

# LTC Stats: Nursing Facility Operational Characteristics Report

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Source: Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CMS-CASPER) formerly OSCAR data as of September 2014

**Table 1: Nursing Facility Control, September 2014**

State	Facilities	Multifacilities	Independent	Hospital-based
US	15,641	55.6%	44.4%	5.6%
AK	18	33.3%	66.7%	72.2%
AL	226	58.4%	41.6%	5.3%
AR	231	7.8%	92.2%	3.0%
AZ	146	63.7%	36.3%	0.7%
CA	1,220	49.1%	50.9%	8.1%
CO	214	68.7%	31.3%	3.3%
CT	229	50.7%	49.3%	1.7%
DC	19	26.3%	73.7%	21.1%
DE	46	65.2%	34.8%	0.0%
FL	689	62.0%	38.0%	1.3%
GA	357	73.7%	26.3%	12.0%
HI	46	58.7%	41.3%	30.4%
IA	440	54.3%	45.7%	6.1%
ID	78	71.8%	28.2%	19.2%
IL	763	48.1%	51.9%	4.1%
IN	525	77.9%	22.1%	3.2%
KS	345	50.4%	49.6%	11.9%
KY	286	60.5%	39.5%	8.7%
LA	280	53.6%	46.4%	4.6%
MA	418	59.3%	40.7%	1.7%
MD	228	57.9%	42.1%	4.4%
ME	106	59.4%	40.6%	6.6%
MI	433	57.3%	42.7%	5.3%
MN	377	54.1%	45.9%	12.5%
MO	513	52.0%	48.0%	2.5%
MS	203	49.3%	50.7%	8.9%
MT	82	36.6%	63.4%	26.8%
NC	420	75.0%	25.0%	5.2%
ND	81	46.9%	53.1%	16.0%
NE	218	56.4%	43.6%	7.3%
NH	76	57.9%	42.1%	2.6%
NJ	364	36.5%	63.5%	4.1%
NM	71	54.9%	45.1%	1.4%
NV	51	66.7%	33.3%	15.7%
NY	629	12.1%	87.9%	9.2%
OH	953	64.6%	35.4%	2.0%
OK	308	33.4%	66.6%	2.3%
OR	137	73.0%	27.0%	1.5%
PA	700	59.3%	40.7%	5.4%
RI	84	39.3%	60.7%	0.0%
SC	188	74.5%	25.5%	5.3%
SD	112	60.7%	39.3%	12.5%
TN	322	65.2%	34.8%	5.6%
TX	1,208	63.5%	36.5%	2.3%
UT	99	69.7%	30.3%	4.0%
VA	287	71.8%	28.2%	4.5%
VT	37	40.5%	59.5%	5.4%
WA	222	65.3%	34.7%	4.1%
WI	390	49.2%	50.8%	4.6%
WV	127	60.6%	39.4%	16.5%
WY	39	43.6%	56.4%	33.3%

Source: CMS Form 671:F10, F13. Fields are not mutually exclusive \*Multifacility ownership is two or more facilities owned or operated by the same organization.

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**Table 2: Nursing Facility Ownership, September 2014**

