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## **Launching of 5-Star Rating System**

ABSTRACT: CMS to unveil rating system on December 18, 2008

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has notified State Survey Agencies that the *5-Star Quality Rating System* is being added to the *Nursing Home Compare* Web site. States will receive a preview of their providers on December 15, 2008 and providers will have access to their ratings beginning December 16, 2008. On December 18, 2008 the new ratings will be displayed on *Nursing Home Compare*. The Survey and Certification letter (S&C-09-07) on the launch of the 5-Star Rating System can be accessed from the following link:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/downloads/SCLetter09-17.pdf>