## Stella Maris recognized with award for excellent health care

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Stella Maris in Timonium announced July 11 that it received a national "Silver-Achievement in Quality" award from the American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living.

Stella Maris was one of 52 health care facilities nationwide and the only Maryland facility to receive the silver-level award this year.

"It is an honor for and also a tribute to Stella Maris' leadership and staff for their continued dedication to providing the highest quality care to the elderly, sick, injured and dying," " said Sister of Mercy M. Karen McNally, Stella Maris' chief administrative officer.

The program has three levels: bronze, silver and gold. Facilities must begin at the bronze level before advancing to the next level. In order to be named to the gold level, Stella Maris must fully address the Baldrige Health Care Criteria for Performance Excellence, which sets the award standards.

"This award is a benchmark of distinction in the journey to providing high quality care," said Governor Mark Parkinson, President and CEO of AHCA/NCAL. "The long term and post-acute care community applauds Stella Maris on this great achievement."

Stella Maris' services include senior living facilities, home care, long-term care, rehabilitation services, dementia care, hospice care, and senior day center services.

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