

2-24-2025 Weekly Clinical Update

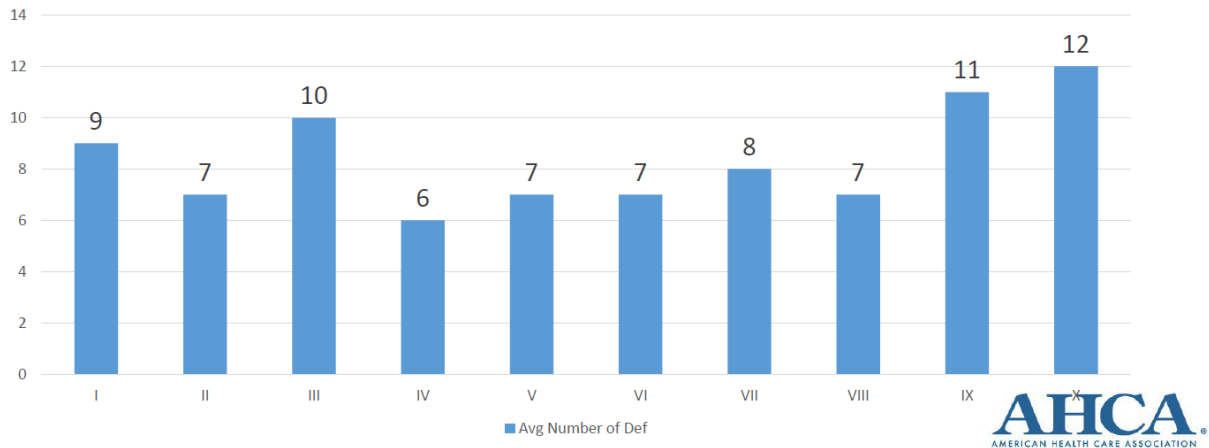
Last Wednesday, the AHCA State Affiliate Meeting was held. It was a very interesting and informative meeting. Transparency is important so following are the power point slides that Hawley Hunt shared with the group with statistics for 2024.

Region	Number of Late Surveys	% of Active Providers
I	164	21%
II	341	36%
III	432	32%
IV	998	38%
V	536	17%
VI	154	8%
VII	238	17%
VIII	100	18%
IX	279	20%
X	48	11%
Total	3,290	22%

Region	# of Standard Surveys	% of Providers with Standard Surveys	# of Complaint Surveys	% of Providers with Complaint Surveys
I	597	72%	1,581	60%
II	543	56%	2,116	73%
III	925	65%	3,701	61%
IV	1,494	56%	4,937	73%
V	2,602	77%	15,590	94%
VI	1,700	82%	9,034	92%
VII	1,129	77%	5,617	90%
VIII	417	72%	1,016	78%
IX	1,074	74%	16,239	96%
X	357	83%	2,731	88%
Total	10,838	71%	62,562	83%

