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## [Medicare's Nursing Home Compare](#)

### **Need to find a nursing home and don't know where to start?**

Before you start looking for a nursing home Medicare's Nursing Home Compare can help make an informed decision!

Visit [Nursing Home Compare](#) and follow the step-by-step instructions to find nursing homes in your area. Search by nursing home name, or by city, county, state, or zip code.

### **Compare this information about the nursing homes you are considering:**

- Five-Star Quality Ratings
- Health inspections results
- Nursing home staffing
- Quality measures
- Fire safety inspection results

### **Nursing Home Compare also provides additional information to help you make an informed decision:**

- Paying for nursing home care - learn how nursing home care is paid for.
- Nursing home checklist - learn what to look for and what questions to ask when you visit a nursing home.
- Your rights as a nursing home resident - learn about your legal rights, like your right to privacy, respect, and other protections under the law.
- Alternatives to nursing homes - learn about programs in your community that can help you get the care you need at home or in another setting.
- List of contacts - find important contacts like the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and your State Survey Agency.

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