

Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program FY 2023 Program Year Timeline



¹ CMS suppressed the use of SNF readmission measure data for purposes of FY 2023 scoring and payment adjustments in the FY 2023 SNF VBP Program year because the continuing 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. CMS adopted the suppression policy in the [FY 2023 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. SNFs that did not meet the SNFRM's case minimum (25 or more eligible stays) in the performance period (FY 2021) were excluded from the SNF VBP Program for FY 2023; payments to these SNFs in FY 2023 are not affected by the SNF VBP Program and instead these SNFs will receive their full federal per diem rate.

² As a result of the suppression policy adopted in the [FY 2023 SNF PPS final rule](#), only baseline period RSRRs, performance period RSRRs, performance scores, and incentive payment multipliers will be publicly reported for the FY 2023 Program year; Program ranks, achievement scores, and improvement scores will not be publicly reported. SNFs that did not meet the SNFRM's case minimum (25 or more eligible stays) in the performance period (FY 2021) are excluded from the SNF VBP Program for the FY 2023 Program year; CMS will not publicly report any data for these excluded SNFs.

CMS provides confidential feedback reports to SNFs on a quarterly basis through the Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (QIES)/Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reports (CASPER) reporting system. SNFs that have problems accessing their reports can email the QIES Help Desk at qies@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.

FY = fiscal year; PPS = prospective payment system; 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 (National Quality Forum [NQF] #2510).