



Poor Ratings for 20% of U.S. Nursing Homes

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As reported by [USA Today](#) one in five of the nation's 15,700 nursing homes have consistently received poor ratings for overall quality, an analysis of new government data finds. More than a quarter-million patients live in homes given another set of low scores within the past year, according to data released by Medicare, which first released the star ratings of the nation's nursing homes in late 2008. The ratings are derived from inspections, complaint investigations and other data collected mostly in 2008 and 2009.

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