

2017 SNF Spotlights and Announcements

December 21, 2017

SNF QRP: Transcript and Audio from Assessment-Based Measures Confidential Feedback Report Webinar Available

An audio recording and transcript is now posted in the related links section of the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Training](#) webpage for the December 6, 2017 webinar on Assessment-Based Measures Confidential Feedback Report.

December 20, 2017

NEW TRAINING EVENT — Section GG Web-based Training Module Now Available

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a web-based training module to address questions submitted by providers during trainings between November 2015 and August 2016 related to Section GG across the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF), and Home Health (HH) care settings. Visit the [SNF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage for more information.

December 19, 2017

SNF QRP- Full Confidential Feedback Reports- Now Available

The Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP) Confidential Feedback Reports/Quality Measure Reports containing the assessment and claims-based IMPACT Act measures are now available via the Certification and Survey provider Enhanced Reports (CASPER) Reporting System. For more information on these reports, please visit the [SNF Measures and Technical Information](#) and the [SNF QRP Training](#) websites.

Assessment-based quality measures:

- Percent of Residents or Patients with Pressure Ulcers That Are New or Worsened (Short 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
- Application of Percent of Residents Experiencing One or More Falls with Major Injury (Long Stay)

Claims-based quality measures:

- Total Estimated Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary Measure
- Discharge to Community-Post Acute Care– SNF QRP
- Potentially Preventable 30-Day Post Discharge Readmission Measure

Please note- CMS has discovered an error in some of the MSPB measure calculations contained in the SNF October 2017 Confidential Feedback/QM reports. The error affects the risk adjustment of the measure. CMS has corrected this issue and the data has been loaded into the Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (QIES) Assessment Submission and Processing (ASAP) system. These facility level quality measures reports are on-demand, user-requested reports in your CASPER folder in QIES. Providers should request an updated version of the report to review the corrected MSPB measure calculation.

If you have questions about the information contained in your report, please contact the SNF QRP Help Desk at SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov.

November 17, 2017

SNF QRP: Assessment-Based Measures Confidential Feedback Report Webinar

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

2-3 pm EST

[Register for the 12-6-17 SNF QRP Webinar](#)

CMS experts provide information on the Confidential Feedback Reports for the assessment-based measures adopted for the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP). These reports will be made available to SNFs via providers' Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CASPER) folders in the near future. CMS will present information on the assessment-based IMPACT Act measures included in the reports and direct participants to measure specifications.

For more information, visit the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Training](#) webpage.

November 09, 2017

SNF QRP Help Desk Q+A Document for the Second Quarter of 2017 Now Available

A new Question and Answer (Q+A) document is now available in the "Downloads" section of the [SNF Quality Reporting Program FAQs](#) webpage. The Q+A document reflects frequently asked questions that were received by the SNF QRP Help Desk during the second quarter (April - June) of 2017.

November 02, 2017

Northern California Wildfires - Disaster Exceptions/Exemptions for Medicare Certified Providers

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting exceptions under certain Medicare quality reporting and value-based purchasing programs to acute care hospitals, inpatient psychiatric facilities, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, long-term care hospitals, renal dialysis facilities, and ambulatory surgical centers located in areas affected by the devastating impacts of the Northern California wildfires since October 8, 2017, in and around counties in Northern California.. These providers will be granted exceptions without having to submit an extraordinary circumstances exception request if they are located in one of the California counties which has been designated by the [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) as a major disaster county.

The scope and duration of the exception under each Medicare quality reporting program is described in the [memo](#) posted on 10-30-17, however, all of the exceptions are being granted to assist these providers while they direct their resources toward caring for their patients and repairing structural damages to facilities.

In addition, CMS will continue to monitor the situation and adjust exempted reporting periods and submission deadlines accordingly.

Further details and materials are available on the [CMS 2017 California Wildfires](#) webpage and the [SNF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) webpage. Please check back frequently for updates.

