

MDS Alert

Toolkit: Prevent Findings At Your Facility Of The Top 15 Most-Cited Health Deficiencies

Watch out: Comprehensive care plan F-tag ranks fifth on the list.

Recently released nursing home data provides you with valuable insights on what F-tags surveyors are most often citing. Pay attention to the most common health deficiency citations so your facility won't become part of these statistics.

On March 25, the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)** released the Nursing Home Data Compendium 2015 Edition, which compiled data from 2005 through 2014. Among a plethora of other nursing home data, the Compendium lists the top 15 cited health deficiencies.

"The list is full of 'gotcha' tags that can be highly cited," according to a March 28 blog posting by the **CMS Compliance Group Inc.** Here are the top 15 deficiency citations for 2005 through 2014:



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