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## Elizabeth Nursing Home Receives Osha Award For Exemplary Workplace

ELIZABETH, IL -- The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) today announced that Elizabeth Nursing Home is one of only 10 Illinois companies to qualify for participation in the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP).

The company undergoes a detailed inspection of their facility by safety and health consultants from DCEO to ensure the company's safety and health management program is effective. The consultation program provides no-cost assistance to identify safety and health hazards, correct the hazards that are identified, and to develop and implement safety and health programs.

"Elizabeth Nursing Home has demonstrated a commitment to providing a safe and healthful workplace for their employees," said DCEO Director Jack Lavin. "By publicly recognizing participants in SHARP, our hope is that other employers will follow their example in providing the safest working environment they can for their employees."

SHARP was established to publicly recognize the safety and health achievements of exemplary employers. The program provides incentives and support to smaller, high hazard employers to improve the effectiveness of their workplace safety and health programs.

Effective implementation of safety and health management programs has been shown to result in immediate and long term prevention of job-related injuries and illnesses, which produce significant operating cost savings for employers.

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