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Understanding Your Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing (SNF VBP) Program Performance Score Reports

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Acronyms in this Presentation

Acronym	Definition
CASPER	Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reports
CCN	CMS Certification Number
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
FY	Fiscal Year
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SNF VBP	Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program
SNFRM	SNF 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Measure
PAMA	Protecting Access to Medicare Act
QIES	Quality Improvement and Evaluation System
RSRR	Risk-Standardized Readmission Rate



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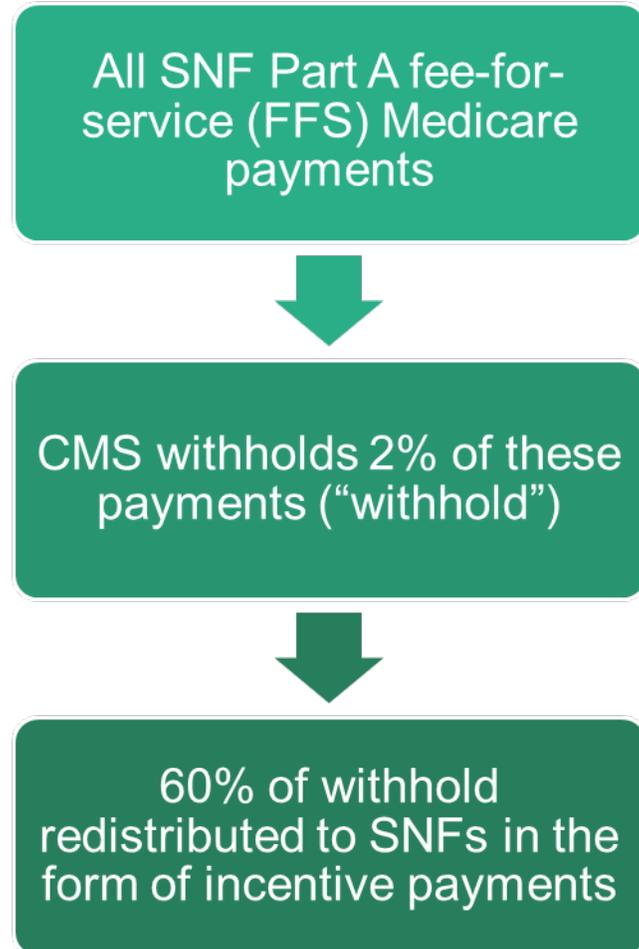
SNF VBP Overview



SNF VBP Program Overview

- The Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA) of 2014 authorized the SNF VBP Program
- Program awards incentive payments to SNFs for quality of care provided to Medicare beneficiaries
 - Quality of care measured by SNF 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Measure (SNFRM)
- SNF VBP Program began awarding incentive payments on October 1, 2018

Creating the Incentive Pool



SNF 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Measure (SNFRM; NQF #2510)

- Measures the rate of all-cause, unplanned hospital readmissions for SNF patients within 30 days of discharge from a prior hospital stay
- Is a risk-standardized readmission rate (RSRR)
 - Risk adjustment accounts for patient-level risk factors, including clinical and demographic characteristics
- Calculated for each SNF during a baseline and performance period

