

MONTHLY QUALITY INDICATOR COMPARISON REPORT GUIDELINES

The Monthly Quality Indicator Comparison Report was created by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to give individuals with either a personal or a professional interest in a specific facility access to facility-level data on quality indicators without violating the confidentiality of the nursing home residents. The report allows comparisons between a specific nursing home and the state, as well as the nation about the proportion of residents with a particular condition.

- The data in these reports are only a starting point in reaching a decision about the quality of a nursing facility. The data should be viewed as measures of the potential for quality problems. There may be a legitimate reason why a facility has higher than average percentages on a particular indicator.
- In making decisions about quality of care, it is important to actually visit the nursing home being considered. Information in this report can help decide what type of questions an individual may want to ask on a visit to the nursing home.
- Additional information about individual facilities can be found in the Nursing Home Compare section of the CMS website www.Medicare.gov. This includes the State inspection results, found in the About the Nursing Home Inspections Results section of this web site.