

# **THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR QUALITY CARE IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

**2026  
Nomination Form**



**Department of Inspections,  
Appeals, & Licensing**

Each year, thousands of Iowans receive compassionate care in nursing facilities, residential care facilities, and intermediate care facilities serving persons with mental illness or intellectual disabilities. Too often, these facilities, their staff, and the quality services they provide go unnoticed by the general public. The **GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR QUALITY CARE** was designed to publicly recognize those facilities that demonstrate the highest quality of care and commitment to their residents.

We are fortunate in Iowa that the overwhelming majority of our long-term care facilities provide outstanding care for our parents and grandparents, children, spouses, relatives and friends. Many facilities, too, have developed new and innovative approaches to care for their residents.

These facilities deserve to be recognized for their achievements. If you know of a licensed long-term care facility in Iowa that excels in providing quality care to its residents, please take this opportunity to nominate that facility for the **GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR QUALITY CARE**.

## **Nomination Rules**

- Nominations are open to all Iowa-licensed nursing facilities, residential care facilities, and intermediate care facilities for persons with mental illness or intellectual disabilities.
- A resident or a family member of a resident may nominate a facility for the award. Facilities may not nominate themselves.
- All nominations will be evaluated by the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) based upon the information provided, as well as the facility's history of regulatory compliance and other criteria.
- Representatives from DIAL will visit the finalists to determine the winners.
- No more than two winning facilities may be selected from any one of the state's four congressional districts.
- Nomination forms may be downloaded from the department's website at [dial.iowa.gov](http://dial.iowa.gov).
- Nominations must be postmarked **no later than March 1, 2026**.

## Nominee Information

Name of Facility Being Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Relationship to Facility (check box below):

☐ Resident

☐ Family Member of Resident

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The Governor's Award for Quality Care in Health Care Facilities is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing. The purpose of the award is to recognize quality health care services being provided to facility residents by Iowa long-term care facilities, residential care facilities, and intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled or persons with mental illness.

**Nominations must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2026.**

**You may mail or email the completed nomination form to:**

Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing  
Health and Safety Division  
6200 Park Avenue, Suite 100  
Des Moines, Iowa 50321-1270  
ATTN: Governor's Award for Quality Care  
Email: [steven.garrison@dia.iowa.gov](mailto:steven.garrison@dia.iowa.gov)

## Nomination Application

Please answer the following questions regarding the nominated facility. (Please limit your answer to no more than one page per question. Additional attachments **will not** be considered.)

1. Why should this health care facility be considered?
2. What unique/special care or service sets this provider apart?
3. What does this facility do to enhance the highest quality of life for its residents?