FY 2019 Program Year

Baseline Period: Calendar Year 2015
Performance Period: Calendar Year 2017

FY 2020 Program Year

Baseline Period: Fiscal Year 2016
Performance Period: Fiscal Year 2018

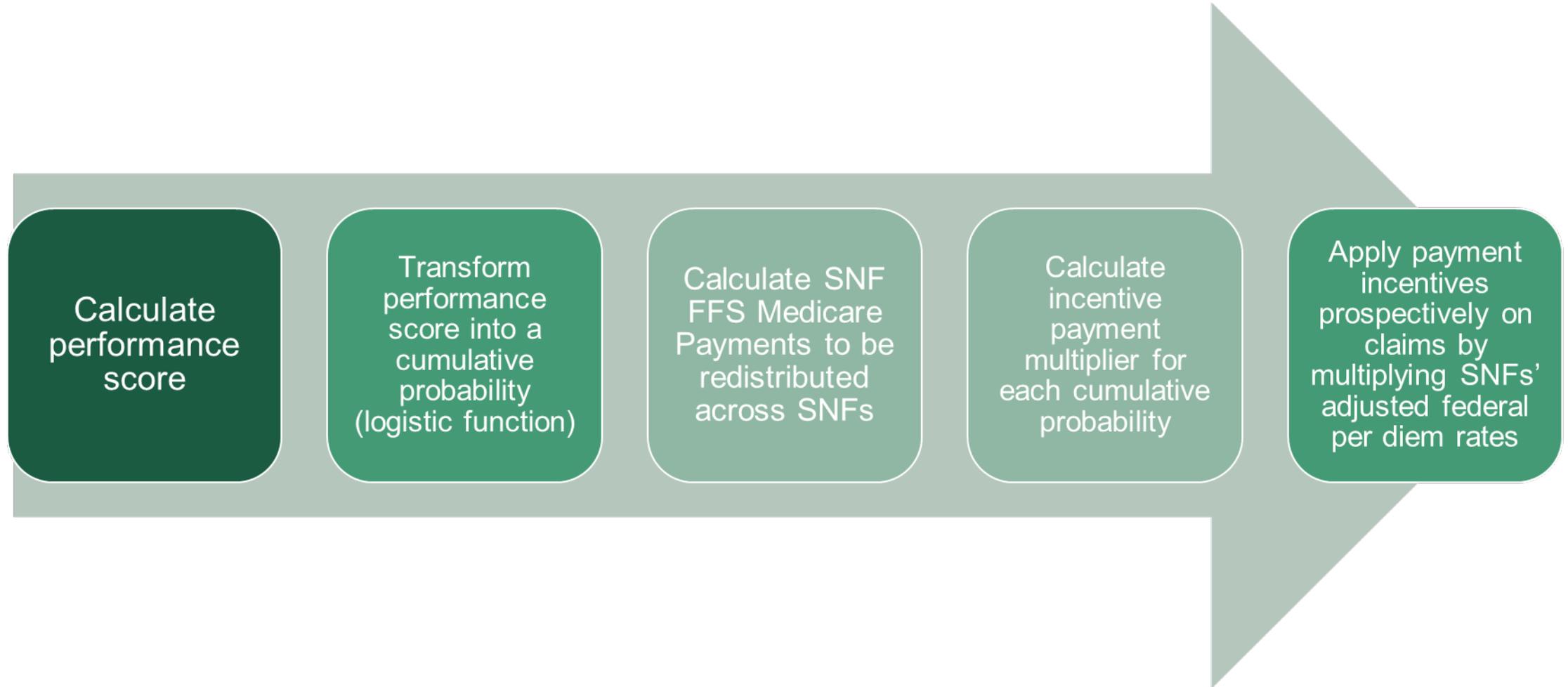


SNF VBP Scoring

- SNFs' performance period RSRRs are compared to:
 - Their own past performance to calculate an **improvement score**
 - National SNF performance during the baseline period to calculate an **achievement score**
- The higher of the achievement and improvement scores becomes the SNF's **performance score**
- SNFs with less than 25 eligible stays during the **baseline** period will not receive an improvement score
 - These SNFs will be scored on achievement only
- SNFs with less than 25 eligible stays during the **performance** period will be “held harmless”
 - These SNFs will receive a “net-neutral” performance score and incentive payment multiplier, effectively receiving the same Federal per diem rate that they would have received in the absence of the Program



Incentive Payment Calculation



Incentive Payment Multipliers

Multiplier > 1

Net Positive

SNF would earn more than their 2% withhold back (e.g., the SNF earns more than they would have absent of the SNF VBP Program)

Multiplier = 1

Net Neutral

SNF earns the full 2% withhold (e.g., the SNF earns the same payment they would have received in the absence of the SNF VBP Program)

Multiplier < 1

Net Negative

SNF receives less than the 2% withhold back (e.g., SNF receives less than they would have absent of the SNF VBP Program)