State	Facilities	For Profit	Nonprofit	Government
US	15,641	69.7%	24.2%	6.1%
AK	18	5.6%	55.6%	38.9%
AL	226	81.4%	12.4%	6.2%
AR	231	85.3%	11.3%	3.5%
AZ	146	78.8%	19.9%	1.4%
CA	1,220	83.3%	13.6%	3.1%
CO	214	76.2%	16.4%	7.5%
CT	229	80.3%	18.8%	0.9%
DC	19	42.1%	57.9%	.
DE	46	65.2%	26.1%	8.7%
FL	689	72.6%	25.4%	2.0%
GA	357	65.5%	28.3%	6.2%
HI	46	47.8%	28.3%	23.9%
IA	440	54.5%	41.8%	3.6%
ID	78	73.1%	12.8%	14.1%
IL	763	71.7%	24.6%	3.7%
IN	525	45.3%	25.7%	29.0%
KS	345	52.5%	35.4%	12.2%
KY	286	73.4%	23.8%	2.8%
LA	280	80.7%	14.6%	4.6%
MA	418	72.2%	26.6%	1.2%
MD	228	71.1%	26.8%	2.2%
ME	106	70.8%	28.3%	0.9%
MI	433	70.7%	20.8%	8.5%
MN	377	29.7%	62.1%	8.2%
MO	513	75.2%	17.9%	6.8%
MS	203	76.8%	9.9%	13.3%
MT	82	47.6%	35.4%	17.1%
NC	420	78.6%	18.8%	2.6%
ND	81	2.5%	95.1%	2.5%
NE	218	48.6%	28.9%	22.5%
NH	76	56.6%	28.9%	14.5%
NJ	364	70.9%	24.7%	4.4%
NM	71	70.4%	22.5%	7.0%
NV	51	74.5%	13.7%	11.8%
NY	629	55.8%	37.5%	6.7%
OH	953	79.3%	18.6%	2.1%
OK	308	85.7%	12.0%	2.3%
OR	137	81.0%	16.1%	2.9%
PA	700	53.6%	41.9%	4.6%
RI	84	78.6%	21.4%	.
SC	188	76.1%	17.6%	6.4%
SD	112	35.7%	59.8%	4.5%
TN	322	78.9%	15.5%	5.6%
TX	1,208	86.9%	9.7%	3.4%
UT	99	82.8%	12.1%	5.1%
VA	287	68.3%	28.2%	3.5%
VT	37	64.9%	32.4%	2.7%
WA	222	73.9%	19.8%	6.3%
WI	390	52.3%	33.8%	13.8%
WV	127	73.2%	19.7%	7.1%
WY	39	41.0%	17.9%	41.0%

Source: CMS Form 671:F12

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**Table 3: Nursing Facility Certification, September 2014**

State	Facilities	Medicare Only	Medicaid Only	Medicare and Medicaid
US	15,641	4.9%	3.0%	92.0%
AK	18	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
AL	226	3.1%	0.9%	96.0%
AR	231	2.2%	2.2%	95.7%
AZ	146	19.9%	0.0%	80.1%
CA	1,220	5.1%	4.3%	90.6%
CO	214	13.1%	5.1%	81.8%
CT	229	4.8%	0.0%	95.2%
DC	19	0.0%	5.3%	94.7%
DE	46	6.5%	10.9%	82.6%
FL	689	4.2%	0.3%	95.5%
GA	357	3.4%	0.8%	95.8%
HI	46	4.3%	0.0%	95.7%
IA	440	1.8%	5.5%	92.7%
ID	78	7.7%	0.0%	92.3%
IL	763	5.8%	7.5%	86.8%
IN	525	5.1%	1.9%	93.0%
KS	345	3.5%	16.2%	80.3%
KY	286	6.3%	0.0%	93.7%
LA	280	7.5%	0.0%	92.5%
MA	418	3.3%	1.4%	95.2%
MD	228	4.4%	1.3%	94.3%
ME	106	0.9%	0.0%	99.1%
MI	433	3.7%	2.1%	94.2%
MN	377	2.4%	2.7%	95.0%
MO	513	1.9%	3.5%	94.5%
MS	203	3.4%	12.8%	83.7%
MT	82	1.2%	1.2%	97.6%
NC	420	4.0%	0.5%	95.5%
ND	81	1.2%	0.0%	98.8%
NE	218	0.5%	9.2%	90.4%
NH	76	2.6%	5.3%	92.1%
NJ	364	8.2%	0.0%	91.8%
NM	71	7.0%	2.8%	90.1%
NV	51	3.9%	3.9%	92.2%
NY	629	1.3%	0.3%	98.4%
OH	953	2.6%	0.0%	97.4%
OK	308	4.5%	4.5%	90.9%
OR	137	5.1%	9.5%	85.4%
PA	700	10.9%	1.0%	88.1%
RI	84	1.2%	0.0%	98.8%
SC	188	18.1%	0.0%	81.9%
SD	112	0.9%	12.5%	86.6%
TN	322	8.1%	3.7%	88.2%
TX	1,208	5.7%	2.4%	91.9%
UT	99	16.2%	7.1%	76.8%
VA	287	5.2%	4.9%	89.9%
VT	37	2.7%	0.0%	97.3%
WA	222	3.2%	2.3%	94.6%
WI	390	2.6%	3.6%	93.8%
WV	127	5.5%	7.9%	86.6%
WY	39	5.1%	10.3%	84.6%

