

# Nursing Homes in West Virginia Receive Poor Ratings

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CHARLESTON -- Medicare's Nursing Home Compare program rated 34 out of 130 licensed nursing homes as well below average.

According to published reports, twelve mountain state nursing homes got five-star ratings; however, 50.8 percent of nursing homes in the state score below average.

The five star rating system was added by Medicare this year. Jessie Samples, director of West Virginia Health Care Association, reportedly said that nursing homes are too complex to be rated like hotels with a star-rated system. There are beliefs that the new system is flawed and incomplete.