SNF VBP Confidential Feedback Reporting

- CMS has provided SNFs with quarterly confidential feedback reports since October 2016
- Reports are distributed to SNFs via Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (QIES) Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reports (CASPER) reporting system
- There are three types of reports released each year

Interim Workbooks

- Less than a full year of data
- Stay-level information only
- Data not considered final
- Example: March 2019 Reports

Full-Year Workbooks

- Full year of data
- Stay-level and facility-level information
- Data are considered final
- Example: June 2019 Reports

Performance Score Report

- 60 days prior to payment impact
- Scoring and payment information
- Data are considered final
- Example: August 2019 Reports



Summary of Results from FY 2019 Program Year



Performance on the SNF VBP Readmission Measure (SNFRM)

- During the baseline period (CY 2015), SNFs had an average risk-standardized hospital readmission rate of **19.1%**
- During the performance period (CY 2017), SNFs had an average risk-standardized hospital readmission rate of **19.4%**
- SNFs had slightly higher all-cause risk-standardized hospital readmission rates during the performance period relative to the baseline period

Descriptive Statistics for SNF's Risk-Standardized Readmission Rates (RSRRs), SNF VBP Program, FY 2019

Risk-standardized hospital readmission rate	Mean	Minimum	25 th percentile	50 th percentile (median)	75 th percentile	Maximum
CY 2015 (N = 15,404)	19.056%	10.569%	17.835%	18.879%	20.120%	28.750%
CY 2017 (N = 15,421)	19.420%	12.803%	18.349%	19.265%	20.356%	33.134%

