December 7, 2016

Chicago SNF QRP Provider Training, August 2016, Question and Answer (Q&A) Document and You Tube Now Available

The question and answer (Q&A) document is located in the "Downloads" section of the SNF Quality Reporting Training webpage. The Q&A document contains participant questions from the August 24, 2016, in-person provider training in Chicago, IL.

You can access a recording of the actual training event via YouTube.

December 02, 2016

SNF Quality Reporting Program Video Presentation

A video presentation is available for the September 14 webcast on the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP). Learn about the reporting requirements for the new SNF QRP, effective October 1, 2016.

November 18, 2016

IMPACT Act Cross-Setting Quality Measure: Transfer of Health Information and Care Preferences Comments Due December 11

Public comments are due December 11 on a cross-setting post-acute care measure under the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014 (IMPACT Act). In alignment with the CMS and National Quality Strategy (NQS) objectives and goals, the purpose of this project is to develop, maintain, re-evaluate, and implement measures reflective of quality care for PAC settings to support CMS quality missions including the LTCH QRP, IRF QRP, SNF QRP and HH QRP.

CMS seeks to obtain input on the development of the following cross-setting quality measures for use in post-acute care settings:

1. Transfer of Information at Post-Acute Care Admission, Start, or Resumption of Care from Other Providers/Settings
2. Transfer of Information at Post-Acute Care Discharge or End of Care to Other Providers/Settings

Visit the Public Comment webpage for more information.

November 03, 2016

The presentations and associated materials from the SNF QRP training events in June and August are posted in the Downloads section of the SNF Quality Reporting Program Training page at https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Skilled-Nursing-Facility-Quality-Reporting-Program/SNF-Quality-Reporting-Program-Training.html

The materials from both these training events differ only in that the August training took place on one day, whereas the June training took place over two days, so the August training materials are an abbreviated version of the June training.

The training materials include:

- PowerPoint presentations
- Answers to polling scenarios
- Materials used to facilitate the integrated case study and other classroom activities
- Answers to questions posed by the participants during the training.

October 26, 2016

CMS 2016 Quality Conference- Baltimore, MD

December 13-15

Join more than nearly 2,000 thought leaders in American health care quality improvement at the CMS 2016 Quality Conference. This conference will explore how patients, advocates, providers, researchers, and the many leaders in health care quality improvement can develop and spread solutions to some of America's most pervasive health system challenges. The 2016 CMS Quality Conference will be the most expansive yet, with both new and existing participants from programs across CMS, HHS, and community stakeholders. The collaborative format of the conference, and strong focus on data-proven outcomes is underscored by this year's conference theme, Aligning for Innovation and Outcomes.

For more information and to register, visit the CMS Quality Conference webpage.

October 12, 2016

June 21 and 22 Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Provider Training: Post-Training Materials Available

Post-training materials from the June 21 and 22, 2016, SNF QRP Provider Training in Atlanta, GA, are now available under the download section of the SNF QRP Training webpage. These include the PowerPoint presentations with answers to polling scenarios and collateral material used to facilitate the integrated case study and other classroom activities. A playlist with recordings of each presentation is posted on YouTube.

October 4, 2016

The four-part video series on Section GG has been added to a play list available from one link. The playlist is available via CMS YouTube, and can be accessed on the SFN Quality Reporting Program Training Page: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaV7m2-zFKpgYhG0FQv82l9dcqNl_9eO4.

September 30, 2016

A four part video series on Section GG is available via CMS YouTube, and can be accessed on the SFN Quality Reporting Program Training Page: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Skilled-Nursing-Facility-Quality-Reporting-Program/SNF-Quality-Reporting-Program-Training.html

September 27, 2016

The "SNF QRP: Requirements for the FY 2018 Reporting Year" Fact Sheet has been updated to include the measures finalized in the SNF PPS FY 2017 final rule. The updated Fact Sheet is available in the "Downloads" portion of this SNF QRP webpage. This fact sheet contains information about requirements for the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 reporting year (data collection period 10/1/16- 12/31/16).

September 8, 2016

Provider Training Questions and Feedback on MDS 3.0

CMS has posted a document that provides responses to some MDS-specific questions that were received during the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP) training events.

Topics include:

- MDS 3.0 Assessments relevant to the SNF QRP

- Part A PPS Discharge Combinations

- Section GG, and

- Pressure Ulcer quality measure (QM)

The document is available in the Downloads section of the [Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program Measures and Technical Information](#) webpage.

August 18, 2016

Training Materials for August 24 SNF QRP Provider Training Available

Training materials for the upcoming 1-day SNF QRP Provider Training event on August 24, 2016, near Chicago, IL, are now available under the download section of the [SNF QRP Training webpage](#) . The URL to access the webcast of next week's training is as follows: http://breasiaproductions.com/bptv/. Programming will start at 8:00 a.m. CDT and end at 5:00 p.m. CDT.

Visit the [SNF QRP Training webpage](#) for more information and to register and/or find out how to participate electronically.

August 03, 2016

SNF Quality Reporting Program: 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 posted. The specifications provide detailed information on the measure, including updates to the numerator, target population, and calculation of the quality measure.
The measure specifications can be found on the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program Measures and Technical Information page in the [Downloads](#) section.

August 02, 2016

July 12 MLN Connects SNF Quality Reporting Program Call Audio Recording and Transcript Available

The [audio](#) recording and [transcript](#)from the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Call MLN Connects National Provider Call are now available. [This call](#) discussed the reporting requirements for the new SNF QRP, effective October 1, 2016.

July 29, 2016

Specifications for the measures finalized for adoption into the SNF QRP through the SNF PPS FY 2017 Final Rule are posted. The specifications provide detailed information on the following adopted measures: Medicare Spending per Beneficiary-Post Acute Care SNF Quality Reporting Program, Discharge to Community-Post Acute Care SNF Quality Reporting Program, Potentially Preventable 30-Day Post Discharge Readmission Measure for SNF Quality Reporting Program, and Drug Regimen Review Conducted with Follow-Up for Identified Issues-Post Acute Care SNF Quality Reporting Program.

The measure specifications can be found in the [Downloads](#)section.

July 26, 2016

SNF Quality Reporting Program Provider Training: Registration Open

CMS is hosting a 1-day training event on the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP). This event will be held in Chicago, Illinois on Wednesday, August 24, 2016. The objective is to provide SNFs with assessment-based data collection instructions and updates associated with the changes in the October 1, 2016 release of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 and other reporting requirements of the SNF QRP.

Visit the [SNF QRP Training webpage](#) for more information and to register.

July 21, 2016

"SNF QRP: Requirements for the FY 2018 Reporting Year" Fact Sheet Now Available

A "SNF QRP: Requirements for the FY 2018 Reporting Year" Fact Sheet is now available in the "Downloads" portion of the [SNF Quality Reporting Program (IMPACT Act of 2014)](#) webpage. This fact sheet contains information about requirements for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 reporting year (data collection period 10/1/16- 12/31/16).