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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Isabella County Medical Care Facility Receives 2019 Governor's Award of Excellence**

**MOUNT PLEASANT, MI, June 14, 2019** – The Michigan Peer Review Organization (MPRO), as part of Lake Superior Quality Innovation Network (QIN), and the Governor awarded Isabella County Medical Care Facility (ICMCF) with the Governor's Award of Excellence in the category of "Improving Nursing Home Care: Healthcare-Acquired Conditions."

"We're honored to receive this recognition which acknowledges the exceptional care our team provides," said Alissa Haynak, ICMCF's Administrator. "This Governor's Award holds a very special meaning to us knowing only fifteen facilities were recognized with this distinction."

The prestigious award recognizes nursing homes in Michigan for their dedication to improving quality of care and quality of life for nursing home residents. To be eligible for the award, participating facilities must achieve, maintain and continually improve in specific and rigorous milestones. For 2019, the award recognizes improvements achieved during 2017-2018 in the areas of:

- Improving antibiotic stewardship
- Improving heart health
- Increasing adult immunizations
- Effective reporting and measurement
- Improving nursing home care
- Increasing identification of behavioral health conditions
- Improving diabetes management

"Appreciation for this award goes to all of our staff; housekeeping, dietary, maintenance, activities, nursing, therapy, and administration. Every day, they ensure that the care we deliver continues to be exceptional," Amber Carll, Director of Nursing at ICMCF.

The Governor's Award of Excellence was developed in 2003, recognizing providers with a special focus on some of Michigan's most pressing health issues.

Award recipients were honored May 8, 2019 at the Eagle Eye Golf Course in Bath Township, MI. Those interested in more information about the Governor's Award of Excellence, including a list of winners, may visit <http://www.mpro.org/gae2019>.

### **About Isabella County Medical Care Facility**

Isabella County Medical Care Facility is a 100 bed skilled nursing facility serving the central Michigan area since 1965 providing short-term rehabilitation, long-term nursing care, a specialized Memory Care Unit and an Adult Day Program. Visit [mcf.isabellacounty.org](http://mcf.isabellacounty.org).

### **About MPRO**

MPRO is a nonprofit organization and national leader in healthcare quality improvement and medical review. Our goal is simple - we are helping healthcare get better. MPRO provides medical consulting and review, as well as data analysis to federal agencies, state Medicaid and public health organizations, healthcare facilities, private health plans and other third party payers. For more information about MPRO, visit [www.mpro.org](http://www.mpro.org). In addition, MPRO represents Michigan in Lake Superior Quality Innovation Network (QIN), which also serves Minnesota and Wisconsin under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Quality Improvement Organization Program (QIO). For more information about Lake Superior QIN, visit [www.lsqin.org](http://www.lsqin.org).

### **Attachments:**

**ICMCF\_GovAward1** - Members of Isabella County Medical Care Facility nursing management team and administration (L to R) Ami Binder, RN, Unit Coordinator; Janelle Garrett, RN, Case Manager; Karen Yates, RN, Unit Coordinator; Colinda Kohler, RN, Unit Coordinator; Lisa Whitney, RN, Unit Coordinator; Rhonda Lemke, RN, MDS Nurse; Biann Lockwood, Education Coordinator; Amber Kanine, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing; Amber Carll, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing; Deb Dassay, RN, Unit Coordinator; Linda Duchon, RN, Consultant, and past Administrator; and Alissa Haynak, Administrator.

**ICMCF\_GovAward2** – Representatives from ICMCF accepting the 2019 Governor's Award of Excellence - Nicole Sanders, ICMCF Admissions/Referral Manager (left) and Linda Duchon, RN, ICMCF Consultant, and past Administrator (right).

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