



**Care Compare Five-Star Ratings of Nursing Homes
Provider Rating Report for November/December 2023**

Ratings for Whittier Hospital Medical Ctr D/P SNF (555589) Whittier, California			
Overall Quality	Health Inspection	Quality Measures	Staffing
★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★

The Five-Star ratings provided above will be displayed for your nursing home on the Care Compare website on or around December 6, 2023. The health inspection rating incorporates data reported through October 31, 2023. The time periods for each of the quality measures that contribute to the Quality Measure (QM) rating can be found in the QM tables located later in this report. The staffing rating is based on payroll-based journal (PBJ) staffing data reported through the second calendar quarter of 2023.

Helpline

The Five-Star Helpline will operate Monday - Friday **December 4 - 8, 2023**. Hours of operation will be from 9 am - 5 pm ET, 8 am - 4 pm CT, 7 am - 3 pm MT, and 6 am - 2 pm PT. The Helpline number is 1-800-839-9290. The Helpline will be available again **January 29 - February 2, 2024**. During other times, direct inquiries to BetterCare@cms.hhs.gov as Helpline staff help respond to e-mail inquiries when the telephone Helpline is not operational.

Important News

Upcoming adjustments to staffing and quality measures.

In October 2023, items in the MDS (Section G) were eliminated and replaced by new (Section GG) items. This will necessitate changes to the staffing case-mix adjustment method and some of the QMs on Nursing Home Care Compare that currently use Section G items. This will not affect the data posted on Nursing Home Care Compare until April 2024. Please see [CMS memo QSO-23-21-NH](#) and the updated [Technical User's Guide](#) for details.

In addition to the changes related to MDS Section G/GG, CMS will implement a turnover penalty for providers that fail to submit accurate staffing data beginning in April 2024. Specifically, providers that fail to submit staffing data or submit erroneous data for one or more quarters used in the turnover calculation will receive the lowest score possible for corresponding staff turnover measures. Additional details can also be found in the memo and TUG linked above.

Citations under IDR/IIDR

Below is a listing of health inspection citations for your nursing home that are under IDR or IIDR. These citations are reported on the Care Compare website; however, they are not included in the health inspection rating.

Your nursing home has no health inspection citations under IDR/IIDR.

Long-Stay Quality Measures that are Included in the QM Rating

MDS Long-Stay Measures	Provider 555589					Rating Points	CA	US
	2022Q3	2022Q4	2023Q1	2023Q2	4Q avg		4Q avg	4Q avg
<i>Lower percentages are better.</i>								
Percentage of residents experiencing one or more falls with major injury	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100	1.7%	3.4%
Percentage of high-risk residents with pressure sores	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100	7.6%	8.0%
Percentage of residents with a urinary tract infection	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100	1.4%	2.2%
Percentage of residents with a catheter inserted and left in their bladder ¹	d<20	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100	1.4%	1.4%
Percentage of residents whose need for help with daily activities has increased	d<20	d<20	d<20	d<20	14.6% ²	75	8.3%	14.5%
Percentage of residents who received an antipsychotic medication	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	150	10.6%	14.7%
Percentage of residents whose ability to move independently worsened ¹	d<20	d<20	d<20	d<20	10.8% ²	135	10.8%	15.4%

¹These measures are risk adjusted.

²This measure includes some imputed data because there are fewer than 20 resident assessments or stays across the four quarters. This value is used in calculating the QM points and used in the QM rating calculation but will not be displayed on Care Compare.

Claims-Based Long-Stay Measures	Provider 555589				CA	US	
	Observed Rate ³	Expected Rate ³	Risk-Adjusted Rate ³	Rating Points	Risk-Adjusted Rate	Observed Rate	Risk-Adjusted Rate
<i>Lower rates are better. The time period for data used in reporting is 4/1/2022 through 3/31/2023.</i>							
Number of hospitalizations per 1,000 long-stay resident days ¹	NA	NA	1.97 ²	60	1.97	1.679	1.80
Number of emergency department visits per 1,000 long-stay resident days ¹	NA	NA	0.96 ²	75	0.96	1.576	1.16

¹These measures are risk adjusted.

²This measure includes some imputed data because there are fewer than 20 resident assessments or stays across the four quarters. This value is used in calculating the QM points and used in the QM rating calculation but will not be displayed on Care Compare.

