

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

August 12, 2025

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) 2025 are due with this submission deadline.

All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on August 18, 2025.

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 August 18, 2025 deadline on the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

For submission information, visit:

- [iQIES Reference & Manuals](#)
- [CMS Resources for NHSN Users](#)

Swingtech sends informational messages to SNFs that are not meeting the 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 2, 2025

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 October 1 – December 31 (Q4) of calendar year (CY) 2024 are due with this submission deadline. **The annual NHSN measure Influenza Vaccination among Healthcare Personnel is also due with this deadline.**

All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2025.

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, 2025 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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April 30, 2025

Public Reporting April 2025 Refresh of SNF QRP Data – Now Available

The **April 2025** refresh of the SNF QRP data is now available on the compare tool on [Medicare.gov](#) and [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#).

For more information, please visit the [SNF QRP Public Reporting](#) webpage.

April 11, 2025

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 2026 (CMS-1827-P)

On April 11, 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-1827-P) that provides updates to the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP). In this proposed rule, CMS is proposing the removal of four 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 amend the SNF QRP reconsideration policy and process. Finally, CMS is seeking feedback with three Requests for Information (RFI) including future quality measure concepts for the SNF QRP; potential revisions to the data submission deadlines for assessment data collected for the SNF QRP; and advancing digital quality measurement in SNFs.

The proposed rule went on display at the Federal Register and will be available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/current>

January 15, 2025

SNF Provider Preview Reports – Now Available

The 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 the compare tool on [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) and the [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#) during the **April 2025 refresh**.

For more information, please visit the [CMS SNF QRP Public Reporting](#) webpage.

October 1, 2024

NOW AVAILABLE: Draft MDS 3.0 Item Sets version 1.20.1

The draft Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Item Sets version (v)1.20.1 and Item Matrix are now available in the **Downloads** section on the [Minimum Data Set \(MDS\) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument \(RAI\) Manual](#) webpage. The MDS Item Sets v1.20.1 will be effective beginning October 1, 2025.

September 4, 2024

UPDATED RESOURCE AVAILABLE: From Data Elements to Quality Measures Cross-Setting Web-Based Training

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering an updated web-based training course that provides a high-level overview of how data elements are used to construct quality measures used across post-acute care settings.

This resource can be accessed through the [SNF QRP Training](#) webpage.

September 3, 2024

NOW AVAILABLE: MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual v1.19.1R Hyperlink Update Supplement

The *Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) User's Manual* version (v)1.19.1R Hyperlink Update Supplement is now available in the **Downloads** section on the [Minimum Data Set \(MDS\) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument \(RAI\) Manual](#) webpage.

This is an informational document that includes hyperlinks (links) that have been identified as requiring an update over the lifetime of the *MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual* v1.19.1, effective October 01, 2024. Due to external webpage changes, links may occasionally redirect or become unreachable, or the information provided on the webpage may change. To ensure all links remain current, a list of non-functional/out-of-date links has been compiled, each with an up-to-date replacement link. Replacement pages for each affected page of the *MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual* v1.19.1 can be found following the list.

September 3, 2024

SNF QRP Data Elements Used for Reporting Assessment-Based QMs and Standardized Patient Assessment Data Elements Affecting FY 2027 APU

Determination and Data Collection and Final Submission Deadlines for FY 2027 posted

The Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Overview of Data Elements Used for Reporting Assessment-Based Quality Measures and Standardized Patient Assessment Data Elements Affecting Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Annual Payment Update (APU) Determination table and the SNF QRP Data Collection and Final Submission Deadlines for the FY 2027 SNF QRP are now available.

The SNF QRP APU Table can be accessed via the **Downloads** section of the [SNF QRP Measures and Technical Information](#) webpage. The SNF QRP Data Collection and Final Submission Deadlines can be accessed via the **Downloads** section of the [SNF QRP Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

September 3, 2024

SNF QRP FAQs for FY 2025

An update to the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document is now available. This document has been updated to reflect the finalized policies for the SNF QRP in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and includes other useful resources available to providers.

The FAQ document can be accessed via the **Downloads** section of the [SNF Quality Reporting FAQs](#) webpage.

