

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

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

- Increased detail in the Introduction, Staffing Measures section (page 1)
- More detail in Health Inspection Domain, Scoring Rules (pages 3,4)
- Added updated detailed explanation of the staffing case-mix adjustment (page 7)
- Added table showing National Averages used in staffing case-mix algorithm (page 7)
- Added reference for Quality Measure Validation Study (page 9)
- Table 5 edited to include a more complete explanation of the quality measures (pages 10, 11)
- Change in Nursing Home Rating section edited for clarity (pages 15,16)
- Table A-1: Cut Points for Health Inspection Scores by State – updated to reflect data as of 2/03/2009 pages 17,18)
- Updated tables showing cutpoints for QMs (Tables A6 – A7, pages 25-28)
- Updated table showing cut points for QM Summary Score (Table A-9, page 30)