Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Spotlights and Announcements - Archive

August 1, 2024

Reminder of Upcoming Data Submission Deadline

The submission deadline for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) is approaching. Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment data and data submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for January 1 – March 31 (Q1) of calendar year (CY) 2024 are due with this submission deadline.

All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on August 15, 2024.

It is recommended that applicable Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) reports and NHSN analysis 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 CMS Certification Number (CCN) and facility name.

View the list of measures required for the deadline on the <u>SNF Quality Reporting Program Data Submission Deadlines</u> webpage.

For submission information, visit:

- <u>iQIES Reference & Manuals</u>
- <u>CMS Resources for NHSN Users</u>

Swingtech sends informational messages to SNFs that are not meeting Annual Payment Update (APU) threshold on a quarterly basis ahead of each submission deadline. If you need to add or change the email addresses to which these

messages are sent, please email QRPHelp@swingtech.com and be sure to include your facility name and CCN along with any requested email updates.

May 9, 2024

Reminder of Upcoming Data Submission Deadline

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All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2024.

It is recommended that applicable Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) reports and NHSN analysis 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 CMS Certification Number (CCN) and facility name.

View the list of measures required for the May 15, 2024 deadline on the SNF Quality Reporting Program Data Submission Deadlines webpage.

For submission information, visit:

- iQIES Reference & Manuals
- CMS Resources for NHSN Users

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May 6, 2024

NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE: Recording Available for the SNF QRP: Achieving a Full APU Webinar

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) hosted a webinar on March 26, 2024, to provide updated instructions to help providers understand how to achieve a full Annual Payment Update (APU) in the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP).

For more information, please visit the **SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training** webpage.

April 24, 2024

Care Compare April Refresh of SNF QRP Data – Now Available

The **April 2024** refresh of the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) data is now available on Care Compare and Provider Data Catalog (PDC).

For more information, please visit the SNF QRP Public Reporting webpage.

April 15, 2024

SNF Provider Preview Reports – Now Available

The Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Provider Preview Reports have been updated and are now available. These reports contain provider performance scores for quality measures, which will be published on Care Compare and Provider Data Catalog (PDC) during the **July 2024 refresh**.

For more information, please visit the CMS SNF QRP Public Reporting webpage.

March 28, 2024

Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Updates to the Quality Reporting Program and Value-Based Purchasing Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2025 (CMS-1802-P)

 On March 28, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-1802-P) that provides updates to the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP). In this proposed

rule, CMS is proposing to require SNF's to collect and submit through the Minimum Data Set (MDS) four new assessment items in the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) category: one item for Living Situation, two items for Food, and one item for Utilities. CMS is also proposing to modify the current Transportation item. Additionally, CMS is proposing to adopt a similar validation process for the SNF QRP that was adopted for the SNF VBP. Finally, CMS is seeking feedback with a Request for Information (RFI) on quality measure concepts under consideration for future SNF QRP years.

The proposed rule went on display at the Federal Register and is available at: https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection

March 22, 2024

REGISTRATION REMINDER: SNF QRP: Achieving a Full APU Webinar – Update

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a webinar to provide updated instructions to help providers understand how to achieve a full Annual Payment Update (APU) in the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP).

For more information and to register for the webinar, please visit the SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training webpage.

February 26, 2024

REGISTRATION OPEN: SNF QRP: Achieving a Full APU Webinar – Update

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a webinar to provide updated instructions to help providers understand how to achieve a full Annual Payment Update (APU) in the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP).

For more information and to register for the webinar, please visit the **SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training** webpage.

February 2, 2024

SUMMARY REPORT PUBLISHED: SNF QRP Listening Session: Possible Expansion of MDS Data Submission to All SNF Patients Regardless of Payer

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has published a summary report on the virtual Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Listening Session that was held on August 29, 2023 by Acumen, LLC. This

session was held to seek feedback from administration and management staff, software vendors, and clinical staff on the possible expansion of collection and submission of Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment data used for the SNF QRP to include all residents receiving short-term skilled care in a SNF regardless of their payer. The report presents a summary of the presentation for each discussion topic, stakeholder input for each of the discussion questions, and key findings. The discussion topics included identifying the resident population for expanded MDS data collection and submission, identifying the expanded resident population on the MDS, potential burden associated with expanding MDS data collection and submission, and the impact of changes in level of care on MDS data collection and submission. The summary report also includes the feedback received via email to the dedicated email inbox, SNF-Listening-Session-2023@acumenllc.com, that was open for 30 days following the event. The report can be found on the SNF QRP Measures and Technical Information webpage.

January 31, 2024

Care Compare January Refresh of SNF QRP Data – Now Available

The **January 2024** refresh of the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) data is now available on Care Compare and Provider Data Catalog (PDC).

For more information, please visit the SNF QRP Public Reporting webpage.

January 19, 2024

NOW AVAILABLE: CMS FAQ Document and Methodology Report for the Post-Acute Care Health Equity Confidential Feedback Reports

In October 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released two Health Equity Confidential Feedback Reports to post-acute care (PAC) providers: the Discharge to Community (DTC) Health Equity Confidential Feedback Report and the Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary (MSPB) Health Equity Confidential Feedback Report.

To answer frequently asked questions and to provide methodological information about these reports, CMS released the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document and the Methodology Report. The materials can be access through these links:

- CMS Health Equity Confidential Feedback Report Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document (PDF)
- CMS Health Equity Confidential Feedback Report Methodology Report (PDF)

January 16, 2024

SNF Provider Preview Reports – Now Available

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For more information, please visit the SNF QRP Public Reporting webpage.

January 12, 2024

NOW AVAILABLE: Draft MDS 3.0 Item Sets version 1.19.1

The draft Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Item Sets version (v)1.19.1 and Item Matrix are now available in the Downloads section on the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual page. The MDS Item Sets v1.19.1 will be effective beginning October 01, 2024.