October 24, 2017

CMS has extended the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) deadlines for calendar year (CY) 2017. Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment data for January-December (Q1-Q4) of CY 2017 are due May 15, 2018. However, providers are encouraged to verify their MDS submissions on at least a quarterly basis.

It is recommended that the applicable CMS CASPER validation 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 CCN and facility name. Successful submissions for the Annual Payment Update requirement count on you.

View the list of measures required for the May 15, 2018 deadline on the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

For providers affected by hurricanes Harvey, Irma, or Maria: Information on the exceptions can be found on the [SNF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) webpage.

For more information, download [MDS 3.0 Submission, Submission Status, and Final Validation Reports](#)

[Helpful Hints](#).

October 13, 2017

Hurricane Harvey – The FEMA designated areas affected by the hurricane have been updated. Refer to the Downloads section of the [SNF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) webpage for updated information.

October 11, 2017

Update: SNF Review and Correct Report & Confidential Feedback Report Issues

We recently notified Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) providers that all data for assessment-based measures required for the SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) in CY2017 would remain open to modifications until May 15, 2018, and that you would be notified when the Q1 2017 data that was “frozen” as of August 15, 2017 would be open and subject to updates again.

Please be advised that the submission deadline for Q3 2017 data has been modified to May 15, 2018. The SNF Review and Correct Report has been updated to reflect that both Q1 and Q2 2017 are “Open”. Data for all measures for Q1 2017 have been recalculated for any assessment records that have been received since the original Q1 2017 submission deadline of August 15, 2017.

The SNF Review and Correct report is available in the SNF Quality Reporting Program report category in the CASPER Reporting application. Providers are encouraged to request the report to view updated measure results. The updated report should replace versions of the report previously requested.

Note that when the report is run for more than one quarter, the Reporting Quarters are now displaying in random order, rather than being displayed in descending order (newest Reporting Quarter to oldest Reporting Quarter). The Start and End Dates, Data Correction Deadline Date, Date Correction Period as of Report Run Date and the quality measure data results associated to the Reporting Quarters are all correct. The issue is

simply the way in which the Reporting Quarters are displayed in the table. This will be corrected in early December.

The remaining issue, affecting the calculation of the Application of Percent of LTCH Patients with Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan that Addresses Function (NQF #2631), is still being corrected and tested. You will be notified once this issue has been resolved in early December. At that time, the data for this measure will be recalculated and the updated results will be available on the Review and Correct Report.

View previous updates on the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

If you have questions concerning this information, please contact the QTSO Help Desk at help@qtso.com or 1 (800) 339-9313.

October 11, 2017

SNF QRP Confidential Feedback Reports for Claims-Based Measures - Now Available

The Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP) Confidential Feedback Reports containing the claims-based IMPACT Act measures are now available via the CASPER Reporting System. For more information on these reports, please refer to the September 28, 2017 [presentation](#) on the [SNF QRP Training](#) website.

Please note that these reports only contain information for the following claims-based quality measures:

- Total Estimated Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary Measure
- Discharge to Community-Post Acute Care– SNF QRP
- Potentially Preventable 30-Day Post Discharge Readmission Measure

The full Confidential Feedback Reports or Quality Measure reports containing all SNF QRP quality measures (claims and assessment-based) will be released later this year and further training will be forthcoming.

If you have questions about the information contained in your report, please contact the SNF QRP Help Desk at SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov.

October 11, 2017

An audio recording and transcript are posted for the September 28 call on Claims-Based Measures Confidential Feedback Report on the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Training](#) webpage.

October 04, 2017

A Quick Reference Guide for the SNF QRP is now available on the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage. The guide includes frequently asked questions, information on QRP help desks, and helpful links to additional resources for the SNF QRP.