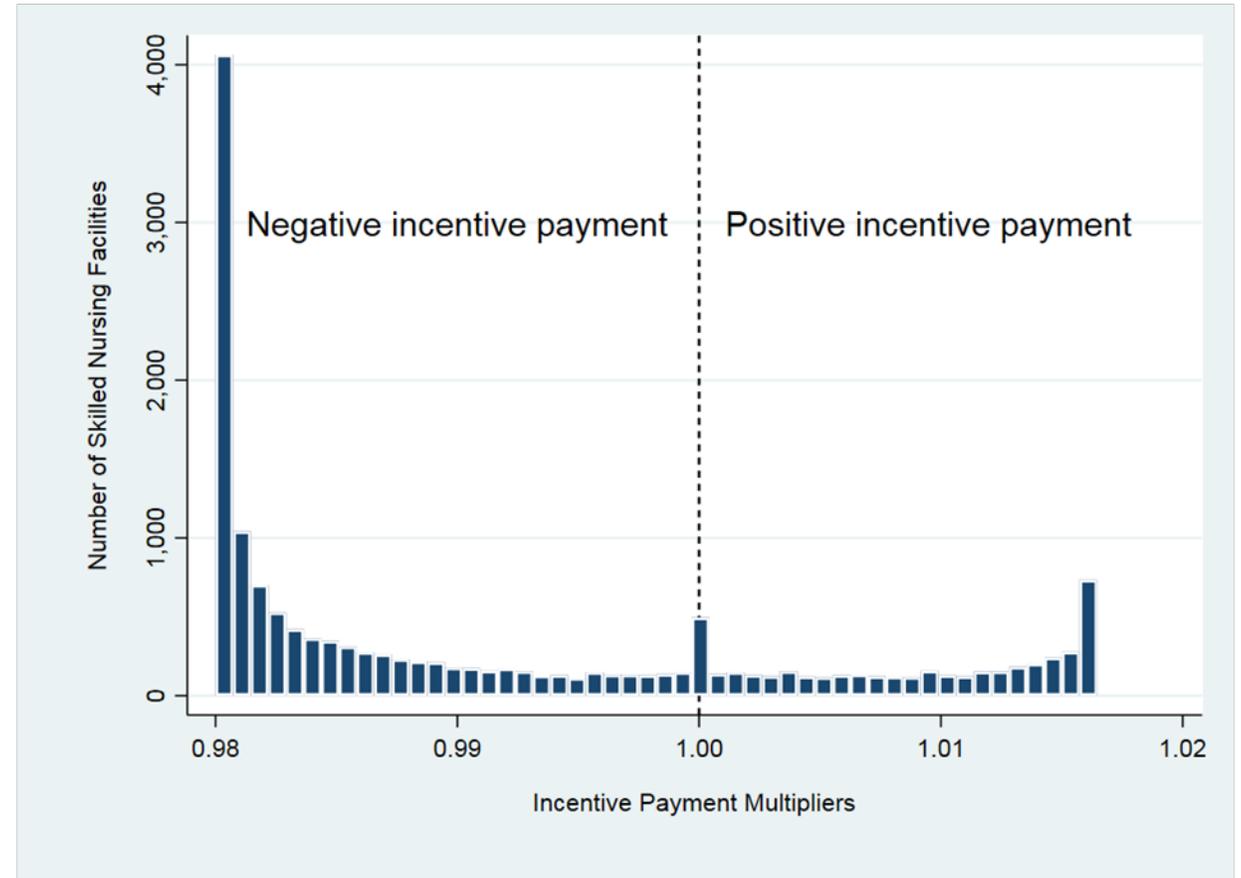
CY = Calendar Year



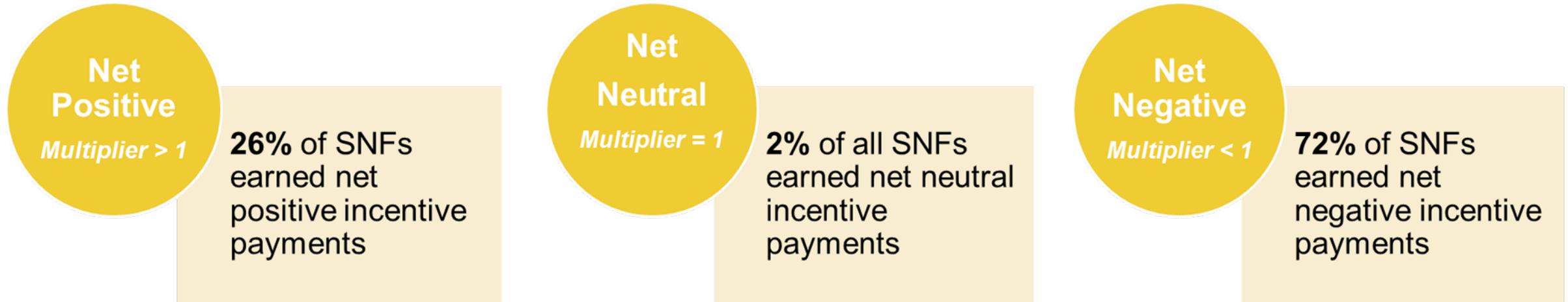
Incentive Payments

- Incentive payments ranged from the full 2% reduction (multiplier = 0.98) to a 1.6% increase in payment (multiplier = 1.016).
- Average SNF received 0.8% net payment reduction (multiplier = 0.992)

Distribution of Incentive Payment Multipliers, FY 2019



Incentive Payments (cont.)



Description of Performance Score Reports



Tab 1: Cover Sheet

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

Annual Performance Score Report

Performance Period: Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 (October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018)

Baseline Period: FY 2016 (October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016)

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Provider Name: Example Skilled Nursing Facility

Provider CCN: 000000

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This workbook contains information on your SNF's performance in the second year of the SNF VBP Program, including the incentive payment multiplier that will be applied to your SNF's Medicare fee-for-service claims from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 (FY 2020).

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Tab 2 of this workbook contains facility-level data, including your SNF's performance score, rank, and incentive payment multiplier for the FY 2020 Program Year. Additional information regarding your SNF's incentive payment multiplier can be found in Tab 3. SNFs have an opportunity to review and submit corrections to their SNF VBP performance score and program rank **only up to 30 days following this report being made available**; this constitutes Phase Two of the SNF VBP Review and Corrections process. Correction requests may be emailed to SNFVBP@rti.org with the subject line "SNF VBP Review and Corrections Inquiry" along with the following information: your SNF's CMS Certification Number (CCN), your SNF's name, the correction request, and the reason for requesting the correction.

