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### **MEDIA STATEMENT - BRAINTREE MANOR HEALTHCARE**

BRAINTREE, MA, April 9, 2021 – The safety of our residents and employees is of the utmost importance and this is at the center of all decisions we have made and continue to make. It would be a violation of an individual's HIPAA and PHI protected rights to confirm or deny that an individual is or was a resident at our facility at any time without written express authorization from them or their responsible party. Braintree Manor is governed by both state and federal agencies and holds a 5-star rating for quality of resident care by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

All skilled nursing facilities operate with transparency submitting annual cost reports to document expenditures. Many programs are in place to support our commitment to the health and well-being of our residents and employees including those implemented to respond to COVID19 these include but are not limited to:

- Independent on-site infection control surveys;
- PPE procurement;
- COVID bonus pay to employees in excess of \$330,000;
- Compliance with state and federal COVID19 testing;
- Compliance with the MA DPH/EOHHS staffing requirement beginning 1/1/2021 of 3.58 for direct care;
- Employee referral, sign-on and retention bonuses ranging from \$3,500 - \$10,500;
- Tuition forgiveness for new graduate nurses;
- Increase in the C.N.A. hiring range, new C.N.A.s can make a starting wage of \$16.00-\$20.00+ depending on shift;
- Employee wellness program and more.

Braintree Manor residents have been COVID-free for over 9 months with the last confirmed positive being in June of 2020. Braintree Manor has administered almost 4,000 facility-sponsored COVID19 PCR tests since July 1, 2020, with a positivity rate of 0.19% which is far below the state and national average.

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