³The observed rate is the actual rate observed for the facility without any risk-adjustment; the expected rate is the rate that would be expected for the facility given the risk-adjustment profile of the facility; and the risk-adjusted rate is adjusted for the expected rate of the outcome and is calculated as (observed rate for facility / expected rate for facility) * US observed rate. Only the risk-adjusted rate will appear on Care Compare.

Total Long-Stay Quality Measure Score	895
Long-Stay Quality Measure Star Rating	★★★★★

Short-Stay Quality Measures that are Included in the QM Rating

	Provider 555589						CA	US
	2022Q3	2022Q4	2023Q1	2023Q2	4Q avg	Rating Points	4Q avg	4Q avg
MDS Short-Stay Measures								
<i>Higher percentages are better.</i>								
Percentage of residents who made improvements in function ¹	d<20	d<20	d<20	d<20	NA	NA	80.9%	75.9%
<i>Lower percentages are better.</i>								
Percentage of residents who newly received an antipsychotic medication	d<20	d<20	d<20	d<20	NA	NA	1.2%	1.6%
<i>The time period for data used in reporting is 1/1/2022 through 12/31/2022.</i>								
Percentage of SNF residents with pressure ulcers/pressure injuries that are new or worsened ¹					NA	NA	1.4%	2.7%

	Provider 555589				CA	US	
	Observed Rate ³	Expected Rate ³	Risk-Adjusted Rate ³	Rating Points	Risk-Adjusted Rate	Observed Rate	Risk-Adjusted Rate
Claims-Based Short-Stay Measures							
<i>Higher percentages are better. The time period for data used in reporting is 10/1/2020-9/30/2022.</i>							
Rate of successful return to home or community from a SNF ¹	NA	NR	NA	NA	51.3%	49.7%	49.7% ⁴
<i>Lower percentages are better. The time period for data used in reporting is 4/1/2022 through 3/31/2023.</i>							
Percentage of residents who were re-hospitalized after a nursing home admission ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	22.1%	22.8%	22.7%
Percentage of residents who had an outpatient emergency department visit ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	11.4%	11.0%	12.5%

¹These measures are risk adjusted.

²This measure includes some imputed data because there are fewer than 20 resident assessments or stays across the four quarters. This value is used in calculating the QM points and used in the QM rating calculation but will not be displayed on Care Compare.

³The observed rate is the actual rate observed for the facility without any risk-adjustment; the expected rate is the rate that would be expected for the facility given the risk-adjustment profile of the facility. For successful community discharge, the risk-adjusted rate is calculated as (predicted rate / expected rate) * US Observed rate and is referred to as the risk-standardized rate. For rehospitalization and emergency department visits, the risk-adjusted rate is calculated as (observed rate / expected rate) * US observed rate. Only the risk-adjusted or risk-standardized rate will appear on Care Compare.

⁴For this measure, this value is the National Benchmark, rather than the national average of the risk-adjusted rate.

NR = Not Reported. The expected rate is not reported for this measure.

Unadjusted Short-Stay Quality Measure Score	NA
Total Short-Stay Quality Measure Score (unadjusted short-stay QM score*1150/800) ¹	NA
Short-Stay Quality Measure Star Rating	Not Available
Total Quality Measure Score ²	NA
Overall Quality Measure Star Rating	★★★★★

¹An adjustment factor of 1150/800 is applied to the unadjusted total short-stay score to allow the long- and short-stay QMs to count equally in the total QM score.

²The total quality measure score is the sum of the total long-stay score and the total short-stay score. If a provider has only a long-stay score or only a short-stay score, then no total score is calculated and their overall QM rating is the same as the long-stay or short-stay QM rating, depending on which is available.

