

## CMS FIVE-STAR RATING REPORT SHOWS NURSING HOME QUALITY RISING

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") has rated nursing facilities since 2009 for three areas of performance: Health Inspections, Staffing, and Quality Measures. From 2009 through 2011, more than 40% saw an improvement in overall rating, while only around 27% had a most recent rating that was lower than the first. More significantly, the percentage of facilities with a 1-Star rating decreased by seven percentage points (from 23% to 16%), while 4 and 5-Star rated facilities increased by eight percentage points (35% to 43%).

The 5-Star rating, available at the [Nursing Home Compare](#) website, recently started including data on the amounts and dates of civil money penalties ("CMPs") imposed against facilities.

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