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New York state issues nursing home quality rankings

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A total of 22 nursing homes in Western New York have been designated as top performers in a new statewide assessment of quality. Another 11 were listed among the worst.

The New York State Department of Health each year rates nursing homes based on annual quality and performance evaluation metrics. The New York State Nursing Home Quality Initiative (NHQI) is designed to improve the quality of care for residents in Medicaid-certified nursing facilities across the state.

Assessments are based on the previous calendar year's performance, with skilled nursing facilities awarded up to 100 points for quality, compliance and efficiency. Specific deficiencies cited during health inspection surveys are also incorporated into the results. Each is then ranked in five quintiles, with one represented the topperforming facilities with the highest scores.



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In all, 567 facilities were assessed across the state, with 116 landing in the top quintile. The list includes 22 Western New York facilities, including a mix of private, public and nonprofit sites. Another 12 local sites were included in the second quintile.

The DOH also listed 42 nursing homes that have made the top quintile in each of the last three years, a list that includes nine local sites: Autumn View Health Care Facility; **Brothers of Mercy Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**; Garden Gate Health Care Facility; Harris Hill Nursing Facility; **Mercy Hospital** Skilled Nursing Facility; Seneca Health Care Center; Western New York State Veterans Home; **Briody Health Care Facility**; and North Gate Health Care Facility.

A total of 11 sites were listed in the fifth quintile among the poorest performers across the state, including six centers run by Absolut in Houghton, Salamanca, Dunkirk, Westfield, Aurora Park and Orchard Park. Another five sites include facilities purchased in recent years by out-of-town private investors: Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at Williamsville; Humboldt House Rehabilitation and Nursing Center; **Sheridan Manor** LLC; Orchard Manor Rehabilitation and Nursing Center; and The Villages of Orleans Health and Rehabilitation Center.

The Western New York rankings can be found below. Individual quintile listings for nursing homes statewide can can be accessed **online here**.

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Facility Name	City	County	Quintile
Absolut Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation at Houghton, LLC	Houghton	Allegany	5
Cuba Memorial Hospital Inc SNF	Cuba	Allegany	1
Highland Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Center	Wellsville	Allegany	2
Wellsville Manor Care Center	Wellsville	Allegany	1
Absolut Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation at Salamanca, LLC	Salamanca	Cattaraugus	5
Gowanda Rehabilitation and Nursing Center	Gowanda	Cattaraugus	2
The Pines Healthcare & Rehabilitation Centers Machias Campus	Machias	Cattaraugus	1
The Pines Healthcare & Rehabilitation Centers Olean Campus	Olean	Cattaraugus	4
Absolut Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation at Dunkirk, LLC	Dunkirk	Chautauqua	5
Absolut Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation at Westfield, LLC	Westfield	Chautauqua	5
Chautauqua Nursing and Rehabilitation Center	Dunkirk	Chautauqua	2
Heritage Green Nursing Home	Greenhurst	Chautauqua	2
Heritage Park Health Care Center	Jamestown	Chautauqua	4
Heritage Village Rehab and Skilled Nursing, Inc.	Gerry	Chautauqua	1
Lutheran Retirement Home	Jamestown	Chautauqua	1
Absolut Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation at Aurora Park, LLC	East Aurora	Erie	5
Absolut Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation at Eden, LLC	Eden	Erie	3
Absolut Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation at Orchard Park, LLC	Orchard Park	Erie	5
Autumn View Health Care Facility, LLC	Hamburg	Erie	1
Beechwood Homes	Getzville	Erie	4
Brothers of Mercy Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	Clarence	Erie	1
Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at Williamsville	Williamsville	Erie	5
Delaware Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	Buffalo	Erie	3
Elderwood at Amherst	Amherst	Erie	2

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Elderwood at Cheektowaga	Cheektowaga	Erie	2
Elderwood at Grand Island	Grand Island	Erie	1
Elderwood at Hamburg	Hamburg	Erie	4
Elderwood at Lancaster	Lancaster	Erie	1
Elderwood at Williamsville	Williamsville	Erie	3
Emerald North Nursing and Rehabilitation Center	Buffalo	Erie	3
Emerald South Nursing and Rehabilitation Center	Buffalo	Erie	4
Father Baker Manor	Orchard Park	Erie	1
Fiddlers Green Manor Rehabilitation and Nursing Center	Springville	Erie	3
Garden Gate Health Care Facility	Cheektowaga	Erie	1
Greenfield Health & Rehab Center	Lancaster	Erie	3
Harris Hill Nursing Facility, LLC	Williamsville	Erie	1
Highpointe on Michigan Health Care Facility	Buffalo	Erie	3
Humboldt House Rehabilitation and Nursing Center	Buffalo	Erie	5
Jennie B Richmond Chaffee Nursing Home Company Inc	Springville	Erie	3
Mcauley Residence	Kenmore	Erie	2
Mercy Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility	Lackawanna	Erie	1
Rosa Coplon Jewish Home and Infirmary	Getzville	Erie	1
Schofield Residence	Kenmore	Erie	2
Seneca Health Care Center	West Seneca	Erie	1
Sheridan Manor LLC	Tonawanda	Erie	5
St Catherine Laboure Health Care Center	Buffalo	Erie	1
Terrace View Long Term Care Facility	Buffalo	Erie	4
Williamsville Suburban LLC	Williamsville	Erie	4

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Batavia Health Care Center, LLC	Batavia	Genesee	3
Genesee County Nursing Home	Batavia	Genesee	2
Leroy Village Green Residential Health Care Facility, Inc	Leroy	Genesee	2
Western New York State Veterans Home	Batavia	Genesee	1
Absolut Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation at Gasport, LLC	Gasport	Niagara	4
Briody Health Care Facility	Lockport	Niagara	1
Elderwood at Wheatfield	Niagara Falls	Niagara	3
Newfane Rehab & Health Care Center	Newfane	Niagara	2
North Gate Health Care Facility	North Tonawanda	Niagara	1
Odd Fellow & Rebekah Rehabilitation&Health Care Center Inc	Lockport	Niagara	1
Our Lady of Peace Nursing Care Residence	Lewiston	Niagara	1
Schoellkopf Health Center	Niagara Falls	Niagara	1
Medina Memorial Hospital SNF	Medina	Orleans	4
Orchard Manor Rehabilitation and Nursing Center	Medina	Orleans	5
The Villages of Orleans Health and Rehabilitation Center	Albion	Orleans	5
East Side Nursing Home	Warsaw	Wyoming	2
Wyoming County Community Hospital SNF	Warsaw	Wyoming	3