wouldn't be possible."

Cardinal Nursing and Rehabilitation is one of 63 communities operated statewide by American Senior Communities. Services include Moving Forward Rehabilitation, Skilled Nursing Care, Long-Term Care, Hospice and Respite Care. Its Auguste's Cottage Memory Care Center serves those with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.

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