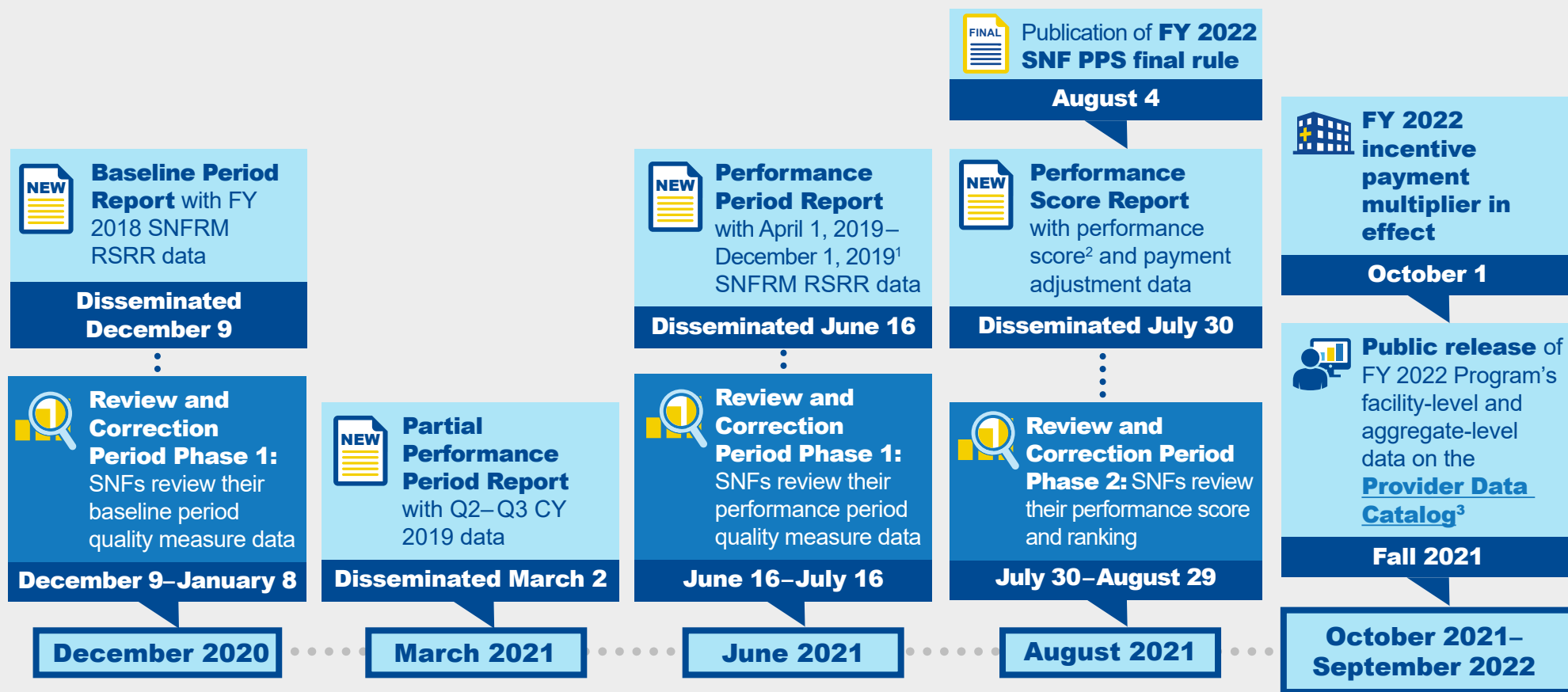


Fiscal Year 2022 Timeline

Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program



¹ In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, CMS is excluding qualifying claims in the first two quarters of Calendar Year (CY) 2020 (January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020) from use in the SNF VBP Program. Additionally, because the SNFRM assesses hospital readmissions within 30 days of discharge from a prior hospitalization to a SNF and requires data from 12 months prior to the start of the SNF stay for risk adjustment, residents that were discharged from the hospital to the SNF after December 1, 2019 and residents with SNF admissions from July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020 are excluded from the SNFRM calculations due to missing data. Thus, the FY 2022 SNF VBP Program performance period originally specified in the [interim final rule with comment period](#) has been restricted to April 1, 2019 through December 1, 2019. For further information please see pages 54835 through 54837 of the [interim final rule with comment period](#) and the [FY 2022 SNF PPS final rule](#).

² CMS suppressed the use of SNF readmission measure data for purposes of FY 2022 scoring and payment adjustments in the FY 2022 SNF VBP Program year because the effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the data used to calculate the SNFRM inhibited CMS's ability to make fair national comparisons of SNFs' performance. Under the suppression policy, CMS calculated an RSRR for both the baseline and performance period and then suppressed the use of SNF readmission measure data for purposes of scoring. CMS instead assigned each SNF a performance score of 0.00000 to mitigate the effect that the COVID-19 public health emergency would otherwise have had on SNFs' performance scores and incentive payment multipliers. The suppression policy was adopted in the [FY 2022 SNF PPS final rule](#). Per this policy, each SNF received an identical incentive payment multiplier, and SNFs did not receive an achievement score, improvement score, or rank. CMS then applied the low-volume adjustment policy as previously finalized on pages 39278–39280 of the [FY 2019 SNF PPS final rule](#); SNFs subject to the low-volume adjustment policy were assigned a net-neutral incentive payment multiplier.

³ As a result of the suppression policy adopted in the [FY 2022 SNF PPS final rule](#), only baseline period RSRRs, performance period RSRRs, performance scores, and incentive payment multipliers will be publicly reported for the FY 2022 Program year; Program ranks, achievement scores, and improvement scores will not be publicly reported.

CMS provides confidential feedback reports to SNFs on a quarterly basis through the Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES)/Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reports (CASPER) reporting system. SNFs that have problems accessing their reports can email the iQIES Help Desk at iqies@cms.hhs.gov. For more information about the SNF VBP Program, visit the [SNF VBP Program webpage](#) on CMS.gov. For additional questions about the SNF VBP Program, email the SNF VBP Program Help Desk at SNFVBP@rti.org.

CY = calendar year; FY = fiscal year; Q = quarter; RSRR = risk-standardized readmission rate; SNF = skilled nursing facility; SNF VBP = Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing; SNFRM = SNF 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Measure (NQF #2510); PPS = prospective payment system.