

REVIEW OF THE NEW PUBLIC REPORTED SNF QRP MEASURES

In October of 2020, CMS refreshed the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program data on the Nursing Home Compare website. This data refresh is the last planned one until January 2022.

The data is based on quality assessment data submitted by SNFs to CMS from 1st QTR 2019 through 4th QTR 2019 and the annual claims-based measures data from 4th QTR 2017 through 3rd QTR 2019. This data is representative of Traditional Medicare residents only and from either the 5 day MDS or the End of Medicare Stay MDS.

With this refresh, CMS will now be posting publicly the following 6 additional Quality Measures:

- Changes in Skin Integrity Post-Acute Care: Pressure Ulcer/ Injury
 - Reports the percentage of Medicare Part A SNF Stays with Stage 2-4 pressure ulcers, or unstageable pressure ulcers due to slough/eschar, non-removable dressing/device, or deep tissue injury, that are new or worsened since admission, by comparing the End of Medicare Stay MDS to the 5 day MDS.
- Drug Regimen Review Conducted with Follow-Up for Identified Issues – PAC SNF QRP
 - Reports the percentage of Medicare Part A SNF Stays in which a drug regimen review was conducted at the time of admission and timely follow-up with a physician occurred each time potential clinically significant medication issues were identified throughout the stay.
- Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Self-Care (NQF #2633)
 - Estimates the risk-adjusted mean change in self-care score between admission and discharge for Medicare Part A SNF Stays.
- Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Mobility (NQF #2634)
 - Estimates the risk-adjusted mean change in mobility score
- Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Discharge Self-Care Score (NQF #2635)
 - Estimates the percentage of Medicare Part A SNF Stays that meet or exceed an expected discharge self-care score.
- Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Discharge Mobility Score (NQF #2636)
 - Estimates the percentage of Medicare Part A SNF Stays that meet or exceed an expected discharge mobility score.

With these additional 6 measures, it now brings the total to 11 publicly reported Quality Measures as part of the SNF QRP, joining these previously publicly posted measures:

- Percentage of SNF residents who experience one or more falls with major injury during their SNF stay
 - Reports the percentage of Medicare Part A SNF Stays where one or more falls with major injury (defined as bone fractures, joint dislocations, closed head injuries with altered consciousness, or subdural hematoma) were reported during the SNF stay.
- Application of Percent of Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Patients With an Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan That Addresses Function (NQF #2631)
 - Reports the percentage of Medicare Part A SNF Stays with an admission and discharge functional assessment (section GG) and a care plan that addresses function.
- Discharge to Community-Post Acute Care (PAC) Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (NQF #3481)
 - Reports a SNF's rate of residents who are discharged to the community following a SNF stay, and do not have an unplanned readmission to an acute care hospital or LTCH in the 31 days following discharge to community, and who remain alive during the 31 days following discharge to community.
- Potentially Preventable 30-Day Post-Discharge Readmission Measure for Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program
 - Estimates the rate of unplanned, potentially preventable hospital readmissions for residents who receive services in skilled nursing facilities.
- Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary (MSPB) - Post Acute Care (PAC) Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program
 - Evaluates SNF providers' efficiency relative to the efficiency of the national median SNF provider. The measure assesses the cost to Medicare for services performed by the SNF provider during an MSPB-PAC SNF episode.