SNF VBP performance scores are based on the Skilled Nursing Facility 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Measure (SNFRM), a quality measure that assesses rates of unplanned hospital readmissions for Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries within 30 days of discharge from a prior proximal hospital stay. The SNFRM is risk-adjusted to account for various stay-level risk factors, such as clinical and demographic characteristics.

Please note that your stay-level information for FY 2018 was included in the quarterly report that you received in June 2019.

Tab 4 of this workbook contains a Data Dictionary with additional information on the data in Tabs 2 and 3.

Your facility's Annual Performance Score Report is a read-only document, which prevents users from making unintentional changes. To make changes to the file, use the File\Save As option to save the document with a different filename.

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If you have questions about the contents of your workbook, please e-mail the SNF VBP Help Desk at SNFVBP@rti.org

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Which performance and baseline periods CMS used to calculate incentive payments this fiscal year

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Whose report this is (SNF name and CCN)

3

Which fiscal year the calculated incentive payment multiplier will impact

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What to do if a SNF finds an error in the report (i.e., Review and Correct instructions)

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Who to contact if a SNF needs help



Tab 2: Facility Performance

Your SNF's FY 2020 SNF VBP Program Performance	
Example Skilled Nursing Facility	
SNF VBP Performance Information	
Baseline Period Risk-Standardized Readmission Rate (RSRR)	18.26521%
Performance Period RSRR	17.38001%
Achievement Score	72.98803
Improvement Score	42.42765
Performance Score	72.98803
Program Rank	1,508
Incentive Payment Multiplier	1.0101368876

EXAMPLE DATA

- **Baseline Period Risk-Standardized Readmission Rate (RSRR):** The SNF's unplanned readmission rate during the baseline period (FY 2016)
- **Performance Period RSRR:** The SNF's unplanned readmission rate during the performance period (FY 2018)



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EXAMPLE DATA

- **Achievement Score:** Indicator of how the SNF performed during the performance period compared to national SNF performance during the baseline period
 - Ranges from 0 to 100
- **Improvement Score:** Indicator of how the SNF performed during the performance period compared to their own performance during the baseline period
 - Ranges from 0 to 90
- **Performance Score:** The higher of the Achievement and Improvement Scores
 - Ranges from 0 to 100
 - Used to calculate the incentive payment multiplier



Tab 2: Facility Performance (cont.) [2]

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EXAMPLE DATA

- **Program Rank:** A SNF's rank in the SNF VBP Program
 - Lower numbers indicate better performance
 - SNFs with the same Performance Score will receive the same rank
- **Incentive Payment Multiplier:** When payments are made to SNF claims in FY 2020, the adjusted Federal per diem rate will be multiplied by this factor.



