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Culture change initiatives propose to improve care by addressing the lack of managerial supports and prevalent stressful work environments in health care; however, little is known about how much change this requires in how facilities operate or how much employees are affected by the cultural differences associated with the new focus on resident-centered care and employee empowerment. Our study evaluates representation of organizational culture values within a random sample of U.S. nursing home facilities using a survey including the Competing Values Framework (CVF) and determines whether values are related to membership in resident-centered Culture Change initiatives and staff turnover. U.S. nursing homes are renown for poor quality of care and their employees face substantial daily stresses in the workplace. Employee-focused values were substantially high in the industry while only facilities emphasizing innovation actually participated in culture change movements. We also found that an employee focus in organizational values led to lower turnover rates among the lower levels of nursing staff, including nursing assistants but did not affect turnover of skilled RNs. The only facility cultural value that affected RN turnover was an emphasis on bureaucratic and rigid rules in the facility, with a greater focus on rules leading to higher RN turnover rates. Overall, we conclude that the industry emphasizes employee-focused values already and may face other structural barriers to transforming the industry.