## **SENIOR CARE POLICY BRIEF**

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## **NEWSFLASH**

Genesis Healthcare, which operates 175 skilled nursing and assisted living facilities across 18 states, has
filed for bankruptcy and obtained a court order halting wrongful death and injury lawsuits against its
employees, shareholders, and staffing agencies.

Average performance of chain

The overall rating is based on a nursing home's perfor on 3 sources: health inspections, staffing, and quality

**★★★☆☆** (3.2)

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Learn how Medicare calculates this rating

\* \* 1 (2.5)

Learn more about staffing

★★☆☆☆ (2.3)

National average: 2.9

\* \* 1 (2.3)

National average: 2.8

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- ⇒ Before its bankruptcy filing, Genesis faced over 200 malpractice and wrongful-death suits and was spending \$8 million per month on litigation and settlements.
- ⇒ The company's financial collapse has been linked to private equity ownership decisions that loaded it with debt and stripped away real estate assets.
- U.S. Senators Warren, Blumenthal and Welch and
  Representative Goodlander are "pushing for information related to Genesis' private equity-caused bankruptcy and its apparent attempt to use the bankruptcy process to wipe away the company's debts to victims and businesses by selling the company at a discount to insiders."
- ⇒ Their query includes Joel Landau, managing partner of Genesis' private equity owner. Landau's Allure Group operates nursing homes in NY State. He was at the <u>center of a nursing home real estate scandal</u> in 2016.
- ⇒ Genesis holds an average rating of 2.3 stars overall, with particularly low scores in health inspections (2.3) and staffing (2.5) a reflection of ongoing quality and oversight challenges across its network.

## RESEARCH ROUNDUP

- More than half of nurses (51%) have sought mental health support related to job stress, according to a
  new WellSky white paper highlighting the toll of burnout across healthcare. Staffing shortages were
  identified as the top stressor by 44% of respondents, followed by financial pressures (46%).
  - ⇒ Without fair compensation and staffing reforms, caregiver stress will continue to erode workforce stability and care quality.
- Malpractice claims involving nurses in assisted living and long-term care settings have risen sharply, now
  accounting for 45% of all closed nursing claims over the past five years according to the latest <u>Nurse</u>
  <u>Professional Liability Claim Report</u>. Senior living and care environments represented 15% of claims, up
  from 11.2% in 2020. The most common causes included medication administration errors, inadequate
  monitoring and resident assessments, poor communication after changes in resident condition, and lapses
  in ensuring resident safety.
  - ⇒ The report underscores that when care settings lack sufficient support, training, and oversight, nurses are more likely to face malpractice exposure.
  - ⇒ The report calls for stronger risk management practices through documentation, effective communication, compliance with regulations, and active resident advocacy to reduce liability and improve safety in senior care settings.