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**Athol Hospital Awarded Five Star Rating  
by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)**



**ATHOL, MA (July 26, 2023)** – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has announced its 2023 Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings, and Athol Hospital has been listed as one of the 12 Massachusetts Hospitals to have earned five stars. Only 483 hospitals received a 5-Star Rating, which puts Athol Hospital in the top tier of all eligible hospitals in the U.S. with respect to patient safety and the overall patient experience.

The CMS star rating system is the gold standard for measuring quality and safety. The ratings, from one to five stars, summarize a variety of quality measures across five areas: mortality, safety of care, readmission, patient experience, and timely and effective care. Athol Hospital is one of only twelve in Massachusetts that received a 5-star rating this year.

“This is a testament to the dedication of our physicians, nurses, clinical staff, patient facing staff and all those who work behind the scenes to provide exceptional care to our community.” - said Tina Griffin, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Athol Hospital

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***About Heywood Healthcare***

Heywood Healthcare is an independent community healthcare system serving north central Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. It is comprised of Heywood Hospital, a 134-bed acute care community-owned non-profit hospital in Gardner, MA; Athol Hospital, a 25-bed not-for-profit, Critical Access Hospital in Athol, MA; Heywood Medical Group, with primary care physicians and specialists located throughout the region; and The Quabbin Retreat, a premier destination for addiction treatment and mental health.



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Heywood Medical Group includes multiple satellite facilities throughout the region: Ashburnham Family Medicine, Heywood Rehabilitation Center, Summit Family Medicine, Main Street Primary Care & Heywood Urgent Care in Gardner, the Winchendon Health Center & Murdock School-based Health Center in Winchendon, Athol Primary Care, Tully Family Medicine and Walk-In Care in Athol, and ACES School Based Health Center, in Athol. For more information, visit [www.heywood.org](http://www.heywood.org).

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