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United Hebrew Earns New CMS High Performing Facility Designation, One of Only Two Nursing Homes in Westchester County to Receive Medicare's Gold Trophy

Recognition follows United Hebrew's selection as one of Newsweek's America's Best Nursing Homes 2027 and its CMS Overall 5-Star rating



NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (October 20, 2026): United Hebrew's skilled nursing and short-term rehabilitation program has earned the new High Performing Facility designation from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The designation appears as a gold trophy on Medicare's Care Compare website. As of October 2026, United Hebrew is one of only two nursing homes in Westchester County to earn it.

CMS introduced the trophy on October 8, 2026, to help consumers, families, and caregivers identify higher-performing nursing homes. It appears next to a facility's five-star rating. Based on CMS data from June 2026, about 12% of nursing homes nationwide qualify. In New York, it's fewer than 1 in 10.

To earn the designation, a nursing home must have:

- A five-star overall rating from CMS, the highest rating possible
- At least three stars for staffing
- No serious care citations from state inspectors in its last survey cycle
- A health inspection score in the top half of its state
- Staffing and resident data that passed CMS accuracy audits
- No ownership change since its last standard inspection

"This trophy wasn't earned during a single inspection," said Mark Sanchez, President and CEO of United Hebrew. "It was earned on every shift, by nurses, aides, therapists, and staff who show up for our residents every day. For families, it means you can choose United Hebrew knowing the federal government's own data backs up what you'll see when you walk through our doors."

A growing list of independent recognitions

The CMS designation builds on other recent recognition for United Hebrew:

- **Newsweek America's Best Nursing Homes 2027**
- **CMS Overall 5-Star rating**, the agency's highest quality rating

What it means for families

Most families choose a nursing home quickly, often days before a hospital discharge. The trophy gives them a clear, independent signal of quality. United Hebrew pairs that record with the clinical depth to care for patients with complex needs:

- **On-site dialysis.** United Hebrew's Dialysis Den allows patients who need hemodialysis to complete rehabilitation without leaving campus for treatment three times a week.
- **Specialty care on campus.** Specialists, including wound care, see patients on site.
- **Continuity of care.** As a full senior living campus, United Hebrew allows residents to move between skilled nursing, assisted living at Willow Towers, and memory care at Willow Gardens as their needs change, without leaving the community or the staff they know.

Families can verify United Hebrew's designation at [Medicare.gov/care-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare) by searching for United Hebrew Geriatric Center or ZIP code 10805.

About United Hebrew

United Hebrew is a vibrant not-for-profit, non-sectarian senior living and healthcare campus nestled on 7.5 acres in New Rochelle, NY. Serving the Westchester metropolitan area since 1919, United Hebrew today supports 600+ residents and clients daily through long-term skilled nursing, short-term rehabilitation, assisted living, memory care, and independent senior housing. United Hebrew provides a growing range of specialized clinical services on campus, including nephrology and on-site dialysis, wound care, psychiatry, and psychology, helping older adults access coordinated care as their health needs evolve. For more information, visit uhgc.org or contact Rose Cappa-Rotunno at 914-636-6565 x 116 or rcappa-rotunno@uhgc.org.

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