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**Shenandoah Valley Westminster-Canterbury Receives Prestigious  
Nursing Home Quality Achievement Award**

**Richmond, VA** – Shenandoah Valley Westminster-Canterbury received the Virginia Health Quality Center *Bronze Achievement Award* for excellence in quality improvement measures.

The award recognizes Shenandoah Valley Westminster-Canterbury based on the facility's excellence in meeting specific achievements in medical care provided to Medicare patients in the areas of physical restraints and high-risk pressure ulcers quality measures. The award was presented by the Virginia Health Quality Center (VHQC) at the 2007 Quality Outcomes Congress in Richmond, Virginia on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

“We are delighted to recognize Shenandoah Valley Westminster-Canterbury as a partner and congratulate them on their achievements,” explained Donald A. Glozer, President and CEO of the VHQC.

Shenandoah Valley Westminster-Canterbury was a member of a select group of 45 Virginia nursing homes chosen to participate in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Nursing Home Quality Initiative. To receive the bronze award, these nursing homes accomplished a required level of improvement in two of four quality measures between the third quarter of 2005 and the second quarter of 2007. Shenandoah Valley Westminster-Canterbury was one of twenty-two facilities in the NHQI Select Group to receive this level of award.

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