# Nursing Home Survey Deficiency Scope and Severity Grid

**Scope of the Deficiency**

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**Shaded Areas** = Substandard Quality of Care for any deficiency in s. 483.13 Resident Behavior and Facility Practices (F221-F226), s. 483.15 Quality of Life (F240-F258), and s. 483.25 Quality of Care (F309-F334).

Choose the HIGHEST harm level and the scope associated with that particular level of harm if the examples under one tag are at different levels of harm.

**LEVEL 4****** Deficient practice caused or is likely to cause serious injury, serious harm, serious impairment or death. Immediate corrective action is needed.

**LEVEL 3*** Deficient practice led to a negative outcome that has compromised the resident’s ability to maintain and/or reach his/her highest practicable physical, mental, and/or psychosocial well being...

**LEVEL 2** Deficient practice has led to minimal physical, mental, and/or psychosocial discomfort to the resident and/or a yet unrealized potential for compromising the resident’s ability to maintain and/or reach his/her highest practicable level of physical, mental, and/or psychosocial well being...

**LEVEL 1*** Deficient practice has the potential for causing no more than minor negative impact on residents.

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