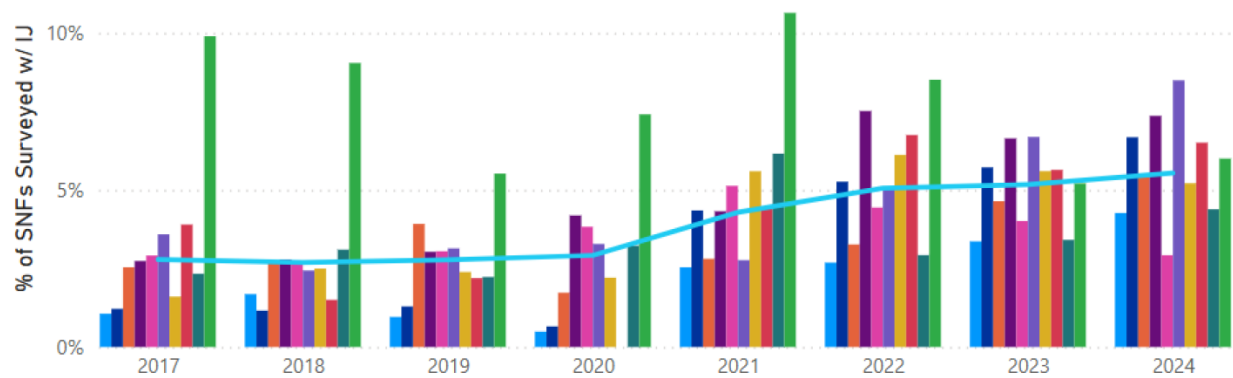


Average Number of Deficiencies on Standard Survey



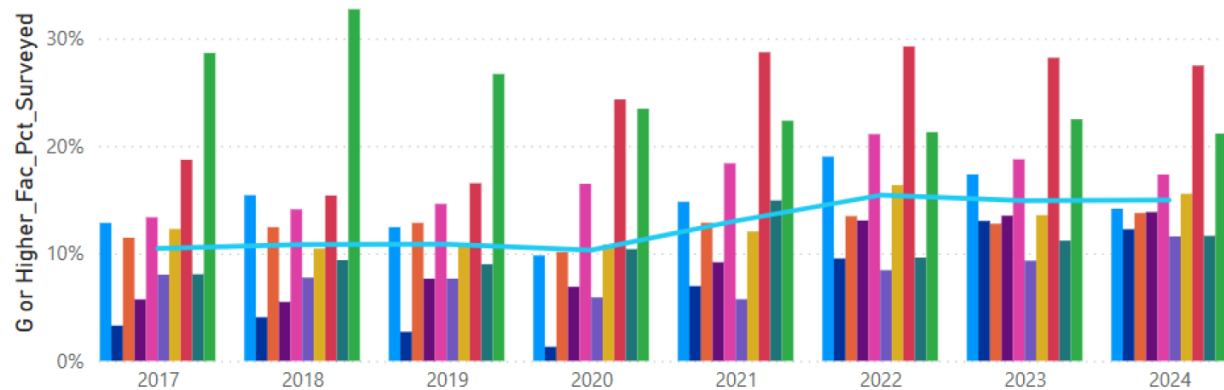
SNFs with IJ (%) by CMS Region

CMSRegion ● 1 ● 2 ● 3 ● 4 ● 5 ● 6 ● 7 ● 8 ● 9 ● 10 ● Nation



SNFs with $\geq G$ (%) by CMS Region

CMSRegion 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Nation



Top Citations in 2024

1. F880- Infection Control
2. F689- Free of Accident/Hazards
3. F812- Food Procurement
4. F684- Quality of Care
5. F884- NHSN Reporting
6. F656- Development of Care Plan
7. F761- Label/Store Drugs and Biologicals
8. F677- ADL Care Provided for Dependent Residents
9. F600- Free from Abuse and Neglect
10. F695- Respiratory/Trach Care and Suctioning



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1. F689- Free of Accident/Hazards
2. F600- Free from Abuse and Neglect
3. F684- Quality of Care
4. F678- CPR
5. F580- Notify of Changes
6. F760- Med Errors
7. F835- Administration
8. F686- Treatment/Services to Prevent/Heal Pressure Ulcers
9. F610- Investigate/Prevent/Correct Alleged Violations
10. F607- Abuse Policies and Procedures



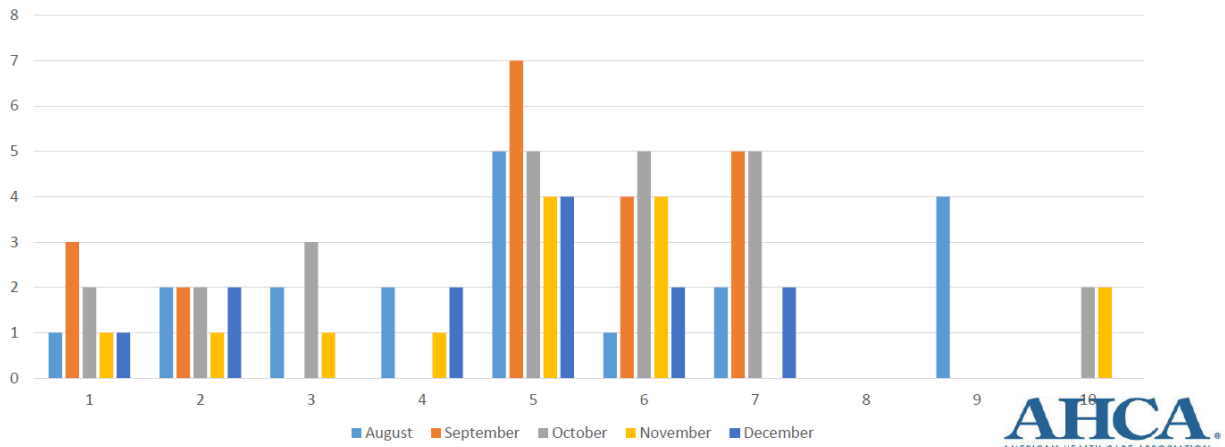
F-tag Drill Down: F838 Facility Assessments

