Description of Staffing Data File

The accompanying, comma delimited data file can be read by a number of computer programs, including standard spreadsheet programs. It contains one record for every nursing home currently shown on Nursing Home Compare. Each of these records contains the CMS Certification Number (CCN) for the provider, the name of the provider, the city and state in which the provider is located, and 15 staffing values, calculated as hours per resident per day. The 15 staffing variables are divided into 3 groups of 5 values each. The first group of values include values derived from those reported by the nursing home on the CMS 671 and 672 reporting forms. The second group of values represents CMS's calculation of expected staffing time based on the RUGS 53 staff time values for residents in the nursing home at the time of the survey. The third group of values represents the adjusted time, which is calculated by this formula:

Hours Adjusted = (Hours Reported/Hours Expected) * HoursNational Average

For a much more extensive discussion on the calculation of staffing values and ratings, please see the *Five Star Nursing Home Quality Rating System Technical Users Guide* found at:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CertificationandComplianc/Downloads/usersguide.pdf

CMS will update this spreadsheet on a monthly basis, coinciding with website updates.

Note: If a provider has no staffing data, then it may have a new participation date or it may have invalid staffing data.