September 28, 2017

Hurricane Maria - Disaster Exceptions/Exemptions for Medicare Certified Providers Affected by Severe Storms and Flooding

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting exceptions under certain Medicare quality reporting and value-based purchasing programs to inpatient psychiatric facilities, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, renal dialysis facilities, and ambulatory surgical centers located in areas affected by Hurricane Maria due to the devastating impact of the storm. These providers will be granted exceptions without having to submit an Extraordinary Circumstances Exceptions (ECE) request if they are located in one of the Puerto Rico municipios or U.S. Virgin Islands county-equivalents listed below, all of which have been designated by the [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) as a major disaster municipio or county-equivalent. The scope and duration of the exception under each Medicare quality reporting program is described below; however, all of the exceptions are being granted to assist these providers while they direct their resources toward caring for their patients and repairing structural damages to facilities.

The scope and duration of the exception under each Medicare quality reporting program is described in the memo posted on [9-25-17](#), however, all of the exceptions are being granted to assist these providers while they direct their resources toward caring for their patients and repairing structural damages to facilities.

CMS will continue to monitor the situation and adjust exempted reporting periods and submission deadlines accordingly.

Additional details and materials are available on the [CMS Hurricane page](#) and the [SNF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) webpage. Please check back frequently for updates.

September 26, 2017

Hurricane Irma – The FEMA designated areas affected by the hurricane have been updated. Refer to the Downloads section of the [SNF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) webpage for updated information.

September 18, 2017

SNF QRP: Claims-Based Measures Confidential Feedback Report Webinar

Thursday September 28, 2017

1-2 pm EST

[Click here to register.](#)

CMS provides information on the Confidential Feedback Reports for the claims-based measures adopted for the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP). These reports will be made available to SNFs via providers' Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CASPER) folders in early October 2017. Information will be presented on the claims-based IMPACT Act measures included in the reports and direct participants to measure specifications.

CMS discusses the following items during this webinar:

- SNF QRP background
- Claims-based IMPACT Act measures
- Confidential feedback report layout
- Additional resources
- Next steps
- Questions & Answers

Audience: SNF providers, health care industry professionals, clinicians, researchers, health IT vendors, and other interested stakeholders

For more information, visit the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Training](#) webpage.

September 14, 2017

Hurricane Irma - Disaster Exceptions/Exemptions for Medicare Certified Providers Affected by Severe Storms and Flooding

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting exceptions under certain Medicare quality reporting and value-based purchasing programs to acute care hospitals, PPS-exempt cancer hospitals, inpatient psychiatric facilities, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, renal dialysis facilities, long-term care hospitals, and ambulatory surgical centers located in areas affected by Hurricane Irma due to the devastating impact of the storm. These providers will be granted exceptions without having to submit an extraordinary circumstances exception request if they are located in one of the Florida counties, Puerto Rico municipios, or U.S. Virgin Islands county- equivalents, all of which have been designated by the [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) as a major disaster county, municipio, or county-equivalent.

The scope and duration of the exception under each Medicare quality reporting program is described in the memo posted on [9-14-17](#), however, all of the exceptions are being granted to assist these providers while they direct their resources toward caring for their patients and repairing structural damages to facilities.

CMS will continue to monitor the situation and adjust exempted reporting periods and submission deadlines accordingly.

Additional details and materials are available on the [Hurricane page](#) and the [SNF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) webpage. Please check back frequently for updates.

September 08, 2017

Hurricane Irma

CMS is tracking Hurricane Irma closely with respect to the quality reporting programs' data submission requirements, we will provide guidance and further information as it becomes available.

Additional details and materials are available on the [Hurricane](#) page. Please check back frequently for updates.

Please note, that the FEMA designated areas affected have been updated in the Hurricane Harvey memo from August 31, 2017.

September 05, 2017

SNF Review and Correct Report Issue Update: First Issue Resolved

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) providers were recently notified of two issues affecting the SNF QRP Review and Correct Reports & Confidential Feedback Reports.