Source: CMS Form 671:F9

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**Table 4: Nursing Facility State and Median Occupancy Rate for Certified Beds, September 2014**

State	Facilities	Patients	Beds	State Occupancy*	Median Facility Occupancy
US	15,635	1,369,759	1,662,870	82.4%	85.7%
AK	18	602	693	86.9%	85.0%
AL	226	22,689	26,302	86.3%	89.1%
AR	231	17,606	24,648	71.4%	73.3%
AZ	146	11,434	16,453	69.5%	73.4%
CA	1,220	102,187	119,643	85.4%	88.5%
CO	214	16,142	20,401	79.1%	81.5%
CT	229	24,409	27,654	88.3%	90.8%
DC	19	2,553	2,706	94.3%	91.9%
DE	46	4,338	4,876	89.0%	90.5%
FL	689	73,168	83,143	88.0%	90.3%
GA	357	34,031	39,888	85.3%	89.3%
HI	46	3,654	4,063	89.9%	91.0%
IA	440	24,955	31,200	80.0%	80.8%
ID	78	3,875	5,951	65.1%	70.0%
IL	763	73,189	94,271	77.6%	77.9%
IN	525	38,809	50,832	76.3%	73.2%
KS	345	18,412	22,974	80.1%	77.8%
KY	286	22,874	26,172	87.4%	90.1%
LA	280	25,902	34,587	74.9%	75.3%
MA	418	41,256	47,541	86.8%	90.0%
MD	228	24,309	27,521	88.3%	88.2%
ME	106	6,271	6,980	89.8%	90.3%
MI	433	39,134	46,464	84.2%	87.4%
MN	374	26,472	29,590	89.5%	91.1%
MO	513	38,130	52,961	72.0%	72.4%
MS	203	16,022	18,338	87.4%	90.0%
MT	82	4,593	6,708	68.5%	70.9%
NC	420	37,162	44,367	83.8%	87.5%
ND	81	5,697	6,134	92.9%	94.0%
NE	218	12,032	15,697	76.7%	77.8%
NH	76	6,790	7,491	90.6%	92.0%
NJ	364	45,468	52,276	87.0%	88.7%
NM	71	5,542	6,814	81.3%	83.3%
NV	51	4,795	6,008	79.8%	85.2%
NY	629	106,002	116,337	91.1%	93.6%
OH	952	76,309	90,484	84.3%	87.2%
OK	308	18,979	28,589	66.4%	68.1%
OR	136	7,342	12,106	60.6%	59.9%
PA	700	79,691	88,109	90.4%	92.3%
RI	84	7,963	8,717	91.4%	93.0%
SC	188	16,761	19,315	86.8%	88.6%
SD	112	6,398	6,963	91.9%	94.0%
TN	322	29,477	37,012	79.6%	82.6%
TX	1,207	93,061	130,898	71.1%	70.5%
UT	99	5,429	8,552	63.5%	64.3%
VA	287	28,504	32,141	88.7%	90.0%
VT	37	2,685	3,174	84.6%	88.9%
WA	222	17,121	21,223	80.7%	83.2%
WI	390	27,634	34,036	81.2%	84.8%
WV	127	9,541	10,883	87.7%	91.7%
WY	39	2,360	2,984	79.1%	81.0%

Source: CMS Form 671:L18, L37, L38, L39 and Form 672:F78. \*State occupancy is calculated by dividing the sum of patients occupying certified beds by the sum of all certified beds in the state. CASPER data only reflects patients who occupy a certified bed. Occupancy rate of 0% and greater than 100% were eliminated from this analysis.

