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Quick, Comprehensive Comparison of All California's Long Term Care Services Will Soon be Available

Expanded Cal Long Term Care Compare Website Will Assist Californians Shopping for Additional Long Term Care Options, not just Nursing Homes

SACRAMENTO, CA, September 29, 2022... Beginning in 2023, Californians will get easy access to data on over 19,000 long term care services and facilities in California, thanks to a \$1 million grant from the California Department of Aging for the expansion of the <u>Cal Long Term Care</u> Compare website.

Through this funding, Californians will be able to access Cal Long Term Care Compare to compare quality performance and facility information for over 1,000 nursing homes, as well the following services and facilities in their area:

- Home health agencies
- Hospices
- Adult residential care programs
- Adult day health centers
- Long term care hospitals
- Inpatient rehabilitation facilities
- And more

The public website will be updated over a two-year period to include comparative information, such as facility location, number of beds, resident information, services, and resident feedback, for these additional long term care options. In addition, the website will be updated to include several tools designed to guide Californians through the decision-making process, from determining their long term care needs to selecting the right provider in their area. As part of this effort, overall website accessibility, such as Spanish translation services and ADA compatibility, will be improved so that even more Californians can access this vital information.

Cal Long Term Care Compare is a free website that offers an unbiased, one-stop snapshot of how local long term care services and facilities compare to each other and to statewide averages on a variety of quality metrics.

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"Searching for long term care services can be a difficult, anxiety-ridden challenge. We know that many individuals and families struggle with just understanding the difference between the various long term care options – such as nursing homes versus hospice," said Dr. Bruce Spurlock, Executive Director of Cal Healthcare Compare. "We hope that this free site will lessen the apprehension and provide individuals and families with reliable, objective information and educational material so that they can be more confident in the decisions they make."

Created by <u>Cal Healthcare Compare</u>, a multi-stakeholder nonprofit, the user-friendly website offers a quick reference about some of the most pressing issues consumers need to weigh before choosing the long term care facility best suited to their unique needs. Funded by California health plans, data analysis informing the posted measures are produced by <u>researchers</u> from the <u>UC Davis Center for Healthcare Policy and Research</u> and the <u>Betty Irene</u> Moore School of Nursing.

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