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## Heath Village Receives Antimicrobial Steward Award

Washington Township, Morris County – Heath Village is proud to announce that the Meadows, its Nursing and Rehabilitation facility, has been recognized as a Bronze level Antimicrobial Stewardship Recognition Program award recipient by the New Jersey Department of Health. This is the third consecutive year the Meadows nursing staff has been recognized for their ongoing antimicrobial stewardship efforts.

"On behalf of Heath Village, I wish to congratulate and thank our nursing staff for their commitment to taking the extra time and steps to ensure our residents and patients receive the appropriate treatment. It is because of their hard work that we are seeing healthier outcomes at our facility. Ensuring the proper use of antibiotics is difficult. It requires awareness and collaboration from our entire team. It is a privilege to work with such a highly skilled and dedicated group of nurses and health care professionals," said 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 healthcare facilities to submit stewardship materials in concordance with CDC'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.

The complexity of antimicrobial use, reporting, tracking, and education in addition to the variability in healthcare facility size and types of care require flexible programs and activities.

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 <u>www.heathvillage.com</u>. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/heathvillage.

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