An issue was identified within the SNF Review and Correct Report, if one or more modification records are submitted for a patient stay, the most recent submitted assessment, which was accepted by the Assessment Submission and Processing (ASAP) system on or prior to the submission deadline for quarters one (Q1) and two (Q2) of Calendar Year 2017 (CY2017), was not being used in the measure calculation. *This issue has now been resolved.*

All Quality Measure data has been recalculated for the Review and Correct Report and is now available in the SNF Quality Reporting Program report category in the CASPER Reporting application. Providers are encouraged to request the report to view updated measure results. The updated report should replace versions of the report requested prior to the issue notification.

The second issue that was identified in the technical coding which affected our calculation of one measure contained in the SNF Review and Correct Report related to the measure Application of Percent of LTCH Patients with Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan that Addresses Function also affected the SNF QRP Confidential Feedback Report (SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Quality Measure Report) is still being resolved and further guidance is forthcoming.

As a reminder, all data for assessment-based measures required in the SNF QRP in CY2017 will remain open to modifications until May 15, 2018. We anticipate that the data currently “frozen” as of August 15, 2017 to be subject to updates as of mid-September. Another notice will be issued once the Review and Correct Report Q1 2017 SNF QRP data is open again.

Further [guidance and timelines](#) has been posted to the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

If you have questions concerning this information, please contact the QTSO Help Desk at help@qtso.com or 1 (800) 339-9313.

September 1, 2017

August 7 SNF Review and Correct Reports Refresher Webinar Video Recording Is Now Available

A video recording of the **Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Review and Correct Reports Refresher Webinar**, which took place on Monday, August 7, 2017, is now available. See the [SNF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage for details.

August 31, 2017

Hurricane Harvey - Disaster Exceptions/Exemptions for Medicare Certified Providers Affected by Severe Storms and Flooding

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting exceptions under certain Medicare quality reporting and value-based purchasing programs to acute care hospitals, PPS-exempt cancer hospitals, inpatient psychiatric facilities, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, outpatient dialysis facilities, long-term care hospitals, and ambulatory surgical centers located in areas affected by Hurricane Harvey due to the devastating impact of the storm. These providers will be granted exceptions without having to submit an extraordinary circumstances exception request if they are located in one of the Texas counties or Louisiana parishes, all of which have been designated by the [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) as a major disaster county.

The scope and duration of the exception under each Medicare quality reporting program is described in the [memo posted on 8-31-17](#), however, all of the exceptions are being granted to assist these providers while they direct their resources toward caring for their patients and repairing structural damages to facilities.

If FEMA expands the current disaster declaration for Hurricane Harvey to include additional counties or parishes, CMS will update this memo to expand the list of providers eligible to receive an exception without submitting a request to include the hospitals, PPS-exempt cancer hospitals, inpatient psychiatric facilities, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, long-term care hospitals, and ambulatory surgical centers located in the additional counties and parishes.

In addition, CMS will continue to monitor the situation and adjust exempted reporting periods and submission deadlines accordingly.

Additional details and materials are available on the [Hurricane page](#) and the [SNF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) webpage. Please check back frequently for updates.

August 23, 2017

August 7 SNF Review and Correct Reports Refresher Webinar Post-Training Materials Are Now Available

Post-training materials (with answers to knowledge checks revealed) for the **Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Review and Correct Reports Refresher Webinar which took place on Monday, August 7, 2017**, are now available. See the [SNF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage for details.

August 23, 2017

Update: SNF Report Issues & Data Submission Deadline Extension

We recently notified Skilled Nursing Facility providers that we found two issues in our technical coding of the Review and Correct Report, one of which also affects the Confidential Feedback Report (due for release in October 2017).

Due to technical coding issues, CMS is working on modifying the assessment measure data submission deadline dates for quarters one, two and three of Calendar Year 2017 to coincide with the quarter four Calendar Year 2017 deadline of May 15, 2018.

Further guidance and timelines has been posted to the Downloads section of the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

August 21, 2017

Technical Specifications Table for Reporting Assessment-Based Measures for FY2019 is Now Available

This table presents information in regards to the reporting requirements for the assessment based quality measures that are included in the CMS SNF QRP for FY 2019. For more information and to view the table, visit the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Measures and Technical Information](#) webpage.

