



Wichita County Health Ctr	Leoti	2
Eastridge	Centralia	3
Via Christi Village McLean	Wichita	3
Bethel Home	Montezuma	4

The average number of deficiencies cited during inspection of a nursing facility is 8.2 nationally and 7.6 in Kansas.

State inspections are the only objective, external review of health safety compliance in a nursing facility. Inspections are conducted by specially trained Registered Nurses, employed by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) with funding from the federal government. Inspections are key for upholding uniform health standards statewide for all older adults residing in a nursing facility; for requiring facilities to correct deficient care practices; and providing protection for older adults harmed by substandard care, abuse, neglect or exploitation. Citations for deficiencies occur when the facility is not in compliance with state or federal health and safety regulations and laws. There are approximately 340 nursing facilities in Kansas (including nursing facilities for mental health, and long-term care units in hospitals).

By state and federal law, all facilities are to be inspected annually (12 month average is across all nursing facilities). Inspection timeframes for a single facility is within a 9-15 month range. KDADS is currently in compliance with inspection timeframes, but was not between 2012 and 2018 running up to 22 months between inspections. KDADS recently reported 22 inspector vacancies which impacts the State's ability to conduct timely and thorough inspections. Delayed and inadequate inspections allow poor care practices to go uncorrected, raising the risk and duration of harm for vulnerable adults.

Any person can report poor care or abuse, neglect or other mistreatment of a nursing facility resident by calling the KDADS complaint abuse hotline at 1+800- 842-0078, toll-free in Kansas Monday-Friday 8 am to 5 pm, and/or to local law enforcement anytime by dialing 911.

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**Nursing Facility Poor Performance Trends:** By contrast, included in this list are thirty-five (35) of the approximately 340 nursing facilities in Kansas

- Cited for 10 or more health safety deficiencies on each of the facility's last three annual inspections.
- 22 of these facilities were cited for serious health safety violations during the facility's most recent annual inspection including for, mistreatment of residents, 'actual harm' to residents or which put residents in 'immediate jeopardy' of being harmed (*shaded & bolded on following list*)

30 of these nursing facilities are for-profit corporations; 4 are non-profit corporations. The number of deficiencies cited in a single Kansas nursing home during the most recent inspection period ranges from 0 to 56.

**Overland Park Center for Rehab & Healthcare** leads the list having been cited for 56 deficiencies on its most recent annual inspection/survey-- the most for any long-term care facility in the state. This facility has been placed in the "Special Focus Facility" program for higher levels of oversight due to its history of providing sub-standard care. Among the 56 deficiencies cited were immediate jeopardy citations for failing to prevent and identify incidence of sexual assault; failing to provide care and services to enhance the quality of life regarding nurse and direct care staffing, timely antibiotic and



<b>Pinnacle Ridge Nursing &amp; Rehab Ctr</b>	<b>Olathe</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Victoria Falls</b>	<b>Andover</b>	<b>14</b>
Hickory Pointe Care & Rehab Center	Oskaloosa	13
Medicalodges Fort Scott	Fort Scott	13
<b>Kenwood View Health &amp; Rehab Center</b>	<b>Salina</b>	<b>13</b>
Cherryvale Nursing & Rehabilitation Ctr	Cherryvale	12
Rossville Healthcare & Rehab Center	Rossville	12
Lakepoint Augusta LLC	Augusta	12
Wheat State Manor	Whitewater	11
Legacy at Salina	Salina	11
Medicalodges Leavenworth	Leavenworth	11
Cambridge Place	Marysville	11
<b>Morton Co. Senior Living Community</b>	<b>Elkhart</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>The Healthcare Resort of Kansas City</b>	<b>Kansas City</b>	<b>10</b>
Shawnee Gardens Healthcare & Rehab	Shawnee	10
<b>Kaw River Care &amp; Rehab Center</b>	<b>Edwardsville</b>	<b>10</b>

Deficiency data is gathered from survey/inspection reports published by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and the U. S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (nursing home compare) and is current as of December 5, 2019.

A deficiency means that a facility was found to be out of compliance with a regulation intended to ensure a standard for resident health and safety. A number of Kansas facilities are cited with 10 or more deficiencies during one inspection cycle (by law 12 months).

“A facility being cited with 10 deficiencies for three consecutive inspection cycles, constitutes a ‘red flag,’ said KABC Executive Director Mitzi McFatrach. “Inspections are an important source of information about the quality of care elders receive in a given facility. KABC encourages individuals to look at a number of factors when evaluating a nursing facility as a place to live and receive care. Annual inspection survey results are one of those factors.” To learn more about these and other quality measures and how they affect older adults receiving long-term care in Kansas, contact Kansas Advocates for Better Care.

Kansas Advocates for Better Care (KABC) is a consumer advocacy, 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides free education, information and guidance to any interested person about good quality long-term care. Our mission since 1975 is "Advocating for Quality Long-Term Care" for older adults and adults with disabilities. KABC provides no cost information and assistance regarding long-term care needs in nursing facilities, residential living facilities with assistance, and at-home care and services to anyone requesting.

For 44 years KABC has served Kansas citizens by:

- Advocating with and on behalf of citizens for increased quality in long-term care such as nursing homes, assisted living, home plus, residential health care facilities, boarding care homes, and in-home care,
- Providing guidance, education and advocacy for individuals seeking long-term care residential settings and services, and
- Providing education or training to family caregivers and long-term care providers.

KABC supports a minimum nursing staffing requirement in Kansas nursing homes which research has shown prevents avoidable illness, injury and death for older adults. Kansas current minimum nursing staffing is 2 hours of nursing care for each resident daily. KABC supports the research validated and well-documented 4 hours and 26 minutes of daily nursing care. To learn more call KABC or visit our website.

If you, your family or a friend is in need of information about long-term care choices, please call for assistance, toll-free (outside of Lawrence): 800-525-1782, or 842-3088 (in Lawrence), email us at [info@kabc.org](mailto:info@kabc.org) or visit [www.kabc.org](http://www.kabc.org) KABC on Facebook and Twitter.

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