

**Design for Nursing Home Compare Five-Star Quality Rating System:
Technical Users' Guide
Updates Included in the March 2009 version**

The March 2009 version of the Users' Guide includes a number of updates:

- State-level cut point tables have been moved into a new document: Five-Star Quality Rating System: State-Level Cut Point Tables (see CMS webpage: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CertificationandCompliance/13_FSQRS.asp) (page 9)
- Removal of Table A3 – information is contained in Tables 3 and 4 in the text (pages 9,10)
- Added link to downloadable file containing facility-level “expected” and “reported” staffing times that are used in the staffing star calculations (page 9)

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State-Level Cut Point Tables
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The March 2009 version is the first edition of the State-Level Cut-Point Tables document. It contains:

- Brief description of each Five-Star domain for which State-level cut points are used (pages 1,2)
- Updated State-level cut point tables for:
 - Health Inspection Scores (pages 3,4)
 - ADL QM Late Loss ADL Worsening (pages 5,6)
 - ADL QM Worsening Locomotion (pages 7,8)

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Updates Included in the July 2009 version**

- Change in methodology for assigning revisit points (page 4)
- Change in methodology for assigning points to past noncompliance deficiencies (page 5)

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Updates Included in the September 2009 version

- Rating for a given facility is held constant unless new health inspection data (e.g. a new health inspection survey, new complaint information or a 2nd, 3rd or 4th revisit) become available (page 6)
- Facility's rating will not change from month to month without new survey information from the facility, regardless of changes in the State wide distribution due to new surveys in other facilities (page 6)

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Updates Included in the October 2009 version

- As of October 2009 the QM data listed on Nursing Home Compare will represent an average of three quarters of data. This replaces the one quarter of QM data previously displayed and matches the data used for the Five-Star calculation.