**A Plan For Senior Care’s Guide For**

**Locating Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)**

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1. Go to http://www.medicare.gov/
2. Find **Search Tools**
3. Then click on this:

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| arrow image | http://www.medicare.gov/NHCompare/Home.asp" \o "Link to Nursing Home Compare" |

1. Enter in the **ZIP code** and do a search. You can read about the Skilled Nursing locations.
2. **Step 1:** Find Nursing Homes in your area. Search by name, city, county, state, or zip code.

**Step 2:** Compare the quality of the nursing Homes you're considering using the Five-Star Quality Ratings, health inspection results, nursing home staff data, quality measures, and fire safety inspection results.

**Step 3:** Visit the nursing homes you're considering or have someone visit for you.

**Step 4:** Choose the nursing home that best meets your needs. Talk to your doctor or other healthcare practitioner, your family, friends, or others about your nursing home choices. Contact the Long-Term Ombudsman or State Survey Agency before you make a decision.

http://www.nursinghomeguide.org/NHG/nhg\_search\_city.lasso

www.medicare.gov/nhcompare

**Nursing Home Compare**

For Nursing Home comparisons and deficiencies, use the following link to see if the state has found any violations while inspecting the various facilities.

http://www.ucomparehealthcare.com cdph.ca.gov

**State Inspection Record/CA Dept of Health**

www.calnhs.org

**Nursing Home Rating System**

www.aarpmagazine.org/health/embedded\_sb.html

**AARP (ten tips for selecting a nursing home)**

www.nccnhr.org/public/50\_156\_455.cfm