**Table 5: Nursing Facility Beds in Dedicated Special Care Units, September 2014**

State	Total Beds	Aids	Alzheimer's	Hospice	Ventilator	Rehab	Other	Total Special Care Beds
US	1,699,774	403	73,742	1,517	9,715	14,779	4,013	104,169
AK	693	0	37	1	0	0	0	38
AL	26,338	0	1,357	0	39	445	58	1,899
AR	24,673	0	375	13	11	97	0	496
AZ	16,586	0	936	11	270	220	22	1,459
CA	120,968	64	2,556	138	3,041	1,720	376	7,895
CO	20,401	164	1,967	250	96	332	333	3,142
CT	27,673	105	1,775	1	76	1,171	0	3,128
DC	2,766	0	22	0	8	0	0	30
DE	4,876	0	408	2	71	74	35	590
FL	83,513	30	3,922	86	460	499	266	5,263
GA	39,888	0	1,362	11	96	154	1	1,624
HI	4,213	0	106	2	91	0	30	229
IA	34,213	0	1,617	5	37	313	62	2,034
ID	5,951	0	182	74	41	108	132	537
IL	99,389	3	4,952	35	505	1,241	179	6,915
IN	60,107	0	5,992	59	70	291	306	6,718
KS	25,751	0	159	0	0	18	0	177
KY	26,779	0	741	0	140	50	104	1,035
LA	35,533	0	1,403	0	289	260	18	1,970
MA	48,376	0	3,946	1	127	380	327	4,781
MD	28,073	0	850	24	422	145	12	1,453
ME	6,981	1	349	1	1	19	16	387
MI	46,594	0	789	12	234	70	0	1,105
MN	30,362	0	2,379	32	62	1,216	93	3,782
MO	55,294	0	4,154	248	0	518	117	5,037
MS	18,344	0	200	0	0	20	0	220
MT	6,708	0	534	15	0	93	3	645
NC	44,849	0	1,557	6	67	83	2	1,715
ND	6,153	0	449	1	0	48	0	498
NE	15,943	0	959	65	82	81	32	1,219
NH	7,491	0	710	13	42	152	67	984
NJ	52,310	0	1,213	0	219	89	475	1,996
NM	6,814	0	529	11	0	0	2	542
NV	6,016	0	270	0	255	48	35	608
NY	117,140	20	3,791	120	620	1,931	500	6,982
OH	90,689	16	3,751	138	250	692	25	4,872
OK	28,832	0	499	11	49	0	4	563
OR	12,263	0	274	0	0	0	58	332
PA	88,261	0	6,332	34	941	696	26	8,029
RI	8,717	0	1,202	1	25	483	0	1,711
SC	19,631	0	64	0	20	57	0	141
SD	6,963	0	532	3	4	16	8	563
TN	37,442	0	102	1	105	29	0	237
TX	135,744	0	2,583	19	375	142	141	3,260
UT	8,577	0	408	0	72	70	36	586
VA	32,453	0	1,206	6	136	118	47	1,513
VT	3,174	0	249	0	0	0	22	271
WA	21,337	0	871	1	153	199	5	1,229
WI	34,060	0	2,574	51	113	320	38	3,096
WV	10,888	0	235	15	0	71	0	321
WY	2,984	0	312	0	0	0	0	312

Source: CMS Form 671: F15 - F22

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**Table 6: Nursing Facility Beds by Certification Type, September 2014**

