



CMS dropping 3rd survey for health inspection; Judge pauses staffing mandate.

### [CMS Makes Updates to Nursing Home Care Compare and Five Star](#)

#### **Drop Third Cycle Standard Surveys from the Nursing Home Care Compare Health Inspection Rating**

Beginning July 2025, CMS will no longer use the three most recent standard surveys and will only use the two most recent standard surveys for the health inspection rating calculation. CMS notes that this change is related to the continued standard survey backlogs. CMS will continue to use a three-year lookback period for complaint and infection control inspections to calculate the health inspection rating.

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“That’s the message the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services just got from a federal judge in Iowa, who did what many skilled care operators had been hoping for: He hit pause on the most unrealistic parts of the staffing mandate. The 24/7 RN requirement and rigid nurse staffing rule minimums are now off the table — at least for now.

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