Quality Measures that are Not Included in the QM Rating

MDS Long-Stay Measures	Provider 555589					CA	US
	2022Q3	2022Q4	2023Q1	2023Q2	4Q avg	4Q avg	4Q avg
<i>Higher percentages are better.</i>							
Percentage of residents assessed and appropriately given the seasonal influenza vaccine	100%	100%	95.8%	95.8%	97.9%	98.2%	94.7%
Percentage of residents assessed and appropriately given the pneumococcal vaccine	95.5%	87.0%	90.9%	91.3%	91.1%	98.0%	91.8%
<i>Lower percentages are better.</i>							
Percentage of residents who were physically restrained	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
Percentage of low-risk residents who lose control of their bowels or bladder	d<20	d<20	d<20	d<20	NA	33.9%	48.1%
Percentage of residents who lose too much weight	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%	1.1%	5.1%	6.0%
Percentage of residents who have depressive symptoms	d<20	d<20	d<20	d<20	0.0%	6.1%	8.7%
Percentage of residents who received an antianxiety or hypnotic medication	63.6%	56.5%	63.6%	60.9%	61.1%	13.4%	19.4%
MDS Short-Stay Measures							
<i>Higher percentages are better.</i>							
Percentage of residents assessed and appropriately given the seasonal influenza vaccine	d<20	d<20	d<20	d<20	NA	92.1%	75.8%
Percentage of residents assessed and appropriately given the pneumococcal vaccine	d<20	d<20	d<20	d<20	NA	93.7%	79.4%

Additional Notes Regarding the Quality Measure Tables

"d<20". For individual quarters for the MDS-based QMs, d<20 means the denominator for the measure (the number of eligible resident assessments) is too small to report. A four-quarter average may be displayed if there are at least 20 eligible resident assessments summed across the four quarters.

"NA". "NA" will be reported for quality measures not included in the QM Rating: 1) for which data are not available or 2) for which the total number of eligible resident assessments summed across the four quarters is less than 20.

SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Measures:

Two of the short-stay QMs used in the Five-Star QM rating calculation are SNF QRP measures: "Percentage of SNF residents with pressure ulcers/pressure injuries that are new or worsened" and "Rate of successful return to home or community from a SNF." There are additional SNF QRP measures that are not included in the Five-Star ratings but are displayed on Care Compare. Information about these measures can be found on separate provider preview reports in the QIES mailbox. Please watch for communication from CMS on the availability of these reports. Additional information about the SNF QRP measures can be found in the Quality of Resident Care section on the References page of this report.

Staffing Hours per Resident Day

PBJ data for **April 1 - June 30, 2023** (submitted and accepted by the August 14, 2023 deadline) are being used to calculate the staffing levels for three months starting with the **October 2023** Care Compare website update. The table below includes the reported, case-mix and adjusted staffing levels for your facility, using the PBJ data for **April 1 - June 30, 2023**. The case-mix staffing values are based on resident acuity levels using RUG-IV data. The Five-Star Rating Technical Users' Guide contains a detailed explanation of the staffing rating and the case-mix adjustment methodology. The table also shows the weekend staffing levels (total nurse and RN) for your facility. Below the table is the average resident census for your facility.

Staffing Levels for April 1 - June 30, 2023 for Provider Number 555589				
	Reported Hours per Resident per Day (HRD)	Reported Hours per Resident per Day (HRD) (Decimal)	Case-Mix HRD	Case-Mix Adjusted HRD
All days				
Total nurse (RN, LPN, LVN, and Nurse Aide) hours	9 hours and 10 minutes	9.166	5.223	5.546
RN hours	1 hour and 24 minutes	1.401	1.645	0.325
LPN/LVN hours	4 hours and 39 minutes	4.642	1.098	3.128
Nurse aide hours	3 hours and 7 minutes	3.123	2.480	2.567
Physical therapist ¹ hours	0 minutes			
Weekend (Saturday and Sunday)				
Total nurse (RN, LPN, LVN, and Nurse Aide) hours	8 hours and 14 minutes	8.242	5.223	4.987
RN hours	1 hour and 2 minutes	1.034		

¹Physical therapist hours are not included in the staffing rating calculation.

The average number of residents for your facility (based on MDS census) for April 1 - June 30, 2023 is [22.8](#).

Availability of Reported Staffing Data

Some providers will see 'Not Available' for the reported hours per resident per day in the table above and a staffing rating may not be displayed for these facilities. There are several reasons this could occur:

1. No MDS census data were available for the facility.
2. No on-time PBJ staffing data were submitted for the facility.
4. No nursing hours were reported (0 HRD).
5. Total reported nurse staffing was excessively high (>12.0 HRD).
6. Total reported nurse aide staffing was excessively high (>5.25 HRD).
7. A CMS audit identified significant discrepancies between the hours reported and the hours verified, or the nursing home failed to respond to an audit request.
14. No nursing hours were reported on weekends (0 HRD).
15. Total reported nurse staffing on weekends was excessively high (>12.0 HRD).
16. The total reported nurse aide staffing on weekends was excessively high (>5.25 HRD).
18. Other reason.