August 15, 2017

NEW—Web-based SNF QRP Web-based Training Module Now Available

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a refresher web-based training module addressing those areas that generated the most questions during the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Provider Trainings held in June and August of 2016. Visit the [SNF Quality Reporting Training](#) web page for more information.

August 04, 2017

Training Materials Available for the August 7 SNF Review and Correct Reports Refresher Webinar

The training materials (without answers to “test your knowledge” questions) for the upcoming **SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP): Review and Correct Reports Refresher Webinar on Monday, August 7, 2017, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. ET** are now available in the Downloads section of the [SNF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage.

For more information and to register, visit the [SNF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage.

August 02, 2017

Registration Open– August 7 SNF Quality Reporting Program: Review & Correct Reports Refresher Webinar

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is hosting a Review & Correct Reports Refresher webinar for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) providers on Monday, August 7, 2017, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. ET. Visit the [SNF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage for more information and to register.

July 31, 2017

Specifications for the quality measures and standardized resident assessment data elements for the SNF QRP as finalized in the FY 2018 SNF PPS Final Rule are now posted. The measure specifications provide detailed information on the following finalized measures: Changes in Skin Integrity Post-Acute Care: Pressure Ulcer/Injury, Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Self-Care Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2633), Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Mobility Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2634), Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Discharge Self-Care Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2635), and Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Discharge Mobility Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2636). The specifications can be found in the Downloads section of the [SNF QRP Measures and Technical Information](#) webpage.

Modified section of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) Version 1.16.0 – Effective October 1, 2018, along with a table listing changes from the previous version for the measures and standardized resident assessment data elements for the SNF QRP as finalized in the FY 2018 SNF PPS Final Rule, can be found in the Downloads section of the [Skilled Nursing Facility \(SNF\) Quality Reporting Program Measures and Technical Information](#) webpage.

July 18, 2017

SNF Quality Reporting Program: Non-Compliance Letters

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNFs) have been notified if they were determined to be non-compliant with SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) requirements for Quarter 4 of CY 2016, which will affect their FY 2018 APU. Non-compliance notifications were placed into providers' CASPER folders in QIES on July 14, 2017 and also mailed directly to providers. Providers that receive a letter of non-compliance may submit a request for reconsideration to CMS via email no later than 11:59pm PST, August 13, 2017. If you receive a notice of non-compliance and would like to request a reconsideration, see the instructions in your notification letter and on the [SNF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) webpage.

July 13, 2017

The submission deadline for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) is approaching. Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment data for January-March (Q1) of calendar year (CY) 2017 are due with this submission deadline. **All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on August 15, 2017.**

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

As a reminder, it is recommended that providers run the applicable CMS CASPER validation reports prior to each quarterly reporting deadline to ensure that all required data has been submitted. Providers are also encouraged to verify all facility information prior to submission, including their CCN and facility name. Only successful submissions will count toward your Annual Payment Update requirement.

For more information, download [MDS 3.0 Submission, Submission Status, and Final Validation Reports](#)

[Helpful Hints](#).

June 26, 2017

SNF QRP Help Desk Q+A Document for the First Quarter of 2017 Now Available

A new Question and Answer (Q+A) document is now available in the "Downloads" section of the [SNF Quality Reporting Program FAQs](#) webpage. The Q+A document reflects frequently asked questions that were received by the SNF QRP Help Desk during the first quarter (January-March) of 2017.

June 20, 2017

SNF QRP Review and Correct Reports- Now Available

The SNF QRP Review and Correct Reports are now available via the CASPER Reporting System. All quality measure data on the SNF Review and Correct report for Quarter 1, 2017 have been recalculated for all SNF providers.

Providers are encouraged to request the corrected SNF Review and Correct report to view updated measure results.

If you have questions concerning this information, please contact the QTSO Help Desk at help@qtso.com or 1 (800) 339-9313.

June 06, 2017

SNF QRP Review and Correct Reports- Temporarily Unavailable

The SNF QRP Review and Correct Reports are temporarily unavailable from the CASPER Reporting System.

