

NURSING HOME COMPLAINT REPORT

(Pursuant to Section 714 of Public Act 187 of 2010)

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BUREAU OF HEALTH SYSTEMS



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Introduction

Public Act 187 of 2010, Section 714 requires that the department shall report to the legislature on the timeliness of nursing facility complaint investigations and the number of complaints that are substantiated on an annual basis. The report shall consist of the number of complaints filed by consumers and the number of facility-reported incidents. The department shall make every effort to contact every complainant and the subject of a complaint during an investigation.

The information provided is based on data for the period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

1.	The number of nursing facility complaint intake filed		1,441
	Number of Allegations	4,647	
	Substantiated Allegations	1,222	
	Unsubstantiated Allegations	3,255	
	Resolved Without Investigation	68	
	Pending Investigation	102	
2.	The number of nursing facility reported incidents filed		4,571
	Number of Allegations	4,669	
	Substantiated Allegations	1,564	
	Unsubstantiated Allegations	608	
	Resolved Without Investigation	2,206	
	Pending Investigation	147	
3.	The average length of time(includes weekend and holidays) for the department to enter a facility in response to a complaint filed against a nursing home		
	a. Acknowledgment of receipt of complaint		1 day
	b. Complaint Investigation (only) conducted		
	Average time by priority:		
	Immediate Jeopardy (IJ)*	2.31	
	Non-IJ High**	17.02	
	Non-IJ Medium*** and Non-IJ Low****	21.45	
	All Non-IJ Complaints	17.05	
	c. Facility Reported Incidents (FRI) Investigations conducted		
	Average time by priority:		
	Immediate Jeopardy (IJ)*	2.20	
	Non-IJ High**	17.11	
	Non-IJ Medium*** and Non-IJ Low****	24.78	
	All Non-IJ FRIs	17.44	

*IJ (within 2 working days); Serious injury, impairment, or death

**Non-IJ High (within 10 working days); Harm other than serious injury or death

***Non-IJ Medium (within 15 working days); Potential for harm

****Non-IJ Low (within 30 calendar days); Minimal harm

Source: Aspen Complaints/Incidents Tracking System (ACTS)