

**481—54.6 (135C) Evaluation.** The department shall review all nominations and select finalists based upon the material(s) provided in the nomination forms. The department shall also consider the following factors in making its selections:

**54.6(1)** The facility report card completed pursuant to Iowa Code section 135C.20A.

**54.6(2)** Any unique services provided by a facility to its residents to improve the quality of care in the facility.

**54.6(3)** Any information submitted by resident advocacy committee members, residents, a resident's family members, or facility staff with regard to the quality of care provided by the facility to its residents.

**54.6(4)** Whether the facility accepts residents for whom costs are paid under Iowa Code chapter 249A.

**54.6(5)** Whether there are any outstanding complaints against the facility, as well as the resolution of any complaint already investigated by the department.

**54.6(6)** Whether the annual fiscal review conducted by the department indicated any irregularities in the residents' accounts.