State	Facilities	Total Beds	Medicare	Medicare/Medicaid	Medicaid	Non-Certified
US	15,641	1,699,774	98,008	1,493,855	71,459	36,452
AK	18	693	0	693	0	0
AL	226	26,338	356	25,834	112	36
AR	231	24,673	466	23,182	1,000	25
AZ	146	16,586	2,046	13,718	689	133
CA	1,220	120,968	3,931	109,663	6,049	1,325
CO	214	20,401	2,419	16,445	1,537	0
CT	229	27,673	474	27,164	16	19
DC	19	2,766	0	2,666	40	60
DE	46	4,876	246	4,348	282	0
FL	689	83,513	7,099	75,389	655	370
GA	357	39,888	737	37,511	1,640	0
HI	46	4,213	101	3,958	4	150
IA	440	34,213	573	28,239	2,388	3,013
ID	78	5,951	183	5,763	5	0
IL	763	99,389	11,085	62,827	20,359	5,118
IN	525	60,107	7,172	42,315	1,345	9,275
KS	345	25,751	632	19,425	2,917	2,777
KY	286	26,779	2,224	23,706	242	607
LA	280	35,533	2,492	32,095	0	946
MA	418	48,376	762	45,863	916	835
MD	228	28,073	781	26,515	225	552
ME	106	6,981	116	6,710	154	1
MI	433	46,594	3,964	41,506	994	130
MN	377	30,362	471	28,420	967	504
MO	513	55,294	2,959	46,005	3,997	2,333
MS	203	18,344	397	15,800	2,141	6
MT	82	6,708	27	6,581	100	0
NC	420	44,849	927	42,945	495	482
ND	81	6,153	19	6,115	0	19
NE	218	15,943	861	13,646	1,190	246
NH	76	7,491	144	6,975	372	0
NJ	364	52,310	2,647	48,969	660	34
NM	71	6,814	206	6,537	71	0
NV	51	6,016	170	5,517	321	8
NY	629	117,140	194	115,909	234	803
OH	953	90,689	1,173	89,366	50	100
OK	308	28,832	1,082	26,104	1,403	243
OR	137	12,263	373	10,477	1,261	152
PA	700	88,261	4,050	81,726	2,333	152
RI	84	8,717	157	8,414	146	0
SC	188	19,631	2,016	17,173	126	316
SD	112	6,963	44	6,279	640	0
TN	322	37,442	1,530	30,736	4,746	430
TX	1,208	135,744	27,192	101,015	2,765	4,772
UT	99	8,577	1,100	7,151	301	25
VA	287	32,453	1,215	29,084	1,842	312
VT	37	3,174	58	3,013	103	0
WA	222	21,337	380	19,707	1,136	114
WI	390	34,060	436	32,499	1,101	24
WV	127	10,888	284	9,411	1,188	5
WY	39	2,984	37	2,746	201	0

Source: CMS Form 1539: L37, L38, L39

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**Table 7: Average Full-Time Equivalent Direct Care Staff per Facility by State, September 2014**

