

About CMS's Corporate Nursing Home Chain Performance Measure Report

Background

On July 30, 2025, CMS published performance information for each nursing home chain (referred to by CMS as “affiliated entity”), averaged across all nursing homes assigned to the chain, on the Nursing Home Care Compare website. The link to see each chain’s performance measure information is available on the upper right-hand corner of each facility’s page on Care Compare.

According to CMS, nursing home chains (a.k.a. affiliated entities) are groups of nursing homes that share at least one individual or organizational owner, officer, or entity with operational/managerial control. Each chain is given a name and assigned a unique number. Affiliated entities are determined from nursing home ownership data in the Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System (PECOS).

Note: The PECOS database contains information on Medicare Provider and Supplier’s enrolled in Medicare program based on information they provide through CMS Form 855A.

Methods

CMS assigns a nursing home to an affiliated entity based on at least one individual or organizational owner/officer/manager reported in PECOS. Then, using a statistical program that analyzes relationships between individual nursing homes, nursing homes are further identified as part of an affiliated entity through an analysis which determines the relationships between nursing homes and owners. Finally, CMS re-checks the results against information in PECOS. **Data following a change of ownership often lags up to 18 months or more, resulting in some Chain’s list of facilities being incorrect.** For more details on CMS’s technical methodology, please visit CMS’s [website](#).

How to Review Your Nursing Homes’ Affiliated Entity Data and Affiliation to a Chain

Click on “View Data” or “Download” to see the average performance measures for all affiliated entity/chains in the country on CMS’s data webpage, “[The Nursing Home Affiliated Entity Performance Measures](#)”.

To look up each individual nursing home’s assignment to an affiliated entity/chain, or to filter all nursing homes in the US by a specific chain name, use a different excel file called the CMS Provider Information file located [here](#).

For additional questions about nursing home affiliation, you contact CMS directly at **CMS Nursing Home Affiliation Inquiries email:** NH_Affiliation_Inquiries@cms.hhs.gov.

Q&A Responses from the CMS Nursing Home Affiliation Inquiries Email Inbox

1. When a nursing home is bought or sold, how long does it take for those changes to be reflected in an updated affiliated entity assignment in the [Provider Information file](#)?

CMS response: A number of different factors can affect this timeline. It depends on how long it takes for the change of ownership to be approved by the State Agency, how long the 855A revalidation takes, and the data refresh schedule of the Medicare Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System (PECOS). For more information about changes to Medicare enrollment, you may reach out to ProviderEnrollmentDataRequests@cms.hhs.gov.

2. Is the “Chain Name” in the Provider Information file ALWAYS the same as “affiliated entity” in the [Nursing Home Affiliated Entity Performance Measures dataset](#)?

CMS’s response: Yes, it should be – we will actually be updating the names of the measures on Nursing Home Affiliated Entity Performance Measures data site to reflect the updated terms on CMS’s Care Compare. The site is updated 2 weeks after every Nursing Home Care Compare refresh.

3. How frequently will this [Nursing Home Affiliated Entity Performance Measures dataset](#) be re-run to reflect any updated affiliated entity assignments?

CMS’s response: As mentioned above, the Nursing Home Affiliated Entity Performance Measures dataset is updated 2 weeks after every Care Compare refresh. Thus, it’s generally updated monthly.

4. If there are nursing homes inappropriately assigned to an owner, what’s process for getting it changed, and how long does it take? There may be two scenarios in which this occurs:

- a. When the owner’s name is currently listed in PECOS data but is not reflected in the Chain Name / affiliated entity name.

CMS’s response: Providers can reach out to this mailbox (NH_affiliation_inquiries@cms.hhs.gov) if they have questions about or suggested updates to their listed chain/affiliated entity name.

- b. When the owner’s name is not yet listed in PECOS data.

CMS’s response: Form 855A enrollment changes (such as changes to ownership) are handled by the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs). Providers should reach out to them to find the MACs for their state and provider type using [this guide](#).