

NURSING HOME STAFFING CAMPAIGN

LAWS/REGULATIONS AND RESEARCH RELATED TO STAFFING

Laws

Nursing Home Reform Law (OBRA '87):

Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987; Pub. L, 100-203, 101 Stat.1330.
December 1987.

http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/comp2/F100-203.html

Regulations

Requirements for States and Long-Term Care Facilities:

42 CFR Part 483

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title42-vol5/pdf/CFR-2011-title42-vol5-part483.pdf>

Research

Report released by federal government in support of staffing ratios in nursing homes:

Abt Associates for U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services,
"Appropriateness of Minimum Nurse Staffing Ratios in Nursing Homes."
December 2001., Phase II, Vol. I.

<http://phinational.org/sites/phinational.org/files/clearinghouse/PhaseIIVolumeIofIII.pdf>

"Appropriateness of Minimum Nurse Staffing Ratios in Nursing Homes."
December 2001., Phase II, Vol. II.

<http://phinational.org/sites/phinational.org/files/clearinghouse/PhaseIIVolumeIIofIII.pdf>

"Appropriateness of Minimum Nurse Staffing Ratios in Nursing Homes."
December 2001., Phase II, Vol. III.

<http://phinational.org/sites/phinational.org/files/clearinghouse/PhaseIIVolumeIIIofIII.pdf>

Institute of Medicine calls for minimum staffing levels in nursing homes:

The Institute of Medicine Committee on Improving Quality in Long-Term Care, *"Improving the Quality of Long-Term Care."* 2001.

<http://www.iom.edu/~media/Files/Report%20Files/2003/Improving-the-Quality-of-Long-Term-Care/LTC8pagerFINAL.pdf>

Key peer-reviewed journal article linking staffing levels to quality resident

outcomes: Charlene Harrington et al, *"Experts Recommend Minimum Nurse Staffing Standards for Nursing Facilities in the U.S."* The Gerontologist (2000) 40 (1): 5-16. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/10750309>

Study finds that quality of care in Florida nursing homes has improved since the introduction of increased nurse staffing levels:

Hyer, Kathryn et al "Analyses on Outcomes of Increased Nurse Staffing Policies in Florida Nursing Homes: Staffing Levels, Quality and Costs (2002-2007). September 2009.

<http://theconsumervoice.org/uploads/files/issues/Florida-staffing-study.pdf>

Strengthening state nursing home staffing standards is cost-effective:

Mukamel, D. et al. *"The Effect of State Regulatory Stringency on Nursing Home Quality"* Health Services Research 47:5. October 2012.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22946859>

Cost of hiring new staff can be offset by savings resulting from better

preventative care: The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care, *"The High Cost of Poor Care: The Financial Case for Prevention in American Nursing Homes."* April 2011.

<http://theconsumervoice.org/uploads/files/issues/The-High-Cost-of-Poor-Care.pdf>

Brief explores two policy options designed to control nursing facility costs and improve financial accountability while promoting expenditures on services

likely to improve quality: Harrington, C. et al on behalf of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, *"Improving the Financial Accountability of Nursing Facilities."* June 2013.

<https://kaiserfamilyfoundation.files.wordpress.com/2013/06/8455-improving-the-financial-accountability-of-nursing-facilities.pdf>

Federal government finds considerable numbers of preventable adverse events occurring to nursing home residents, resulting in costs to Medicare:

The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care (formerly NCCNHR) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization founded in 1975 by Elma L. Holder that advocates for quality care and quality of life for consumers in all long-term-care settings.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General,
“Adverse Events in Skilled Nursing Facilities: National Incidence Among Medicare
Beneficiaries.” February 2014.

<http://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-06-11-00370.pdf>

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