Support staff are working to identify and resolve this issue. A follow-up announcement will be made as soon as more information is known or the issue is resolved.

If you have questions concerning this information, please contact the QTSO Help Desk at help@qtso.com or 1 (800) 339-9313.

June 02, 2017

SNF QRP Review and Correct Reports Now Available

The Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Review and Correct reports are now available on demand in the CMS Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CASPER) application. Providers can access these reports by selecting the CASPER Reporting link on the "Welcome to the CMS QIES Systems for Providers" webpage. NOTE: You must log into the CMS Network using your CMSNet user ID and password in order to access the "Welcome to the CMS QIES Systems for Providers" webpage.

These reports:

- Contain quality measure information at the facility level
- Allow providers to obtain aggregate performance for the past four full quarters (when data is available)

- Include data submitted prior to the applicable quarterly data submission deadlines
- Display whether the data correction period for a given CY quarter is “open” or “closed”

June 1, 2017

Technical Specifications Table for Reporting Assessment-Based Measures for FY2018 is Now Available

This table presents information to understand the reporting requirements for the assessment based quality measures that are included in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for FY 2018. This table provides details for each MDS item and assessment type, allowable item values when coding for the 3 assessment based quality measures, **Falls with Major Injury, Pressure Ulcers New or Worsened, and Functional Assessment and Care Plan**. View the table on the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Measures and Technical Information](#) webpage; in the downloads section.

May 24, 2017

May 2 Review and Correct Reports Provider Training Question and Answer (Q&A) Document Is Now Available

The question and answer (Q+A) document from the **Review and Correct Reports Provider Training** is now available in the “Downloads” section of the [SNF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage. The Q+A document contains participant questions from the **Live Webcast which took place on Tuesday, May 2, 2017**.

May 22, 2017

SNF QRP Quality Measure User's Manual Now Available

This manual presents methods used to calculate quality measures that are included in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP). This manual provides detailed information for each quality measure, including quality measure definitions, inclusion and exclusion criteria and measure calculation specifications. View the manual on the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Measures and Technical Information](#) webpage; in the downloads section.

Please note: This manual is specific to the SNF QRP. The manual used to calculate measures for the Nursing Home Quality Initiative (NHQI) can be found in the downloads section of the [NHQI Quality Measures](#) webpage.

May 19, 2017

May 2 Review and Correct Reports Provider Training Video Recording & Post-Training Materials Are Now Available

A video recording of the **Review and Correct Reports Provider Training – Live Webcast** which took place on **Tuesday, May 2, 2017**, is now available along with post-training materials (with answers to knowledge checks revealed). See the [SNF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage for details.

May 12, 2017

Due to extenuating circumstances, the reporting deadline for the FY 2018 SNF QRP payment determination has been extended from May 15, 2017 to June 1, 2017.

May 01, 2017

TRAINING MATERIALS AVAILABLE for the May 2 Review and Correct Reports Provider Training – Live Webcast

The training materials (without answers to knowledge checks) for the upcoming **Review and Correct Reports Provider Training – Live Webcast on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. ET** are now available under the Downloads Section of the [SNF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage.

For more information and to register, visit the [SNF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage.

April 27, 2017

Proposed specifications for the quality measures and standardized patient assessment data elements proposed for the SNF QRP through the FY 2018 SNF PPS Proposed Rule are now posted. The measure specifications document provides detailed information on the proposed measures: Changes in Skin Integrity Post-Acute Care: Pressure Ulcer/Injury, Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Self-Care Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2633), Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Mobility Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2634), Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Discharge Self-Care Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2635), and Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Discharge Mobility Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2636). The standardized patient data element specifications and evidence of support for these data elements are also detailed in the document. The specifications can be found in the Downloads section of the [SNF QRP Measures and Technical Information webpage](#).

