What does Joint Commission accreditation of a nursing home mean?

Because its standards are regarded as the most rigorous in the industry, nursing homes that choose to be evaluated by The Joint Commission are committed to providing the highest level of quality care to their residents. The Joint Commission’s gold seal of approval is a clear sign that the accredited facility has demonstrated compliance to the most stringent standards of performance.

How can I find out how well a nursing home did on their accreditation survey or if it is accredited?

A list of Joint Commission accredited nursing homes and their survey results are posted in the “Quality Check”™ section of the Joint Commission website at www.jointcommission.org. You can also call our Customer Service Department directly at 630-792-5800 for additional information.

Look for The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval™ when selecting your nursing home.
How does a nursing home become accredited by The Joint Commission?

To maintain and earn accreditation, a nursing home undergoes an extensive on-site review by a select team of Joint Commission professionals such as administrators and nurses at least once every three years. The purpose of the review is to evaluate the organization’s performance in areas that affect resident care. Through an assessment of a nursing home’s processes and personal visits with its residents and staff, the facility is evaluated and scored. Accreditation may then be awarded based on how well the nursing home met Joint Commission’s long term care standards.

Who is The Joint Commission?

The Joint Commission is an independent, not-for-profit organization established over 50 years ago. The Joint Commission is the world leader in evaluating the quality and safety of care delivered in nearly over 15,000 health care organizations across the country—from nursing homes to hospitals, home care providers, outpatient clinics, behavioral health centers and critical access hospitals.

The Joint Commission is governed by a board that includes physicians, nurses, and consumers. The Joint Commission sets the standards by which health care quality is measured in America and around the world.