

Topic: Reduction in Antipsychotic Drug Use in Wisconsin Nursing Homes

Department of Health Services, Secretary Kitty Rhoades's, issued a press release regarding the great work Wisconsin nursing homes are doing to reduce and/or eliminate the use of antipsychotic medications for residents with dementia.

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/PressReleases/2014/111214.htm>

As you can see from the highlights below, during the six months of the Phase I Music & Memory Program implementation, Wisconsin moved from 10th best to 4th best in the nation. Congratulations and keep up the great work. We are excited to see what the Phase II homes do to Wisconsin's ranking.

Wisconsin Highlights

- December 31, 2013: Wisconsin ranked 10th with a rate reduction of 14.4 percent
- March 31, 2014: Wisconsin ranked 8th with a rate reduction of 19.1 percent
- June 30, 2014: Wisconsin ranked 4th with a rate reduction of 23.5 percent

Link to the *Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes* website:

<https://www.nhqualitycampaign.org/dementiaCare.aspx>