April 27, 2017

The modified sections of the MDS effective October 1, 2018, for proposed measures and standardized patient assessment data elements as discussed in the SNF QRP in the FY 2018 SNF PPS Proposed Rule can be found in the Downloads section of the [SNF QRP Measures and Technical Information](#) webpage.

April 14, 2017

A Quick Reference Guide for the SNF QRP is now available on the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage. The guide includes frequently asked questions, information on QRP help desks, and helpful links to additional resources for the SNF QRP.

April 14, 2017

The submission deadline for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) is approaching. Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment data for October-December (Q4) of calendar year (CY) 2016 are due with this submission deadline. **All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on May 15, 2017.**

View the list of measures required for this deadline on the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Measures and Technical Information](#) webpage.

As a reminder, it is recommended that providers run the applicable CMS CASPER validation reports prior to each quarterly reporting deadline to ensure that all required data has been submitted. Providers are also encouraged to verify all facility information prior to submission, including their CCN and facility name. Only successful submissions will count toward your Annual Payment Update requirement.

For more information, view the [MDS 3.0 Submission, Submission Status, and Final Validation Reports Helpful Hints](#) document.

April 7, 2017

TEP on Development and Maintenance of Quality Measures for SNF QRP: Nominations due May 12, 2017

Nominations are due **May 12, 2017** for a Technical Expert Panel (TEP) to develop and maintain quality measures reflective of quality of care for SNFs in support of the CMS quality missions. Quality measures will be developed consistent with the three broad aims and six priorities of the National Quality Strategy, and the CMS Quality Strategy.

Visit the [Technical Expert Panels](#) webpage for more information.

April 06, 2017

SNF QRP Help Desk Q+A Document for the Fourth Quarter of 2016 Now Available

A new Question and Answer (Q+A) document is now available in the “Downloads” section of the [SNF Quality Reporting Program FAQs](#) webpage. The Q+A document reflects frequently asked questions that were received by the SNF QRP Help Desk during the fourth quarter (October-December) of 2016.

April 05, 2017

Registration Open: Review and Correct Reports Provider Training – Live Webcast on May 2, 2017

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is hosting a live webcast for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. ET. Visit the [SNF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage for more information and to register.

February 09, 2017

Updated Measure Specifications for the Percent of Patients or Residents with Pressure Ulcers that are New or Worsened (Short-Stay) (NQF #0678) Quality Measure

Updated specifications for the SNF QM User's Manual to accompany the MDS 3.0 for the Percent of Patients or Residents with Pressure Ulcers that are New or Worsened (Short-Stay) (NQF #0678) Quality Measure are now available on the [Skilled Nursing Facility \(SNF\) Quality Reporting Program Measures and Technical Information](#) webpage.

February 08, 2017

TEP Summary Report for Refinement of the Pressure Ulcer Measure is Now Available

The summary report for the refinement of percent of residents or patients with pressure ulcers that are new or worsened (Short-Stay) ([NQF #0678](#)) is now available. This report summarizes proceedings from a follow-up cross-setting pressure ulcer TEP meeting, which included in-depth discussion on the following topics:

- Obtaining input on updates to the cross-setting pressure ulcer measure in post-acute care settings

- Obtaining feedback regarding potential updates to measure specifications and items used to calculate the quality measure
- Refining the cross-setting approach to data collection for pressure ulcers in post-acute care settings

View the TEP summary report on the [IMPACT Act Downloads and Videos](#) webpage.

January 06, 2017

Transfer of Health Information and Care Preferences Quality Measures Pilot Study – Response Due by January 17

CMS has contracted with RTI and Abt to develop and implement two Transfer of Health Information and Care Preferences (TOH) quality measures. The TOH measures meet requirements under the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act (IMPACT Act) of 2014.

View the Transfer of Health Pilot January 2017 zip file on the [IMPACT Act Downloads and Videos](#) webpage for the Recruitment Letter that provides more information about the Pilot study and the Interest Form that can be completed electronically.

To participate in the pilot test, Interest Forms should be submitted to sclark@rti.org by Tuesday, January 17th.