

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

July 29, 2021

PPS and Consolidated Billing for SNFs; Updates to the QRP and VBP Program for Federal FY 2022 CMS-1746-F

On July 29, 2021 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule (CMS-1746-F) that provides updates to and finalized proposals for the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP). This rule includes two new finalized measures: the SNF Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Requiring Hospitalization Measure and the COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Measure as well as an update to the specifications for the Transfer of Health (TOH) Information to the Patient-Post-Acute Care (PAC) Quality Measure. In addition, CMS finalized a modification to public reporting for the SNF QRP quality measures in order to accommodate the exception of 2020 Q1 and Q2 data.

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

July 20, 2021

Nursing Homes Care Compare Refresh with Revised DTC Measure Data

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) discovered an error in measure calculations for the Discharge to Community (DTC) - Post Acute Care (PAC) Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP) measure and are re-releasing the corrected measure data in a refresh scheduled **for October 27, 2021**. The data are based on Medicare claims data submitted to CMS for the fiscal year (FY) **2018-2019 reporting period (01/01/2017-09/30/2019)**.

The provider preview reports for this refresh will be released on **July 20, 2021**, and the review period will run from **July 20, 2021 through August 19, 2021**. For any questions, please reach out to SNFQRPPRQuestions@cms.hhs.gov

July 14, 2021

SNF QRP: 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) 2020, which will affect their fiscal year (FY) 2022 Annual Payment Update (APU). Non-compliance notifications will be distributed by the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and will be placed into facilities' Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reports (CASPER) folders in the Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (QIES) on July 14, 2021. Facilities that receive a letter of non-compliance may submit a request for reconsideration to CMS **via email no later than 11:59 pm, August 13, 2021**. 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.