1. Facility failed to include all required participants. The facility also identified training that staff needed, that was not provided.
2. The facility identified they provided wound care services, but they did not have any staff trained in providing wound care.
3. The facility failed to identify how much IP time was needed.
4. The facility had not reviewed or updated its FA since 2023.
5. The facility did not include the IP in its assessment.
6. The facility has not updated its FA since 2023.
7. The facility had not included new requirements.





F838



[Design for Care Compare Nursing Home Five-Star Quality Rating System: Technical Users' Guide](#)

- Effective January 2025, CMS “unfroze” the following measures:
 - Percentage of Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Residents Who Are At or Above an Expected Ability to Care for Themselves and Move Around at Discharge will replace Percentage of Residents Who Made Improvements in Function (short-stay).
 - Percentage of Residents Whose Need for Help with Activities of Daily Living Has Increased (long-stay) will be respecified.
 - Percentage of Residents Whose Ability to Walk Independently Worsened (long-stay) will be respecified.
 - Percentage of Residents with Pressure Ulcers will replace Percentage of High-Risk Residents with Pressure Ulcers (long-stay).

[REVISED: Updates to Nursing Home Care Compare Staffing and Quality Measures](#)

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January 2025 Five Star Refresh

- **Overall Rating**

- 14.7% of facilities gained stars
- 16% lost stars
- 70.3% no change

- **Quality Measure Rating**

- 22.7% gained stars
- 28.3% lost stars
- 49.1% no change

Regulatory Resources

Revised LTC Surveyor Guidance: [QSO-25-12-NH](#)
[AHCA/NCAL Survey Preparedness](#)

F-tag Action Tools Now Available

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• F627/F628- Transfer and Discharge• F605-Right to be Free from Chemical Restraints• F880-Infection, Prevention, & Control• F658-Services Provided Meet Professional Standards | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• F841-Medical Director• F697-Pain Management• F637/F677 Significant Change and ADLs• F641, Accuracy of Assessment• F851-Payroll Based Journal |
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Regulatory Resources

Revised LTC Surveyor Guidance: [QSO-25-07-NH AHCA/NCAL Survey Preparedness](#)

F-tag Action Tools Coming Soon

- F867, QAPI (2/12)
- F725/F727-Nursing Services(2/19)
- F918, Bathroom Facilities (3/5)



New Regulatory Resources

§483.80 Infection Control

- [Hot Topic Brief: Emergency Preparedness for the Infection Preventionist – Part 1](#)
- [Hot Topic Brief: Key Points and Resources for H5 Bird Flu Preparedness](#)



Updated Regulatory Resources

§483.24 Quality of Life

- [Tips for Meeting the Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Requirements in Skilled Nursing Facilities](#)

§483.80 Infection Control

- [NHSN Tip Sheet](#)



Updated Regulatory Resource – Education Programs

Preparing for Upcoming CMS Guidance Changes: Key Updates and Action Items for Compliance

- Addendum added for changes in [QSO-25-12-NH](#)
- This on-demand webinar is available free to AHCA/NCAL members and \$65 non-members.

The Five Star Quality Rating System

- Updated for January 2025 QM “unfreeze”.
- This on-demand webinar is \$40 for members | \$80 for non-members

So, as you can see, AHCA resources are timely and comprehensive. For members, resources are available! And that is an understatement.