#### November 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 April 1 – June 30 (Q2) of calendar year (CY) 2024 are due with this submission deadline.

### All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on November 18, 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</u> Program Data Submission Deadlines webpage.

For submission information, visit:

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

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 <a href="mailto:QRPHelp@swingtech.com">QRPHelp@swingtech.com</a> and be sure to include your facility name and CCN along with any requested email updates.

October 15, 2024

**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 <u>Care Compare</u> and <u>Provider Data Catalog (PDC)</u> during the **January 2025 refresh**.

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

## September 3, 2024

**REGISTRATION OPEN: SNF QRP Listening Session:** Possible Expansion of SNF Data Collection and Submission to All Residents Regardless of Payer

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 1st 12:00 PM ET – 1:30PM ET

**Registration Link:** Registration can be completed online through Zoom using this link: <a href="https://rtiorg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_VW7An0ATTvWLeDTWtiOVTA">https://rtiorg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_VW7An0ATTvWLeDTWtiOVTA</a>

RTI International on behalf of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is hosting a public, virtual listening session on the possible expansion of collection and submission of Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment data used for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) to include all residents receiving short-term skilled care in a SNF regardless of their payer. On behalf of CMS, we are seeking feedback from clinical staff, MDS coordinators, administration and management staff, and software vendors. Currently, the SNF QRP only collects data on Medicare Part A fee-for-service (FFS) residents, which represents less than 50% of the SNF resident population. Due to the declining numbers of beneficiaries with Medicare FFS benefits, collecting data on all residents, regardless of payer, supports CMS' mission to ensure quality care for all individuals and provides the most robust and accurate representation of quality in the SNF setting. In August 2023, CMS hosted a public, virtual listening session on this subject and received valuable feedback. The summary of the listening session can be found here. On behalf of CMS, we continue to explore how SNF QRP data reporting for all residents regardless of payer might be implemented.

Prior to the listening session, you are encouraged to prepare to speak to the following topics during the call:

- Data collection and submission scenarios that might occur for all residents regardless of payer, including stays that are interrupted by hospitalization or leaves of absences.
- Other than a change in payer and a significant change in condition, clinical scenarios or other resident "changes" CMS should consider that might trigger a new assessment.

Considerations for how the data collected on all residents regardless of payer might be used.

### August 1, 2024

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## July 3, 2024

## **SNF Quality Reporting Program: Non-Compliance Notifications**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notifications to Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and non-Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Swing Beds (SBs) that were determined to be out of compliance with SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) requirements for calendar year (CY) 2023 which will affect their fiscal year (FY) 2025 Annual Payment Update (APU). Non-compliance notifications will be distributed by the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and will be placed into facilities' My Reports folders in the Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) on July 03, 2024. If you receive a letter of non-compliance may submit a request for reconsideration to CMS via email no later than 11:59 pm, August 14, 2024. If you receive a notice of non-compliance and would like to request a reconsideration, see the instructions in your notification letter and on the SNF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension webpage.

**Please note:** Any reconsideration containing protected health information (PHI) will not be processed. All PHI must be removed in order for a reconsideration to be reviewed.