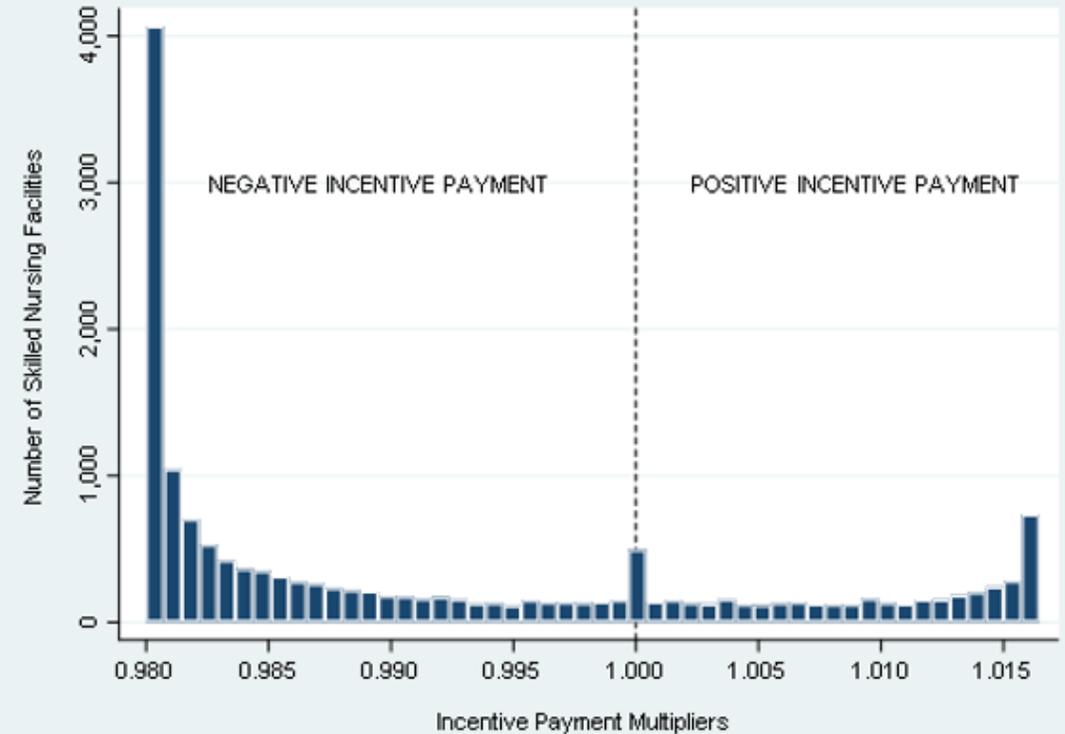
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Example Skilled Nursing Facility

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National Distribution of SNF VBP Incentive Payment Multipliers, FY 2020



EXAMPLE DATA



Tab 3: Payment Information (cont.)

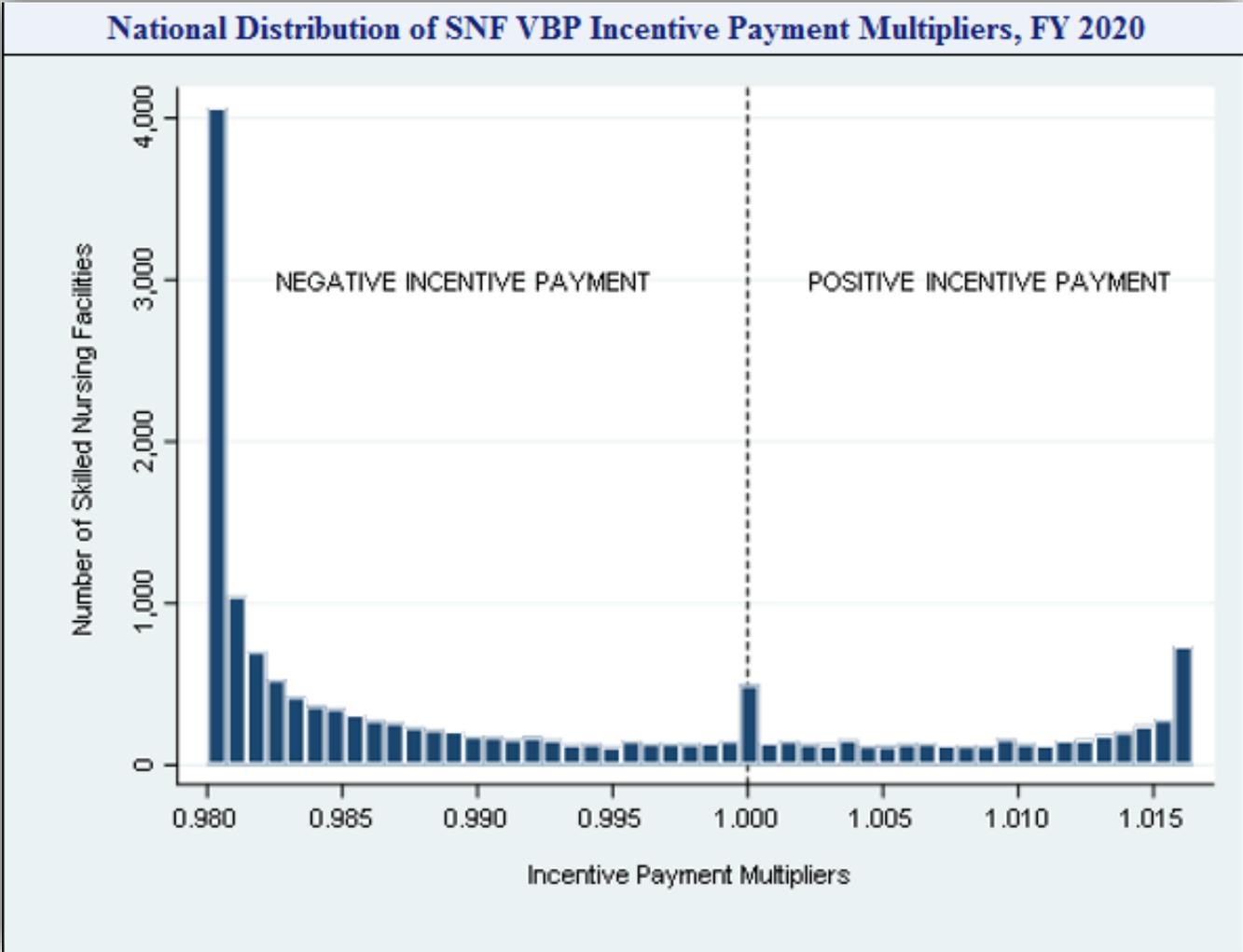
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EXAMPLE DATA

