

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Spotlights and Announcements Archive

February 9, 2024

Reminder of Upcoming Data Submission Deadline

The submission deadline for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) is approaching. Minimum Data Sets (MDS) assessment data and data submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for July 1 – September 30 (Q3) of calendar year (CY) 2023 are due with this submission deadline.

All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on February 15, 2024.

It is recommended that the applicable Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) reports and NHSN analysis reports are run prior to each quarterly reporting deadline to ensure that all required data were submitted. We encourage you to verify all facility information prior to submission, including CMS Certification Number (CCN) and facility name.

View the list of measures required for the February 15, 2024 deadline on the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

For submission information, visit:

- [iQIES Reference & Manuals](#)
- [CMS Resources for NHSN Users](#)

Swingtech sends informational messages to SNFs that are not meeting Annual Payment Update (APU) threshold on a quarterly basis ahead of each submission deadline. If you need to add or change the email addresses to which these messages are sent, please email QRPHelp@swingtech.com and be sure to include your facility name and CCN along with any requested email updates.

December 15, 2023

NOW AVAILABLE: CMS Health Equity Confidential Feedback Reports Live Q&A Materials

On November 16, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) hosted a live Q&A session about the CMS Health Equity Confidential Feedback Reports for post-acute care (PAC) providers in the Home Health (HH), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF), Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH), and Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) settings, which were released in October 2023. The PAC Health Equity Confidential Feedback Reports stratified the Discharge to Community and Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary measures by dual-enrollment status and race/ethnicity.

The live Q&A session gave participants an opportunity to ask CMS subject matter experts about the report's methodologies and interpretations.

The webinar's recording, slides, and transcript can be found at the Training webpage for [HH](#), [IRF](#), [LTCH](#), and [SNF](#).

December 13, 2023

NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE: Confusion Assessment Method (CAM[©]) Video Tutorial

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a video tutorial for the assessment of C1310. Signs and Symptoms of Delirium taken from the Confusion Assessment Method (CAM[©]) which is now collected on the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) v1.18.11. This training asset demonstrates a cognitive assessment used to code the items within C1310.

This resource can be accessed through the [Skilled Nursing Facility \(SNF\) Quality Reporting Program \(QRP\) Training](#) page.

December 1, 2023

SNF QRP Claims-Based Measure Manual and Accompanying Files– Now Available

The Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Claims-Based Measures Manual and accompanying documents are now available. These documents contain information on how to calculate claims-based measures used in the SNF QRP.

For more information, please visit the [CMS SNF QRP Quality Reporting Measures and Technical Information](#) website.

November 3, 2023

Reminder of Upcoming Data Submission Deadline

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All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on November 15, 2023.

It is recommended that the applicable Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) reports and NHSN analysis reports are run prior to each quarterly reporting deadline to ensure that all required data were submitted. We encourage you to verify all facility information prior to submission, including CMS Certification Number (CCN) and facility name.

View the list of measures required for the November 15, 2023 deadline on the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

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October 25, 2023

Care Compare October Release of SNF QRP Data – Now Available

The October 2023 release of the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) data is now available on [Care Compare](#) and [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#).

For more information, please visit the [SNF QRP Public Reporting](#) website.

October 23, 2023

The PDF file labeled “MDS3.0RAIManualv1.18.11R.Errata.v2.October.20.2023” is now available in the **Downloads** section on the [Minimum Data Set \(MDS\) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument \(RAI\) Manual](#) page. The errata document contains revisions to the *MDS 3.0 RAI Manual* version (v)1.18.11R to provide clarity and additional guidance in Section D and Chapter 6 to support item D0100, Should Resident Mood Interview be Conducted? serving as a gateway item for the Resident Mood Interview (PHQ-2 to 9[©]) and D0500, Staff Assessment of Resident Mood (PHQ-9-OV[©]). Minor revisions also included are corrections to language in Section Q to

provide proper guidance on Care Area Assessment (CAA) requirements, corrections to language in Chapter 2 to provide proper guidance on combining Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) discharge assessments, an updated Internet Quality Improvement & Evaluation System (iQIES) warning error message in Chapter 5, updated screenshots in Section A and Section O, and an updated MDS Item Matrix. The errata document also includes all issues from previous *MDS 3.0 RAI Manual* v1.18.11R errata releases.

Changed manual pages are marked with the footer “October 2023 (R).”

The errata document begins with a table that lists all identified revisions and the pages to which they have been applied. Following the table are the actual corrected replacement pages for insertion into the printed manual.

