



Reviewing Your Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing (SNF VBP) Annual Performance Score Report

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Learning Objectives

After review of this tutorial, participants will:

- Review the information included in the Annual Performance Score Report
- Discuss how to interpret patient and facility-level data
- Identify the information that is subject to Phase One and Phase Two Review and Corrections

Performance Score Report Contents

- Tab 1: Cover Sheet
 - Summary of each tab in the Performance Score Report
- Tab 2: Eligible Stays
 - Contains a complete list of eligible stays during the Performance Period
- Tab 3: Facility Level
 - Contains Facility performance on the SNF Readmissions Measure
- Tab 4: Data Dictionary
 - Provides descriptions for each variable contained on the eligible stay and facility-level tabs

Tab 1: Annual Performance Score Report Cover Sheet

Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing (SNF VBP) Program

Annual Performance Score Report

Performance Period: Calendar Year (CY) 2017



Baseline Period: Calendar Year (CY) 2015



Provider Name: Your SNF



Provider CCN: Your CCN



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This workbook contains information on your SNF's performance in the first year of the SNF VBP Program, including the incentive payment multiplier that will be applied to your SNFs' Medicare fee-for-service claims from October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019 (fiscal year [FY] 2019).

Tab 2: Eligible Stays

- Tab 2 of this workbook contains a complete list of stays used to calculate the performance period (CY 2017) risk-standardized readmission rate (RSRR).
- Patients admitted to SNFs between January 1, 2017, and December 31, 2017, are included in this workbook.
- Under Phase One of the SNF VBP Review and Corrections process, SNFs have an opportunity to review and submit corrections to their CY 2017 RSRR until March 31, 2019 to the SNFVBPinquiries@cms.hhs.gov mailbox.
 - SNF's CMS Certification Number (CCN)
 - SNF's name
 - the correction request with the reason for requesting the correction.

Tab 2: Eligible Stays (cont'd)

- Patient Characteristics are provided as a way to identify which Medicare patients were eligible and included in the measure calculation.
- These patients will be included in the denominator when calculating this measure.

PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS			
ID Number	HICN	Sex	Age
1	[hicno]	[BENE S]	[BENE AGE C]

Tab 2: Eligible Stays (cont'd)

- Index SNF Information is provided to identify when this patient was admitted to the SNF.
- The discharge date is provided to assist SNFs with identifying the patient listed in the report.
- The discharge status code is used to determine the reason the patient left the SNF to determine if an exclusion is needed.

INDEX SNF INFORMATION		
Admission Date of Index SNF Stay	Discharge Date of Index SNF Stay	Index SNF Discharge Status Code
[snf_admsn]	[snf_dschrq]	[DSCHRG_D

Tab 2: Eligible Stays (cont'd)

- Prior Proximal Hospital Information is provided to inform SNFs where
- The discharge date is the beginning date of the 30-day risk window.

PRIOR PROXIMAL HOSPITAL INFORMATION			
Prior Proximal Hospital CCN	Admission Date of Prior Proximal Hospital Stay	Discharge Date of Prior Proximal Hospital Stay	Principal Diagnosis of Prior Proximal Hospital Stay
[prox_provider]	[prox_admsn]	[prox_dschr]	[prox_DGNS_CD]

Tab 2: Eligible Stays (cont'd)

- Readmission Hospital Information is provided if the patient was readmitted within the 30-day risk window.
- Planned or unplanned readmissions

READMISSION HOSPITAL INFORMATION					
Planned Readmission	Unplanned Readmission	Readmission Hospital CCN	Readmission Admission Date	Readmission Discharge Date	Principal Diagnosis of Readmission Hospital
[readmit_ipps_p]	[readmit_ipps_up]	[readm_provider]	[readm_admsn]	[readm_dschrg]	[readm_DGNS_C]

Tab 2: Eligible Stays (cont'd)

- Risk Adjusters account for differences in SNFs' patient demographics and clinical characteristics.
- Patient characteristics which are used to risk adjust the risk-standardized readmission rate (RSRR).