Scoring Exceptions for the Staffing Rating

The following criteria have been added to the usual scoring rules for assigning the staffing rating.

1. Providers that fail to submit any staffing data by the required deadline will receive a one-star staffing for the quarter.
2. Providers that submit staffing data indicating that there were four or more days in the quarter with no RN staffing hours (job codes 5-7) on days when there were one or more residents in the facility, regardless of reported staffing levels, will receive a one-star staffing rating for the quarter.
3. CMS conducts audits of nursing homes to verify the data submitted and to ensure accuracy. Facilities for which the audit identifies significant discrepancies between the hours reported and the hours verified or those who fail to respond to an audit request will receive a one-star staffing rating.

Staffing Turnover

PBJ data from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 are used to calculate annual nursing staff and RN turnover measures and to report the number of administrator turnovers among eligible administrators in the 12-month reporting period between April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023. PBJ does not collect information on employee termination dates; instead a turnover is identified based on gaps in days worked. The turnover measures include employees and agency staff that have worked at least 120 hours at your facility in the 90-day period starting from the first observed workday between January 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022. Individuals no longer associated with a nursing home are defined as eligible employees who have a period of 60 or more days during which they do not work at all. The data listed below report the nursing, RN, and administrator turnover measures for your facility April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023. (Note that data from 2022Q1 - 2022Q3 are used to identify individuals who are eligible for the turnover measure, while data from 2023Q2 are used to identify individuals who had a 60-day or more gap in days worked that started within the last 60 days of 2023Q1.)

These turnover measures will be posted on Nursing Home Care Compare starting with the **October 2023** update. The turnover measures are updated quarterly using a rolling 12-month period. Detailed information on how turnover is calculated is available in the Technical Users' Guide. Find the link on the References Page of this report.

PBJ Nurse Staffing Turnover for April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 for Provider Number 555589				
	Turnover Rate	Number of Eligible Staff¹	Number of Eligible Staff Identified as Turned over	Displayed on Care Compare²
Nursing staff turnover	35.8%	67	24	Yes
RN turnover	36.4%	11	4	Yes
Administrator turnover		N.A.	N.A.	No - code 2

N.A. = Not Available. N.A. in the table above indicates that the value could not be calculated based on the data submitted.

¹The number of eligible staff is based on a count of the number of eligible 'employment spells.' For more details on the methodology used to calculate nursing staff turnover, please see the measure specifications, available at the location listed in the references below.

²Some providers will see "Not Available" on the Care Compare website for one or more turnover measures if there is a "No" along with a code listed in this column of the table.

Availability of Turnover Data

Some providers will see 'Not Available' for one or more of the turnover measures in the table above or on Care Compare. There are several reasons this could occur:

Nursing Staff and RN Turnover Exclusion Codes

1. No data or invalid PBJ nursing data submitted for one of more quarters between January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. See the table below for the quarters with missing or invalid PBJ data.
2. Fewer than 5 eligible nurse (or RN) employees or agency staff.
3. 100% nurse (or RN) turnover on a single day. If you see this code in the table above, up to two dates on which it appears your nursing home had 100% turnover on a single day are listed below. In this case, you may need to submit data to link employee identifiers. See additional information on the References page of this report.
18. Other reason.

Days with 100% turnover for all nursing staff

No Dates with 100% nurse turnover

Availability of Turnover Data (continued)

Administrator Turnover Exclusion Codes

1. No data or invalid PBJ nursing data submitted for one or more quarters between January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. See the table below for the quarters with missing or invalid PBJ data.
2. No administrator hours were submitted for one or more quarters between January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. See the table below for the quarters with no administrator hours.
3. No eligible administrator employees or agency staff.
4. Too many administrators: there are 4 or more days in one or more quarters between January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 with five or more different people reported under job code 1 (administrator) on the same day.
18. Other reason

Your facility's submission of valid PBJ nursing data and administrator hours for quarters used by turnover measures						
	2022Q1	2022Q2	2022Q3	2022Q4	2023Q1	2023Q2
Valid PBJ data submitted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Administrator hours submitted	No	No	No	No	No	No

Note that in rare cases, turnover data may be reported on Care Compare even if one or more of the indicators of valid PBJ data in the table above is "No". This may occur if the data were later verified by a CMS audit.

