FONTEUM AUDIT PACK

Dialysis Facility Quality by State (CMS Care Compare)

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State-level rollups of CMS Care Compare dialysis-facility ratings.

What's in this pack

Source families: CMS Care Compare datasets (public)
Spatial resolution: Facility (point) + state rollups.
Temporal coverage: CMS quarterly Care Compare release (current snapshot 2026-04-01).
Refresh cadence: Quarterly (matches CMS Care Compare release cadence).
Scope: 7,700 facilities across 51 states + DC. Snapshot date: 2026-04-01.

Per-field provenance map

> facility_ccn -- CMS Certification Number for the dialysis facility.
Source: CMS Care Compare -- Dialysis Compare
(https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/dataset/23ew-n7w9)
Refresh: Quarterly * Confidence: 1.0 (verbatim source)
> state -- Facility state (USPS code).
Source: CMS Care Compare -- Dialysis Compare
(https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/dataset/23ew-n7w9)
Refresh: Quarterly * Confidence: 1.0 (verbatim source)
> rating -- CMS dialysis-facility rating where published.
Source: CMS Care Compare -- Dialysis Compare
(https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/dataset/23ew-n7w9)
Refresh: Quarterly * Confidence: 1.0 (verbatim source)

Reproducibility statement

1. Pull the CMS Care Compare Dialysis Facility dataset from
data.cms.gov/provider-data/dataset/23ew-n7w9.
2. Bucket by state.
3. Compute per-state count + rating distribution.
4. Publish state rollups with methodology link to the original CMS dataset.

Limitations

- Each CMS measure carries its own published limitations; readers should review the CMS dataset documentation linked in the methodology for measure-specific caveats. We do not modify CMS's published measure values, only re-aggregate to state-level rollups.
- Sampling-based measures (e.g. patient-experience surveys) carry confidence bands CMS publishes alongside the values. State-level rollups average across facilities and do not preserve those bands; for facility-specific decisions, reference the original CMS Care Compare record.
- Date alignment: state rollups are computed from the CMS file's published reporting period, not the file release date. The reporting period typically lags the release date by 6-12 months per CMS convention.

Version history

v2026.05.0 -- released 2026-05-06

Initial Audit Pack release. Methodology, provenance map, reproducibility statement, and limitations stack baselined.

Compliance Q&A

Q: What is the source of these facility-quality measures?
A: CMS Care Compare datasets, published quarterly at data.cms.gov/provider-data/. CMS itself publishes the measure definitions, sampling methodology, and known limitations; Fonteum Research re-aggregates state-level rollups without altering the underlying measure values.
Reference: https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/

Q: When was this dataset last updated?
A: Snapshot date is published per dataset and aligns with the most recent CMS Care Compare release we have ingested. CMS publishes new files quarterly; our cadence matches.
Reference: https://fonteum.com/corrections-log

Q: Are CMS's own published limitations preserved?
A: Yes. Every limitation CMS calls out in the dataset documentation appears in our Limitations section verbatim or paraphrased with a link to the CMS source. We do not silently strip caveats.
Reference: https://fonteum.com/methodology#limitations

Q: Can I reproduce these counts independently?
A: Yes -- the reproducibility statement above lists the exact CMS dataset(s) ingested and the per-state aggregation logic. A buyer can rerun the methodology against the same Care Compare release and reconcile counts.
Reference: https://fonteum.com/corrections-log

Q: What is the licensing scope of this data?
A: CMS Care Compare data is public-domain federal information. Fonteum's aggregated rollups are licensed under our editorial-policy terms.
Reference: https://fonteum.com/terms

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