RISK ADJUSTERS: <i>Prior Length of Stay</i>		
LOS btwn 1 & 3 days (based on proximal acute stay) (REF)	LOS btwn 4 & 7 days (based on proximal acute stay)	LOS btwn 8 & 14 days (based on proximal acute stay)
[los1_3]	[los4_7]	[los8_14]

Tab 3: Facility Performance

- Tab 3 of this workbook contains facility-level data, including the SNF's Performance Score, Rank, and incentive payment multiplier for the FY 2019 Program Year.
- Under Phase Two of the Review and Corrections process, SNFs have an opportunity to submit corrections to only the SNF VBP Performance Score and Rank up to 30-days following this report being made available.
- Correction requests may be emailed to SNFVBPinquiries@cms.hhs.gov mailbox.

Tab 3: Facility Performance (cont'd)

Your SNF's FY 2019 SNF VBP Program Performance

Your SNF

Annual Performance Score Report

Performance Information	
Baseline Period (CY 2015) RSRR	0.17500
Improvement Threshold (Baseline Period Inverted RSRR)	0.82500
Performance Period (CY 2017) RSRR	0.16999
Performance Period Inverted RSRR	0.83001
FY 2019 Achievement Threshold	0.79590
FY 2019 Benchmark	0.83601
SNF VBP Achievement Score	93.65879
SNF VBP Improvement Score	53.62547
SNF VBP Performance Score	93.65879
SNF VBP Program Rank	26
Incentive Payment Multiplier	1.0100125686

Note: There were X,XXX unique (non-tied) performance scores in the FY 2019 SNF VBP Program and XX,XXX SNFs eligible for the Program nationally. RSRR = Risk-Standardized Readmission Rate; CY = Calendar Year; FY = Fiscal Year; N/A = Not Applicable

Tab 4: Data Dictionary

- Descriptions for the variables contained in Tab 2 are included in the first table of the Data Dictionary.
 - Patient characteristics
 - Index SNF Information
 - Prior Proximal Stay Hospital
 - Readmission Hospital
 - Risk Adjusters

Tab 4: Data Dictionary (cont.)

- Descriptions for the variables contained in Tab 3 are included in the second table of the Data Dictionary.
 - Baseline Period (CY 2015 RSRR)
 - Improvement and Achievement Thresholds
 - Performance Period (CY 2017 RSRR)
 - Benchmark
 - Achievement, Improvement and Performance Scores
 - Rank
 - Incentive Multiplier

Tab 4: Data Dictionary for Tab 3

SNF VBP Improvement Score	A measure of each SNF's improvement in the SNF VBP Program from the baseline period to the performance period; scores range from 0 to 90. SNFs with no eligible stays during the baseline period (CY 2015) will receive values of 'N/A'. For a full explanation of how SNF improvement scores are calculated, refer to the FY 2017 SNF PPS Final Rule: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/08/05/2016-18113/medicare-program-prospective-payment-system-and-consolidated-billing-for-skilled-nursing-facilities
SNF VBP Performance Score	The higher of a SNF's achievement score and improvement score; scores range from 0 to 100. This score is used to calculate incentive payments for the SNF VBP program.
SNF VBP Program Rank	A SNF's national rank in the SNF VBP Program. SNFs that receive the same performance score receive the same rank. There were X,XXX unique (non-tied) performance scores in the FY 2019 SNF VBP Program and XX,XXX SNFs eligible for the Program nationally.
Incentive Payment Multiplier	The incentive payment percentage applied to a SNF's base federal per diem rate after the 2% withhold (used to fund the incentive payments for the SNF VBP Program). When making payments for SNF claims, the Federal adjusted per diem rate is multiplied by this factor. For example, if your facility's performance score resulted in your facility receiving half of the 2% withhold back, the incentive payment multiplier would be 0.99, reflecting a net payment reduction of 1%.

Summary

- Patient and Facility-level information included in the Performance Score Report
- Phase One of the Review and Corrections process for the information that will be made public.
- Phase Two of the Review and Corrections process for SNF Performance Scores and Ranking.
- As a reminder, please do not email PHI or other sensitive patient information to the SNFVBPinquiries@cms.hhs.gov mailbox.
- Performance score reports are in read-only format to avoid unintentional changes.

Resources

- » For more information about the SNFVBP Program, visit: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Value-Based-Programs/Other-VBPs/SNF-VBP.html>
- » For information on how to access reports through the Certification and Survey Provider Enhance Reporting (CASPER) system, please view the Accessing Your Quarterly and Annual Reports tutorial on the SNF VBP website .
 - To register in the CASPER system, please contact the help desk at help@qtso.com for registration and passwords.
- » For additional questions, please email: SNFVBPinquiries@cms.hhs.gov



Thank you!