

In evaluating long-term care survey history for 2025, we found, when compared to 2024, a few changes noted in the deficiencies.



ACTIVE PROVIDERS AND SURVEYS

Some interesting facts reflected in the reports taken from the **Quality Certification & Oversight Reports** website (<https://qcor.cms.gov>):

- ✓ Number of Active Providers dropped from 14,915 in 2024 to 14,795 in 2025. This reflects a **decrease of 120 providers surveyed**.
- ✓ The number of surveys conducted also dropped from 74,555 in 2024 to 62,573 in 2025. This decline in reflects **11,982 fewer surveys completed**. This might be due in part to the government closure in October and November of 2025.



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TAG CHANGES FROM 2024 TO 2025

The last 6 of the top 10 tags revealed the following changes from 2024 to 2025:

↓	F884 Reporting - NHSN fell below the top 25
↑	F656 Develop/Implement Comprehensive Care Plan moved up in the rankings from 6th to 5th
↑	F761 Label/Store Drugs and Biologicals moved from 7 th to 6 th
↓	F677 ADL Care Provided for Dependent Residents moved from 8 th to 10 th
↑	F600 Free from Abuse and Neglect moved from 9 th to 7 th
↓	F609 Reporting of Alleged Violations moved from 10 th to 8 th
+	F695 Respiratory/Tracheostomy Care and Suctioning was added to the top 10, ranking 9 th
+	F755 Pharmacy Services/Procedures/Pharmacist/Records was also added to the 10 th spot; F755 had been in the top 25 tags in 2024, ranked 13 th



Surveyors are paying close attention to these tags, all of which cover multiple areas. F880 and F689 are often cross tagged with other deficiencies. They both contain areas of concern that require compliance.

Our recommendation is to use the [Critical Element Pathways](#) to determine if you are in compliance. They reflect what the surveyors are looking for and what is required. Use them as your audit tools to help you identify what is missing, what isn't working, and what is in compliance. From there, you can determine a plan to move toward compliance, survey readiness, and, most importantly, better resident care.