

# Medicare/Medicaid: Regulations Finalized For Posting Of Nurse Staffing Data In Skilled Nursing, Long-Term Care Facilities.

## CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

TITLE 42, PART 483

Sec. 483.30 Nursing services.

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### (e) Nurse staffing information--

(1) Data requirements. The facility must post the following information on a daily basis:

(i) Facility name.

(ii) The current date.

(iii) The total number and the actual hours worked by the following categories of licensed and unlicensed nursing staff directly responsible for resident care per shift:

(A) Registered nurses.

(B) Licensed practical nurses or licensed vocational nurses (as defined under State law).

(C) Certified nurse aides.

(iv) Resident census.

(2) Posting requirements.

(i) The facility must post the nurse staffing data specified in paragraph (e)(1) of this section on a daily basis at the beginning of each shift.

(ii) Data must be posted as follows:

(A) Clear and readable format.

(B) In a prominent place readily accessible to residents and visitors.

(3) Public access to posted nurse staffing data. The facility must, upon oral or written request, make nurse staffing data available to the public for review at a cost not to exceed the community standard.

(4) Facility data retention requirements. The facility must maintain the posted daily nurse staffing data for a minimum of 18 months, or as required by State law, whichever is greater.

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***The new regulations take effect December 27, 2005.***

***On October 28, 2005 the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published the finalized form of its regulations for daily collection and posting of nursing-staffing data in skilled nursing facilities and long-term care facilities.***

***CMS's 10/28/05 Federal Register announcement explains the history of this development and CMS's rationale for implementing it. CMS states that quality of care will be improved by greater public accountability for maintenance of appropriate levels of nurse staffing.***

***We have placed CMS's 10/28/05 non-copyrighted nine-page Federal Register announcement on our website at***

***[www.nursinglaw.com/nursestaffing.pdf](http://www.nursinglaw.com/nursestaffing.pdf)***

***The new regulations themselves, reproduced verbatim in the right-hand column, appear at the very end of the CMS announcement.***

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