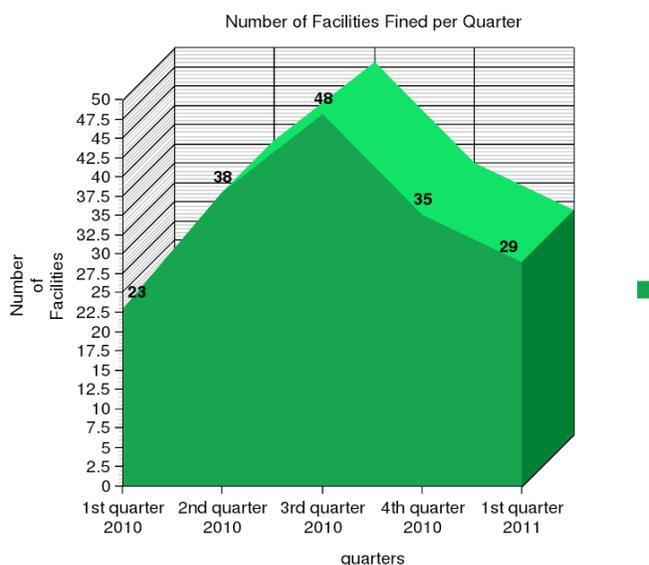


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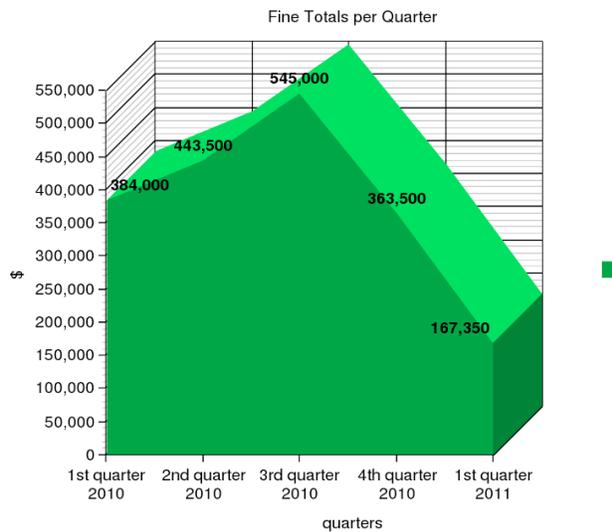
Significant Drop In Number Illinois Nursing Homes Cited For Violations. Is Care Really Getting Better?

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For the past several years, I've always highlight some of the [Illinois nursing homes](#) represented on the listing of [Quarterly violators](#) published by the [Illinois Department of Health](#). While it may be logistically impossible to investigate every incident involving a [nursing home injury](#), I look at the list of quarterly violations as a snippet of the type of care provided to residents throughout the state of Illinois.



For families and patients seeking information on particular facilities, reviewing the facilities on the quarterly violations is also important as certain facilities tend to appear more frequently than others. Depending upon the type of violation and if a 'response' is filed by the facility, you may further be able to access a link to the survey with specific information related to the incident or finding.



In particular, when looking at through the recently published findings, there was a fairly steep decline both in the number of facilities cited and the monetary amount of fines imposed. While we can look at these figures and assume that care is improving at nursing homes throughout Illinois, I think its too early to make that call. Ever the optimist, we will have to see if indeed this trend can continue when the next quarter's findings are released.