State	Facilities	Total Direct Care Staff	RN Staff	LPN Staff	Aide Staff**
US	14,855	66.58	8.43	14.83	43.32
AK	14	46.40	10.66	4.83	30.91
AL	221	82.93	7.99	21.16	53.79
AR	228	61.77	2.65	14.95	44.18
AZ	143	65.55	9.38	15.13	41.04
CA	1,140	69.62	9.58	15.17	44.88
CO	208	58.54	10.73	11.14	36.67
CT	219	82.73	12.02	17.09	53.62
DC	18	117.00	18.23	24.97	73.81
DE	45	73.89	12.89	17.14	43.85
FL	666	88.82	8.63	20.35	59.83
GA	334	67.21	4.37	20.27	42.57
HI	39	74.44	16.32	8.38	49.74
IA	424	40.53	5.61	7.11	27.80
ID	76	44.74	6.49	8.02	30.24
IL	742	62.58	10.89	11.38	40.32
IN	509	56.63	6.82	15.15	34.66
KS	321	41.26	5.08	6.85	29.33
KY	272	63.92	6.96	15.64	41.32
LA	262	62.02	2.69	17.88	41.45
MA	406	74.91	11.38	16.45	47.07
MD	203	81.41	12.68	18.77	49.96
ME	100	52.17	10.60	5.19	36.39
MI	415	71.46	9.85	14.81	46.80
MN	353	54.24	8.00	10.72	35.51
MO	505	54.28	4.48	11.44	38.37
MS	191	60.68	6.32	15.94	38.42
MT	77	43.61	7.74	5.66	30.20
NC	400	67.75	7.56	15.53	44.66
ND	68	57.95	7.20	9.15	41.59
NE	214	43.57	5.77	8.39	29.41
NH	69	73.02	13.09	11.84	48.09
NJ	353	91.70	15.54	19.43	56.73
NM	67	54.99	7.60	8.78	38.60
NV	48	72.35	12.66	15.84	43.85
NY	592	126.32	16.75	27.98	81.59
OH	920	60.20	7.59	14.68	37.93
OK	300	44.55	2.38	10.34	31.83
OR	132	47.06	6.28	6.94	33.84
PA	668	85.22	13.02	19.83	52.36
RI	82	69.00	13.02	6.63	49.35
SC	182	69.13	7.54	16.82	44.77
SD	102	39.83	6.89	4.13	28.82
TN	313	66.15	5.76	18.89	41.50
TX	1,072	53.76	3.70	14.26	35.80
UT	95	46.02	10.61	5.16	30.26
VA	270	74.20	7.34	20.93	45.92
VT	35	59.36	9.84	11.99	37.53
WA	215	64.56	11.78	10.34	42.43
WI	375	55.59	10.17	7.70	37.72
WV	114	51.75	6.19	13.68	31.89
WY	38	42.88	8.61	5.33	28.94

Note: Staff positions are measured in full-time equivalents, which is based on a 35-hour workweek. \*\*Aide staff is equal to the sum of certified nurse aides+nurse aides in training+medication aides. Due to invalid or incomplete data, some facilities were eliminated from the staffing analysis. Source: CMS Form 671:F41-F45, current surveys.

**Table 8: Average Direct Care Staff Hours per Patient Day by State, September 2014**

State	Total Direct Care Staff HPPD	RN HPPD	LPN HPPD	Aide HPPD*
US	3.74	0.47	0.83	2.43
AK	6.28	1.44	0.65	4.19
AL	4.10	0.39	1.05	2.66
AR	4.04	0.17	0.98	2.89
AZ	4.14	0.59	0.95	2.59
CA	4.11	0.56	0.89	2.65
CO	3.83	0.70	0.73	2.40
CT	3.80	0.55	0.78	2.46
DC	4.57	0.71	0.98	2.88
DE	3.87	0.68	0.90	2.30
FL	4.11	0.40	0.94	2.77
GA	3.48	0.23	1.05	2.21
HI	4.11	0.90	0.46	2.75
IA	3.53	0.49	0.62	2.42
ID	4.42	0.64	0.79	2.99
IL	3.23	0.56	0.59	2.08
IN	3.75	0.45	1.00	2.29
KS	3.77	0.46	0.63	2.68
KY	3.87	0.42	0.95	2.50
LA	3.31	0.14	0.95	2.21
MA	3.74	0.57	0.82	2.35
MD	3.88	0.60	0.89	2.38
ME	4.32	0.88	0.43	3.01
MI	3.91	0.54	0.81	2.56
MN	3.78	0.56	0.75	2.47
MO	3.61	0.30	0.76	2.55
MS	3.77	0.39	0.99	2.38
MT	3.79	0.67	0.49	2.63
NC	3.73	0.42	0.85	2.46
ND	4.05	0.50	0.64	2.91
NE	3.90	0.52	0.75	2.64
NH	3.95	0.71	0.64	2.60
NJ	3.62	0.61	0.77	2.24
NM	3.44	0.48	0.55	2.41
NV	3.69	0.65	0.81	2.24
NY	3.66	0.48	0.81	2.36
OH	3.70	0.47	0.90	2.33
OK	3.60	0.19	0.83	2.57
OR	4.37	0.58	0.64	3.14
PA	3.69	0.56	0.86	2.27
RI	3.60	0.68	0.35	2.57
SC	3.80	0.41	0.93	2.46
SD	3.38	0.58	0.35	2.44
TN	3.57	0.31	1.02	2.24
TX	3.46	0.24	0.92	2.31
UT	4.06	0.94	0.46	2.67
VA	3.66	0.36	1.03	2.27
VT	3.98	0.66	0.80	2.51
WA	4.11	0.75	0.66	2.70
WI	3.86	0.71	0.53	2.62
WV	3.33	0.40	0.88	2.05
WY	3.48	0.70	0.43	2.35

