

LONG TERM CARE COMMUNITY COALITION

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NYS NURSING HOMES SANCTIONED FOR THEFT, ABUSE, & NEGLECT

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September 17, 2020 – The Long Term Care Community Coalition (LTCCC) collects information on nursing home enforcement actions across NY State on a regular basis. Today we are releasing our latest compilation of sanctions for substandard care, resident abuse, and fraud for nursing homes in 2019. Enforcement data is available in user-friendly excel files at <https://nursinghome411.org/2019-nys-enforcement-actions>.

- **Federal Sanctions.** Federal Civil Money Penalties (CMPs) were levied against **37 NYS nursing homes** and totaled **\$1.12 million in 2019**. CMPs are imposed when there is a failure – generally a significant failure – to meet minimum standards for operating a nursing home in the U.S. Federal CMPs ranged from \$6,893 (The Five Towns Premier Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in Woodmere) to \$115,388 for (Utica Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in Utica).
- **New York State Sanctions.** The NYS Department of Health (DOH) is chiefly responsible for ensuring nursing home safety and quality. It is required to do this through annual facility inspections and complaint investigations. State fines were administered to **47 nursing homes** and totaled **\$381,000**. Pontiac Nursing Home Oswego received the highest fine at \$20,000.
- **Medicaid Fraud Criminal & Civil Cases.** The NY State Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) prosecutes cases of resident abuse and fraud. In 2019, the **MFCU's 35 cases** included physical abuse of residents, drug theft, covering up a violation that led to a resident's head injury, and sharing a photo of a deceased resident on Snapchat.
- **Office of the Medicaid Inspector General Actions.** The Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) took action against **41 defendants in 39 cases** in 2019. The cases involved a range of issues including drug theft, assault of a resident, and systematic understaffing that endangered residents.

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