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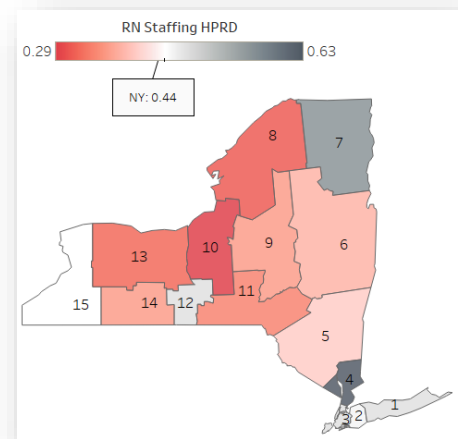
## NEW REPORT FINDS SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL VARIATIONS IN NEW YORK NURSING HOME QUALITY & OVERSIGHT

### LTCCC Alert

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**June 1, 2020** – A new report by the **Long Term Care Community Coalition (LTCCC)** identifies significant variations in nursing home quality and oversight measures across New York State. The report, entitled [\*Regional Variations of Nursing Home Quality & Oversight in New York\*](#), assesses regional averages for staffing, pressure ulcers, antipsychotic drugging, health inspection ratings, and fines based on federal data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Regional variations may relate to quality of nursing home care or performance of the different regional offices of the NYS Department of Health (DOH).

The report focuses on regions as identified by the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP), which provides services to LTC residents through 15 regional offices across the state. The LTCOP is a federally mandated program that monitors nursing home care and provides resident-centered advocacy. By focusing on nursing home performance in the regions, we hope to educate and empower the ombudsmen and inform state and federal legislators in the regions. To that end, the report provides data tables, maps, and graphs illustrating regional variations. In addition to the report, we have developed a searchable table with relevant information on all nursing homes in the state, including ratings, ownership type, staffing levels, and fines for substandard care. It can be viewed and downloaded at <https://nursinghome411.org/facility-data-ny-nursing-home-regional-report>.



Key findings include:

- **RN Staffing** hours per resident day (HPRD) ranged from 0.29 (Region 10) to 0.63 (Region 4). All regions fell short of 0.75 – the amount of time that a 2001 federal report indicated is needed to meet residents’ care needs.
- **Health Inspection Ratings** (1-5) indicate the quality of the nursing home based on DOH inspections. Regional averages ranged from 1.56 (Region 7) to 3.54 (Region 3). Note: Variations in inspection ratings may reflect differences in DOH regional office oversight as well as actual quality of nursing homes.
- **Fines per facility** ranged from .05 (Region 4) to 0.56 (Region 8). New York State’s average number of fines per facility (0.20) is **less than half** the national rate (0.47).

The full report can be downloaded at: <https://nursinghome411.org/report-regional-variations-nursing-home-quality-ny>.