

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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AB 215 - SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES GRADING SYSTEM

On January 13, 2009, the Board approved my motion to request that the Governor and the California Department of Public Health implement a requirement that skilled nursing facilities post their CMS Five Star rating in a prominent location in plan view.

On February 3, 2009, Assemblyman Mike Feuer and Assemblyman Cameron Smyth introduced Assembly Bill 215, bipartisan legislation to require long-term health care facilities to post the Federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid CMS Five Star rating in a visible, public location. AB 215 would require CMS to create a five star rating system and post a grade at skilled nursing facilities in order to protect seniors and assist families in making informed decisions about where to place their loved ones when they need residential care.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Executive Officer to prepare a five-signature letter to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Dr. Mark Horton, Director of the California Department of Public Health, and to members of the legislature supporting AB 215.

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