Summary: Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, MD; Health Care, Long Term Care Mar 04

Description:

Abstract
The 'BBB+' rating on Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority's bonds, issued for Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, reflects: A strong niche, as Hebrew Home is the largest provider in the region of senior-living and nursing services for the Jewish community; Very high historical occupancy levels for all services; Strong demographic trends, including a large Jewish population in the greater Washington, D.C., area, a growing cohort of senior citizens, and very high wealth and income levels; Excellent community support, demonstrated by a proven history of philanthropic success; A good track record of break-even operating results, with solid bottom lines bolstered by philanthropy and investment income; and A low debt burden. Factors that preclude a higher rating include Hebrew Home's...

Companies mentioned in this report are:
- Maryland Hlth & Hgr Ed Facs Auth

Action: Affirmed
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