# Lending to Skilled Nursing Centers from a community banking perspective

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### **Skilled Nursing Centers: Underwriting Standards/Key Considerations:**

Cash flow coverage: EBITDA plus actual management fees minus contributions to reserves (3 to 5% of revenue) less cash CAPEX, less management fees of 5% divided by debt service in the period to be no less than 1.3:1

LTV: The lesser of 70% of RE value and business value combined or 80% of stand-alone RE value. No advance against FF&E.

Minimum care standards: 4 star

Resource - http://www.skillednursingfacilities.org

Minimum cash balances required

LOC to be needed only during State Medicaid payment interruption

Full recourse

Occupancy rates typically in the 90s

Sensitivity of Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement to cash flow coverage

Quality mix – reliance on Medicaid/Medicare/Private Pay

Employee turnover – skilled nursing / CNAs

Compare to care and financial benchmarks

Location - proximity to hospitals

Strong relationships with local geriatric professionals

Condition of RE and FF&E – deferred maintenance



# **Client types/considerations:**

For-profit versus not-for-profit

For profit: Solid credit spread, loyalty, profit motive, focused management

Not for profit: Strong liquidity/endowment assets, thin credit spreads, RFP risk

Family owned and operated

Years of operation

Productive versus non-productive family members

How does excess compensation compare to market management fee?

Professional management (investors)

Leverage

Liquidity

Care standards

## Turn-around professionals

Operating philosophy - care versus EBITDA?

Licensed beds controlled

Track record – intended hold period

Acquisition price per bed

Thin or zero EBITDA per bed at inception

Clear turnaround plan – compare to market benchmarks

Middle management stability