- 1 The SNF's incentive payment multiplier
- 2 An explanation of the SNF's incentive payment multiplier
- 3 General guidelines on how SNFs can interpret their incentive payment multipliers



Tab 3: Payment Information (cont.) [2]



EXAMPLE DATA



Tab 4: Data Dictionary

- Provides definitions for all of the variables included in the Performance Score Report

DATA DICTIONARY	
VARIABLE NAME	DESCRIPTION
Baseline Period Risk-Standardized Readmission Rate (RSRR)	Your SNF's rate of unplanned readmissions in the baseline period (FY 2016), adjusted for stay-level risk factors such as clinical characteristics and comorbidities. SNFs with no eligible stays during the baseline period will receive values of "N/A."
Performance Period RSRR	Your SNF's rate of unplanned readmissions in the performance period (FY 2018), adjusted for stay-level risk factors such as clinical characteristics and comorbidities.
Achievement Score	A measure of how well each SNF met the goals of the SNF VBP Program. Scores range from 0 to 100. For a full explanation of how SNF achievement scores are calculated, refer to the FY 2018 SNF Prospective Payment System (PPS) Final Rule: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-04/pdf/2017-16256.pdf
Improvement Score	A measure of how much each SNF in the SNF VBP Program has improved from the baseline period to the performance period. Scores range from 0 to 90. SNFs with fewer than 25 eligible stays during the baseline period (FY 2016) will receive values of "N/A." For a full explanation of how SNF improvement scores are calculated, refer to the FY 2018 SNF PPS Final Rule: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-04/pdf/2017-16256.pdf
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.
Program Rank	A SNF's national rank in the SNF VBP Program. There were <u>X,XXX</u> unique (non-tied) performance scores in the FY 2020 SNF VBP Program and <u>XX,XXX</u> SNFs eligible for the Program nationally. SNFs with performance scores of 100 will receive a rank of 1.
Incentive Payment Multiplier	This multiplier is a result of your performance in the SNF VBP Program and will be applied to your SNF's adjusted federal per diem rate. When payments are made to SNF claims, the adjusted Federal per diem rate will be multiplied by this factor. For example, an incentive payment multiplier of 0.99 would reflect a net payment reduction of 1%.



Question & Answer Session



Resources

- The Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing (SNF VBP) Program [Website](#)
 - Confidential Feedback Reporting & Review and Corrections [page](#)
- Accessing Your SNF VBP Confidential Feedback Reports [tutorial](#)
- SNFRM Technical [Report](#) and [Supplement](#)
- If you have additional questions, please email them to: SNFVBP@rti.org



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