HEATH VILLAGE

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Heath Village Achieves Recognition
For Antimicrobial Stewardship

Washington Township -- We are proud to announce that the New Jersey Board of Health has recognized Heath Village with the **2023 Gold Steward Award** for their ongoing antimicrobial stewardship efforts. More specifically, their Gold Award was in recognition of its completion of Gold-Level, post-acute care requirements for the 2023 Antimicrobial Stewardship Program.

Awards were presented in December at a ceremony and conference held in Middlesex County. "On behalf of Heath Village, I wish to congratulate and thank our nursing staff for their commitment to ensuring our residents and patients receive the appropriate treatment. It is because of their hard work that we are seeing healthier outcomes at our facility," said Heath Village Chief Executive Officer Mary Ellen Bove upon learning of this recognition.

The New Jersey Antimicrobial Stewardship Recognition Awards is a voluntary incentive program that encourages health care facilities to submit stewardship materials in concordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship*, a set of key principles to guide efforts to improve antibiotic use and advance patient safety and improve outcomes.

"Ensuring the proper use of antibiotics is difficult. It requires awareness and collaboration from our entire team. I wish to commend Gina Martinez, our Clinical Coordinator-Infection Preventionist, for her leadership. I cannot express what a

privilege it is to work with such a highly skilled and dedicated group of nurses and health care professionals," said Heath Village Director of Nursing Pamela Alvarez.

Heath Village is a full-service retirement community located at 430 Schooley's Mountain Road in Washington Township, Morris County. For further information, please call 908-852-4801 or visit us on our website at www.heathvillage.com. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/heathvillage.

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