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## **THE BOSTON HOME RECOGNIZED BY CONSUMER REPORTS FOR HIGH QUALITY RESIDENT CARE**

Dorchester, Mass. – The Boston Home has been recognized by *Consumer Reports Nursing Home Quality Monitor* as one of the top nursing homes in Massachusetts to consider when choosing a care facility, excluding hospital transitional care units.

*Consumer Reports* collected data from the Nursing Home Compare Web site of the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), which examined criteria such as staffing levels and quality indicators. Reports generated from this data noted that not-for-profit and independently run facilities such as The Boston Home are more likely to provide better care than for-profits and chains.

According to *Consumer Reports*, “Independently owned, not-for profit facilities might do a better job...[because] they tend to have more staff, which experts agree is crucial to quality care.” The Boston Home’s staff includes 23 full-time LPNs and RNs who care for 96 residents.

The *Nursing Home Quality Monitor* ranks the top and bottom 10 percent of facilities according to at least two measures of quality. The Nursing Home Compare Web of CMS considers the Online Survey Certification and Reporting, and Long-Term Care Minimum Data Set data when making comparisons.

For more information visit [www.medicare.gov/NHCompare/Include/DataSection/Questions/HomeSelect.asp](http://www.medicare.gov/NHCompare/Include/DataSection/Questions/HomeSelect.asp).

*Founded in 1881, The Boston Home is a not-for-profit, specialized care residence for adults with advanced Multiple Sclerosis and other progressive neurological diseases. Celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> year, The Boston Home is recognized as “the standard for care of adults with MS” by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The Boston Home is the only facility of its kind in New England and one of only a few in the United States. The Boston Home Institute advances standards for care through research and education. The Boston Home Outreach Services provide therapeutic and social programs for outpatients. For more information, visit [www.thebostonhome.org](http://www.thebostonhome.org).*

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