Staffing Measures that are Used in the Staffing Rating

The table below shows the six specific staffing measures that are used to calculate the staffing rating, along with the measure values and the points assigned for each measure for your facility as well as the maximum number of points possible for each measure. The raw point total is the sum of the points for the individual measures. If any of the six measures are not available, then the total score is rescaled so the maximum possible score for your facility is still 380 points. The rescaled score is used to assign the staffing rating; however, in most cases no rating will be assigned if adjusted total nurse staffing is not available. Please see the Technical Users' Guide for additional details including the cut point tables for each of the measures and for the total rescaled score.

Staffing Measure	Data for Provider 555589		Maximum Possible Points
	Measure Value	Points	
Adjusted Total nurse staffing (7 day)	5.546	100	100
Adjusted RN staffing (7 day)	0.325	20	100
Adjusted Total nurse staffing (weekends)	4.987	50	50
Total nursing turnover (%)	35.821	45	50
RN turnover (%)	36.364	40	50
Number of administrator departures	N.A.	N.A.	30
Raw point total		255	
Total points after rescaling (if any)		277	380
Staffing rating	★★★★		

N.A. = 'Not Available'. Points for individual measures may show as N.A. if the measure value is Not Available. Point values will show as N.A. for all measures for special focus facilities, providers that are too new for a valid rating to be calculated, providers for which nurse staffing levels are not available, and providers that have had their staffing rating reduced to one star (see availability of reported staffing and scoring exceptions above).

References

Technical Details on the Five-Star Quality Rating System

The Five-Star Quality Rating System Technical Users' Guide includes detailed methodology for all domains of the rating system and can be found at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/CertificationandCompliance/downloads/usersguide.pdf>

Provider Data Catalog

All of the data posted on the Care Compare website as well as additional details on some domains and measures are available for download on the Provider Data Catalog at:

<https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/>

Staffing

Information about staffing data submission is available on the CMS website at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Staffing-Data-Submission-PBJ.html>

For additional assistance with or questions related to the PBJ registration process, please contact the QIES Help Desk at 888-477-7876 or via email at iQIES@cms.hhs.gov.

CMS Memorandum QSO-22-08-NH regarding weekend staffing, staff turnover, and information about linking employee identifiers can be found at:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-22-08-nh.pdf>

Instructions and templates for linking employee identifiers can be found in the **PBJ Provider User's Guide** at: <https://qtso.cms.gov/providers/nursing-home-mdswing-bed-providers/reference-manuals>

Detailed Employee level staffing data can be found at:

<https://data.cms.gov/quality-of-care/payroll-based-journal-daily-nurse-staffing>

Quality of Resident Care

Detailed specifications (including risk-adjustment) for the MDS-based QMs, claims-based QMs and SNF QRP measures can be found in the Downloads section at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/NHQIQualityMeasures.html>

SNF QRP COVID-19 Public Reporting Tip Sheet can be found at:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/snfqrp-covid19prtipsheet-october2020.pdf>

SNF Quality Reporting Training page can be found at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Skilled-Nursing-Facility-Quality-Reporting-Program/SNF-Quality-Reporting-Program-Training>

FY 2024 SNF Final Rule can be found at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPFS/List-of-SNF-Federal-Regulations>

CMS Skilled Nursing Facility Center website can be found at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Skilled-Nursing-Facility-Center>

Additional information about Public Reporting of the SNF QRP Quality Measures can be found at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Skilled-Nursing-Facility-Quality-Reporting-Program/SNF-Quality-Reporting-Program-Overview>

For questions about the SNF QRP measures please contact:

SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov

PBJ Deadlines

Submission Deadline	PBJ Reporting Period	Posted on Care Compare and used for Staffing Ratings
August 14, 2023	April 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023	October 2023 - December 2023
November 14, 2023	July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023	January 2024 - March 2024
February 14, 2024	October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023	April 2024 - June 2024
May 15, 2024	January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024	July 2024 - September 2024