

Immediate Release:

92% of Athens-Area Nursing Homes Receive 3 or Below Rating

ATHENS, Ga. – (May 8, 2024) – The American Health Care Association has designated May 12-18 as National Skilled Nursing Care Week. Formerly known as National Nursing Home Week, this week aims to highlight the role of skilled nursing care in nursing homes and long-term care facilities across the country.

In recognition, Athens law firm [Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley, P.C.](#) (BBGA), which specializes in nursing home abuse and neglect cases, has compiled a list of the best- and worst-rated nursing homes in the Athens region. The list is based on ratings from The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

There are 12 Medicare- and Medicaid-certified nursing homes within a 25-mile radius of Athens. Of those 12 facilities, none received a five-star rating and eight received a one-star rating. One received a four-star rating, two received a three-star rating, and one a two-star rating. This means that 92% of Athens-area nursing homes received a three or below rating while 67% received just one star.

CMS rates Medicare- and Medicaid-certified nursing homes based on their health inspection status, quality of resident care measures, and staffing. Ratings are updated annually in April, and facilities are given an overall star rating from one to five stars. A one-star rating is considered “much below average,” and a five-star rating is “much above average.”

“The federal government has standards of care in place to ensure certified nursing homes give residents the best possible care,” said BBGA Nursing Home Abuse Attorney Evan Jones. “Unfortunately, more and more Georgia facilities are falling short of meeting these standards. When this happens, it’s the residents who suffer – often catastrophically. Shining a light on the CMS ratings will hopefully help families determine which facility is the best choice for their loved one.”

BBGA lists all five-star (Best) and one-star (Worst) ratings within a 25-mile radius of Athens. The CMS data was last updated on April 24. [Click here for more information.](#)

BBGA trial attorneys represent Athens’ nursing home residents and their families who have suffered abuse or neglect at the hands of a caregiver. The firm has successfully prosecuted cases against every significant nursing home chain in Georgia. BBGA has offices in Athens and Lake Oconee and handles cases across Georgia.

Visit [Medicare.gov](#) for the [Nursing Home Compare data](#).

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