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## LTCCC Alert: The Most Poorly Rated Nursing Homes in the United States

**August 21, 2019** – Approximately half of all seniors will need nursing home care at some point. Despite this significant need, and the vulnerability of most nursing home residents, serious problems are widespread and persistent, including inadequate staffing, substandard care, abuse, and neglect.

To help the public gain insights into the quality and safety of facilities in their communities, LTCCC regularly publishes data on key indicators relevant to nursing home care. Today, we are publishing the latest data on <u>nursing homes that have received a one-star overall rating on</u> <u>Nursing Home Compare</u>. One-star is the lowest possible rating in the federal Five-Star rating system, which bases its overall rating on staffing levels, health inspection outcomes, and a range of quality measures. While studies have shown that **having a high rating does not necessarily mean that a nursing home is safe, substandard care in lower rated facilities has become a matter of increasing public concern**.

All files are searchable by facility name; location; ratings for health inspections, quality measures, and staffing; ownership type (for-profit vs not-for-profit); reported staffing; substantiated complaints against the facility; and number and amount of fines. The data were downloaded from Nursing Home Compare in August 2019.

In addition to the one-star facilities, LTCCC recently reported the <u>Special Focus Facility</u> <u>candidate list</u>, the latest information on <u>staffing levels for every nursing home</u> (in compliance with federal reporting requirements), and the <u>top ten & bottom ten nursing homes in each</u> <u>state</u> in respect to staffing levels.

To assist residents, families, and those who work with them achieve better care, LTCCC provides a range of fact sheets on residents' rights as well as easy-to-use forms to support resident-centered advocacy on our website, <u>www.nursinghome411.org</u>. All resources are free to use and share.