

**Design for Nursing Home Compare Five-Star Quality Rating System:
Technical Users' Guide
Updates Included in the March 2009 version**

The March 2009 version of the Users' Guide includes a number of updates:

- State-level cut point tables have been moved into a new document: Five-Star Quality Rating System: State-Level Cut Point Tables (see CMS webpage: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CertificationandCompliance/13_FSQRS.asp) (page 9)
- Removal of Table A3 – information is contained in Tables 3 and 4 in the text (pages 9,10)
- Added link to downloadable file containing facility-level “expected” and “reported” staffing times that are used in the staffing star calculations (page 9)

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State-Level Cut Point Tables
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The March 2009 version is the first edition of the State-Level Cut-Point Tables document. It contains:

- Brief description of each Five-Star domain for which State-level cut points are used (pages 1,2)
- Updated State-level cut point tables for:
 - Health Inspection Scores (pages 3,4)
 - ADL QM Late Loss ADL Worsening (pages 5,6)
 - ADL QM Worsening Locomotion (pages 7,8)