October 20, 2023

UPDATED: Final MDS 3.0 Item Sets v1.18.11 v6

The final Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Item Sets version (v)1.18.11 have been updated and are now available in the **Downloads** section on the [Minimum Data Set \(MDS\) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument \(RAI\) Manual](#) page. Changes in this version (listed below) align the item sets with the [Errata V3.01.3 for MDS Data Specifications V3.01.1 \(FINAL\) \(PDF\)](#) posted September 21, 2023, on the [Minimum Data Set \(MDS\) 3.0 Technical Information](#) page. For a full list of changes to the final posted item sets since v1, see the Item Set Change Table Supplement that accompanies the posting. The MDS Item Sets v1.18.11 were effective beginning October 1, 2023.

M0300G1 on NPE Replaced erroneous skip pattern <Skip to N2005, Medication Intervention> with the correct one: <Skip to N0415, High-Risk Drug Classes: Use and Indication>.

O0300A on NP and NQ Corrected transposition of verbs in skip patterns (changed <Skip> to <Continue> in choice 0 and <Continue> to <Skip> in choice 1).

O0400 on NC and NQ Removed completion language <Complete only when A0310B = 1 (complete O0400D2 when required by state)>.

O0400 on NP and SP Removed completion language <Complete only when A0310B = 1>.

O0420 on NC, NP, and NQ Removed completion language <Complete only when A0310B = 1>.

October 16, 2023

NOW AVAILABLE: CMS PAC Health Equity Confidential Feedback Reports with Online Webinar and Fact Sheet

As part of our commitment to advance health equity and strengthen the Medicare Program, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have released two Health Equity Confidential Feedback Reports to post-acute care (PAC) providers: the Discharge to Community (DTC) Health Equity Confidential Feedback Report and the Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary (MSPB) Health Equity Confidential Feedback Report. To provide insight on outcome differences across social risk factors, the Health Equity Confidential Feedback Reports stratify these two PAC Quality Reporting Program measure outcomes by Medicare-Medicaid dual-enrollment status (duals and non-duals), as well as patient race/ethnicity (Non-White and White patients). This data is meant to provide feedback to providers about their performance for certain populations who may have been historically disadvantaged. These reports are educational for providers, and to identify opportunities for providers to focus their internal quality improvement initiatives to provide all individuals their best opportunity to achieve their best potential health outcomes.

CMS released the PAC Health Equity Confidential Feedback Reports through the Internet Quality Improvement & Evaluation System (iQIES) reports folders. To locate your Health Equity Confidential Feedback Reports in iQIES, please follow the instructions listed below:

1. Log into iQIES at <https://iqies.cms.gov/> using your Health Care Quality Information Systems (HCQIS) Access Roles and Profile (HARP) user ID and password. If you do not have a HARP account, you may [register for a HARP ID](#).
2. From the Reports menu, select My Reports.
3. From the My Reports page, locate and select the *Health Equity Confidential Feedback Reports* folder link.
4. Displayed for you is a list of reports available for download.
5. Select the report name link to view the Health Equity Confidential Feedback Report data

Additionally, CMS posted an [Online Webinar recording](#) with slides, transcript, and Fact Sheet providing an overview of the Health Equity Confidential Feedback Reports on each of the following PAC pages:

- [Home Health Quality Reporting Training & Education](#) webpage;
- [Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Training & Education](#) webpage;
- [Long Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Training & Education](#) webpage; and the
- [Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Training & Education](#) webpage.

October 13, 2023

SNF Provider Preview Reports – Now Available

The Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Provider Preview Reports have been updated and are now available. These reports contain provider performance scores for quality measures, which will be published on [Care Compare](#) and [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#) during the **January 2024** refresh.

For more information, please visit the [SNF QRP Public Reporting](#) website.

October 2, 2023

Notice of Upcoming SNF QRP Measure Removals

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is alerting Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) providers of upcoming measure removals from the SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP). The following quality measures are planned for removal from the iQIES Review and Correct Reports, Facility-Level Quality Measure (QM) Reports, and Resident-Level QM Reports in January 2024:

- Application of Percent of Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Patients with an Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan That Addresses Function
- Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Self-Care Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients
- Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Mobility Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients

Once removed from reports, users will no longer have access to any data or measure results for these measures.

These measures will last appear in the April 2024 Provider Preview Reports for the July 2024 Refresh of SNF QRP data. Starting with the October 2024 Release, these measures will be removed from Care Compare and Provider Data Catalog. Once removed, the historic publicly reported measure data will continue to be available in the Nursing Homes Including Rehab Services Data Archive files on the Provider Data Catalog.

Please direct any questions on these measure removals or questions related to quality measures on the SNF QRP Reports to the SNF QRP help desk at SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov.