

Nursing Home Regulation & Consumer Issues

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An Evaluation, County Nursing Home Funding: Department of Health and Family Services. Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau, January 2000. (614.08/W7e1) A review of trends in costs and funding of nursing homes in the state in order to address concerns expressed by administrators of some county-owned facilities. <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lab/reports/00-1full.pdf>

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Nursing Home Oversight: Industry Examples Do Not Demonstrate That Regulatory Actions Were Unreasonable. U.S. General Accounting Office, August 13, 1999. [On order] “Pursuant to a congressional request, GAO analyzed materials from the American Health Care Association (AHCA) to determine whether any cases reflected the actions of an overly aggressive regulatory process.”—*Report Abstract.*

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<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lab/reports/98-2tear.htm>

Nursing Homes: More Can Be Done to Protect Residents from Abuse. U.S. General Accounting Office, March 1, 2002. (614.08/X13) Argues that despite recent reforms in nursing home regulations regarding quality of care issues, concerns about abuse of nursing home residents have not been adequately addressed. <http://www.gao.gov/archive/2000/he00209t.pdf>. A summary of this report, given in testimony before Congress, is also available: <http://www.gao.gov/archive/2000/he00209t.pdf>

Nursing Homes: Sustained Efforts Are Essential to Realize Potential of the Quality Initiatives. U.S. General Accounting Office, September 28, 2000. [On order] Argues that recent federal quality initiatives need continued attention from state and federal agencies to reach their potential.

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<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/provider/pdf/90-99nhtrendreport.pdf>

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Wisconsin Nursing Home Directory 2000. Wisconsin Bureau of Health Information, issued August 2001. (614.08/W7/2000) Directory of nursing homes in Wisconsin. Includes basic statistical information.

Wisconsin Nursing Homes and Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled 2000. Wisconsin Bureau of Health Information, issued December 2001. (614.08/W7j4/2000) Statistical information about nursing homes and facilities for the developmentally disabled in Wisconsin. Information is derived from the 2000 Annual Survey of Nursing Homes conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.

Related Web Sites

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/nnhsd/nnhsd.htm>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Provides information on surveys given by NCHS as well as publications by the center.

<http://www.ahca.org/info/index.html> – Consumer Information About Long Term Care. Maintained by the American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living.

<http://www.hcfa.gov> – Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA). Recently renamed “Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)”, this site provides links to information about nursing homes geared toward a variety of audiences, as well as links to information about agency initiatives and publications.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Nursing/Overview.asp> – The Medicare nursing home resources site. Includes a database called “Nursing Home Compare” which allows users to compare nursing homes on certain criteria such as staffing levels and inspection results. Information on complaint inspections by nursing home is available at: <http://www.house.gov/reform/min/#>

<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/nursinghome/index.html#Evaluation> OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration). This site contains a wealth of information about safety regulations in nursing homes, including explanations of regulations and training materials for nursing home employees.

<http://www.wahsa.org> – Wisconsin Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (an association of not-for-profit long-term care facilities in Wisconsin). Provides links to the association’s publications as well as other resources for staff of long-term care facilities.

<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/provider/NursingHomes.htm> Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services publications about nursing homes.

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Clippings: (Noncirculating; available for use in the library; clippings prior to 1981 are on microfiche)

- Nursing Homes: 614.08/W7z (Wisconsin); 614.08/Z (United States)

BadgerLink: www.badgerlink.net

Search the ProQuest Newspapers and EBSCOhost magazines databases (including Health Source – Consumer Edition) for full text articles. Suggested search words: *nursing homes* with *regulation, quality, abuse, legislation*.
