

How to Use the CMS Five-Star Quality Ratings to Find a Care Center

Used with other research and personal considerations, the CMS Five-Star Quality Rating System provides additional information to help you make an important decision for yourself or for your loved one.

Quality ratings for Care Centers can be found on the CMS Nursing Home Compare website (medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare). You can look up the ratings yourself or you can ask any Care Center for their ratings.

The CMS Five-Star Quality Ratings:

- Quality ratings rank from one star to five stars.
 - A one-star ranking is much below average.
 - A five-star ranking is much above average.
- A Care Center receives an overall rating as well as specific ratings for Health Inspections, Staffing, and Quality Measures.
 - The Health Inspection rating is composed of the Care Center's three most recent health inspections and any investigations that may have resulted from a complaint.
 - The Staffing rating includes information about the average number of hours of care nursing staff provide to each resident each day.
 - The Quality Measures rating is based on 15 different physical and clinical measures for nursing home residents and offers information about how well nursing homes are caring for those needs.

Community Name	Overall Rating	Health Inspections	Staffing	Quality Measures
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