



Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program

Fact Sheet on Transitions for New Quality Measures and Data Elements Effective October 1, 2018

- **Section GG**
- **Section I0020**
- **Section J2000**
- **Section N (Drug Regimen Review)**
- **Section M, M0800 item removal**
- **Section M SNF QRP Pressure Ulcer/Injury Quality**

Completion of MDS 3.0 Assessments and APU information related to the SNF QRP

- The Assessment Reference Date (ARD) coded in item A2300 will determine the version of the MDS 3.0 that providers are to complete and submit to CMS. Specifically, if the ARD is on or after October 1, 2018, providers should use MDS 3.0 version 1.16.1. Version 1.16.1 is the version that has all of the data elements required for submission for the SNF QRP, including new Section GG data elements, I0020, J2000 and new Section N data elements.¹
- For the quality measures (QM) used in the SNF QRP, we will begin calculating these new measures that have an implementation date of October 1, 2018 using records submitted with an actual admission date on or after October 1, 2018. For residents admitted to a SNF prior to October 1, 2018 with an ARD of October 1, 2018 or after, use of a dash for these new items will not result in a 2 percent reduction in the SNF’s Annual Payment Update (APU). Assessments submitted that are used to calculate the QMs for the NHQI will continue as required regardless of admission date and ARD.
- The FY 2020 APU determination is based on four quarters of data from January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018. This means that FY 2020 compliance determination will be based on data submitted for admissions to the SNF on and after January 1, 2018 and discharged from the SNF up to and including December 31, 2018. MDS 3.0 Version 1.15.1 is used for CY Q1–Q3 2018 (Jan–Sept 2018) data collection reporting periods; and MDS 3.0 Version 1.16.1 is used for CY Q4 2018 (Oct–Dec 2018) data collection reporting period.

FY 2020 APU Data Determinations	
MDS 3.0 Version	Quarters
1.15.1	CY Q1 – Q3 2018 (Jan – Sept 2018)
1.16.1	CY Q4 2018 (Oct – Dec 2018)

¹ For the SNF QRP Quality Measures: Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Mobility Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2634); Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Discharge Mobility Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2636); Application of the IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Self-Care Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2633); Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Discharge Self-Care Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients (NQF #2635); and Drug Regimen Review Conducted With Follow-Up for Identified Post-Acute Care (PAC) Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP).

In terms of the transition in MDS assessment versions and item responses effective October 1, 2018, this would mean that for the new measures:

- A PPS 5-Day assessment with an Admission Date (A1900) and/or Start Date of Most Recent Medicare Stay (A2400B) on or after October 1, 2018, would be included; and
- A Part A PPS Discharge or OBRA/Part A PPS Discharge with a Discharge Date (A2000) and/or End Date of Most Recent Medicare Stay (A2400C) up to and including December 31, 2018 would be included.

Please refer to the document titled, *SNF QRP Overview of Data Elements Used for Reporting Assessment-Based Quality Measures Affecting FY2020 Annual Payment Update (APU) Determination* available at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Downloads/SNF-QRP-Table-for-Reporting-Assessment-Based-Measures-for-the-FY-2020-SNF-QRP-APU.pdf>

SNF QRP Pressure Ulcer/Injury Quality Measure

- Effective October 1, 2018, M0800 data elements will be removed from the MDS 3.0 version 1.16.1 Since the Nursing Home Quality Initiative (NHQI) Short-Stay version of the Pressure Ulcer QM was calculated using the M0800 data elements, NHQI will adopt the SNF QRP QM, Percent of Residents or Patients with Pressure Ulcers That Are New or Worsened (Short Stay) (NQF #0678), calculated using M0300 items.
 - Please refer to the *Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program Measure Calculations and Reporting User's Manual Version 2.0* for the specifications related to the SNF QRP PU QM, available at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Downloads/SNF-QRP-Measure-Calculations-and-Reporting-Users-Manual-V20.pdf>
- The SNF QRP QM, Percent of Residents or Patients with Pressure Ulcers That Are New or Worsened (Short Stay) (NQF #0678) has been replaced with the new SNF QRP Quality Measure, Changes in Skin Integrity Post-Acute Care: Pressure Ulcer/Injury, effective with data collection beginning October 1, 2018. Public reporting for the new QM is expected to begin effective September 2020.

Resources:

- Training related to the SNF QRP is available on [SNF Quality Reporting Program Training](#) webpage
- For SNF Quality Reporting Program comments or questions: SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov
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