



## CareChex Study Identifies Best and Worst States for Safe Hospital Care

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CareChex, a division of Comparion Medical Analytics, which specializes in rating the quality of U.S. hospital care, released a new study that evaluates the relative performance of each state and the District of Columbia across 12 patient safety indicators. The study utilized patient safety measures developed by the federal government's Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality which represent avoidable patient safety events such as postoperative hip fracture, postoperative hemorrhage, and postoperative respiratory failure.

Specifically, the study found five (5) of the top 10 best performing states were located in the northeast region of the country followed by two (2) states in the southeast, two (2) states in the west, and one (1) in the midwest. The listing below ranks each state by their respective hospital patient safety score which represents their national percentile performance.

<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>Best States</u></b>	<b><u>Patient Safety Score</u></b>
1	Delaware	98.0
2	Vermont	96.1
3	Massachusetts	94.1
4	Indiana	92.2
5	Rhode Island	90.2
6	Oregon	88.2
7	South Carolina	86.3
8	California	84.3
9	New Hampshire	82.4
10	North Carolina	80.4

The top 10 worst performing states, ranked in the same manner, are identified below.

<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>Worst States</u></b>	<b><u>Patient Safety Score</u></b>
1	District of Columbia	0.1
2	Nevada	2.0
3	North Dakota	3.9
4	New Jersey	5.9
5	Connecticut	7.8
6	Louisiana	9.8
7	Kansas	11.8
8	Arkansas	13.7
9	Alaska	15.7
10	Hawaii	17.6

According to Dr. Thane Forthman, president and CEO of Comparion, “In a previous CareChex study the District of Columbia, Nevada, Alaska, and Hawaii also scored among the nation’s 10 worst performing states on overall quality of care based on clinical processes, outcomes, and patient satisfaction which may indicate a potential relationship between a hospital’s inability to perform well on patient safety measures and other important measures of quality.”

The national ranking for each state’s hospital patient safety score is provided below.

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11	Ohio	78.4

12	Pennsylvania	76.5
13	Arizona	74.5
14	Florida	72.5
15	Minnesota	70.6
16	Wisconsin	68.6
17	Illinois	66.7
18	Iowa	64.7
19	Maine	62.7
20	Tennessee	60.8
21	Virginia	58.8
22	Washington	56.9
23	Michigan	54.9
24	Maryland	52.9
25	Idaho	51.0
26	Wyoming	49.0
27	Kentucky	47.1
28	South Dakota	45.1
29	Alabama	43.1
30	New Mexico	41.2
31	Texas	39.2
32	Nebraska	37.3
33	Utah	35.3
34	Oklahoma	33.3
35	Missouri	31.4
36	Colorado	29.4
37	West Virginia	27.5
38	Montana	25.5
39	Georgia	23.5
40	New York	21.6
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CareChex, a division of Comparion, specializes in rating and ranking the quality of hospital and physician care using both public and proprietary measures of performance including process of care, outcomes of care, and patient satisfaction.