August 30, 2024

SNF QRP Quality Measure Calculations and Reporting User's Manual V6.0, Change Table, Risk Adjustment Appendix File, Imputation Appendix File, and HCC ICD-10 Crosswalks – Now Available

The Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Quality Measure Calculations and Reporting User's Manual Version 6.0 and accompanying documents are now available. These documents serve as an update to the specifications used to calculate quality measures that are included in the SNF QRP effective October 1, 2024.

These files can be found in the **Downloads** section of the [CMS SNF QRP Quality Reporting Measures and Technical Information](#) webpage.

August 26, 2024

RESOURCE AVAILABLE: Section GG Web-Based Training Series

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering an updated series of web-based training courses that provide an overview of the assessment and Section GG guidance found in the Long-Term Care Facility Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) 3.0 User's Manual Version 1.19.1 to promote accurate coding of the post-acute care (PAC) cross-setting data elements.

This resource can be accessed through the [SNF QRP Training](#) webpage.

August 1, 2024

NOW AVAILABLE: Final MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual version 1.19.1

The final *Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) User's Manual* version (v)1.19.1 is now available in the **Downloads** section on the [Minimum Data Set \(MDS\) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument \(RAI\) Manual](#) webpage. The *MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual* v1.19.1 will be effective beginning October 01, 2024.

This version of the *MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual* contains guidance to support the addition of new items N0415K: Anticonvulsant and O0350: Resident's COVID-19 vaccination is up to date. Additionally, the Discharge Goals column in items GG0130: Self-Care and GG0170: Mobility has been removed; and the guidance and examples in Section GG have been revised to reflect the modification.

Expanded guidance has been added regarding Manual Assessment Correction/Deletion Requests in Chapter 3, Section X, and Chapter 5. Various minor alignments, clarifications, and corrections have been implemented throughout; specifics can be found in the included chapter/section change tables following the guidance.

July 31, 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-F)

On July 31, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule (CMS-1802-F) that provides policy updates for the fiscal year (FY) 2027 Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP). This final rule includes the addition of four new assessment items in the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) category: Living Situation, Food, and Utilities to the Minimum Data Set (MDS). CMS is also finalizing modifying the Transportation item in the MDS. Additionally, CMS is finalizing a validation process for the SNF QRP that is similar to the validation process that was adopted for the SNF Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) program in the FY 2024 SNF Prospective payment system (PPS) rule. Finally, CMS is summarizing the feedback received on the 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 will be available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/current>

July 24, 2024

NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE: Patient Mood Interview (Patient Health Questionnaire PHQ-2 to 9®) Video Tutorial

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a video tutorial for completing D0150, Patient Mood Interview (PHQ-2 to 9) and D0160, Total Severity Score. Within the video, the PHQ-2 to 9 assessment and related coding is demonstrated using excerpts from two patient interviews.

This resource can be accessed through the [Skilled Nursing Facility \(SNF\) Quality Reporting Program \(QRP\) Training](#) webpage.

July 19, 2024

NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE: What You Need to Know: PAC QRP Key Program Updates – FY/CY 2025 Web-Based Training

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a web-based training course that provides an overview of key updates to the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.

This resource can be accessed through the [SNF QRP Training](#) webpage.

May 17, 2024

NOW AVAILABLE: Final MDS 3.0 Item Sets version 1.19.1

The final Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Item Sets version (v)1.19.1 are now available in the Downloads section on the [Minimum Data Set \(MDS\) 3.0](#)

[Resident Assessment Instrument \(RAI\) Manual](#) webpage. The MDS Item Sets v1.19.1 will be effective beginning October 01, 2024.

May 13, 2024

RESOURCE AVAILABLE: Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Explainer Video

A brief explainer video, **Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Items: *Using Sources Other Than the Resident to Code*** is now available for SNF providers. This resource can be accessed through the [SNF Quality Reporting Program \(QRP\) Training](#) webpage.

May 13, 2024

POST-EVENT MATERIALS AVAILABLE: SNF QRP: Achieving a Full APU Webinar Post-Event Q&A

A Post-Event Q&A document from the SNF QRP: Achieving a Full APU Webinar that took place on March 26, 2024, is now available.

For more information, please visit the [SNF Quality Reporting Program \(QRP\) Training](#) webpage.