Note: Staff positions are measured in full-time equivalents, which is based on a 35-hour workweek. \*Aidestaff is equal to the sum of certified nurse aides+nurse aides in training+medication aides. Due to invalid or incomplete data, some facilities were eliminated from the staffing analysis. Source: CMS Form 671:F41-F45, current surveys.

## *Glossary of Terms for use with CASPER data*

**Certified Beds** This measure represents the total number of certified beds in the nursing home. Some nursing homes can have a combination of Medicare, Medicaid, and/or private pay beds. Please check with the nursing home to find out what types of beds are available.

**Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs)** provide care on a twenty-four hour basis. They work under the direction of a licensed nurse to assist patients with activities of daily living, i.e., eating, grooming, hygiene, dressing, transferring, and toileting. All full-time certified nursing assistants (CNAs) must have completed a competency evaluation program or nurse assistant training within 4 months of their permanent employment. They must also pursue continuing education each year.

**Hospital-based** - The nursing home is affiliated with a hospital.

**Hours Per Patient Day** is computed as the sum of the total number of hours worked by direct care staff in each category, and is then divided by a 35-work week and by the number of patients.

**Medicare** is the federal health insurance program for: people 65 years of age or older, certain younger people with disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure with dialysis or a transplant, sometimes called ESRD). Medicare pays for some nursing home care in specific situations and for no more than 100 days for each benefit period. A benefit period begins the day you go to a skilled nursing facility. The benefit period ends when you have not received skilled nursing care for 60 days in a row.

**Medicaid** is a joint federal and state program that helps with medical costs for some people with low incomes and limited resources. Medicaid programs vary from state to state, but most health care costs are covered if you qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid. Medicaid pays for long term care for people with low incomes and resources. Check out with your State Medicaid Agency for the income levels in your State. If a nursing home does not participate in the Medicaid program and does not accept Medicaid patients, and the resident runs out of other funds/coverage, the resident will have to move to another nursing home if he/she wants to be on Medicaid.

**Multifacility** Multi-nursing home chains have two or more homes under one ownership or operation.

**Nursing Home** A residence that provides a room, meals, and help with activities of daily living and recreation. Generally, nursing home residents have physical or mental problems that keep them from living on their own. They usually require daily assistance.

**Occupancy** This measure indicates the percentage of certified beds occupied by residents at the time of the inspection. It is obtained by taking the number of residents occupying certified beds at the time of the inspection divided by the total number of certified beds in the nursing home.

**Ownership** Nursing homes can be run by private for-profit corporations, non-profit corporations, religious affiliated organizations or government entities.

**Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses** - Registered nurses (RNs) have between 2 and 6 years of education. Licensed practical and vocational nurses (LPNs/LVNs) generally have 1 year of training. By law, RNs must assess residents' needs. RNs and LPNs/LVNs work together to plan care, implement care and treatment, and evaluate residents' outcomes. Nurses must be licensed in the state and are on site to provide care to residents twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week.

**Residents in Certified Beds** This number tells you how many residents in certified beds were living in the nursing home at the time of the inspection.



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