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The IMPACT Act of 2014 requires the Secretary to implement specified clinical assessment domains using standardized (uniform) data elements to be nested within the assessment instruments currently required for submission by LTCH, IRF, SNF, and HHA providers. The Act further requires that CMS develop and implement quality measures from five quality measure domains using standardized assessment data. In addition, the Act requires the development and reporting of measures pertaining to resource use, hospitalization, and discharge to the community. Through the use of standardized quality measures and standardized data, the intent of the Act, among other obligations, is to enable interoperability and access to longitudinal information for such providers to facilitate coordinated care, improved outcomes, and overall quality comparisons.

What are the SNF quality reporting measures?

In the following table you'll find:

- National Quality Forum (NQF) measure identification numbers and titles
- Measures use in the SNF Quality Reporting Program
- The Data Collection Timeframe for fiscal year 2018 Annual Percentage Update
- Data Submission Deadlines

NQF Measure ID	Measure Title	Data Collection Timeframe	Data Submission Deadline
NQF #0674	Application of Percent of Residents Experiencing One or More Falls with Major Injury (Long Stay)	10/01/16-12/31/16	May 15, 2017
NQF #0678	Percent of Patients or Residents with Pressure Ulcers that are New or Worsened	10/01/16-12/31/16	May 15, 2017
NQF #2631	Application of Percent of Long-Term Care Hospital Patients with an Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan that Addresses Function	10/01/16-12/31/16	May 15, 2017

SNF QRP Measures and Technical Information Additional Resources:

Please also visit the CMS Post-Acute Care Quality Initiative website for more information related to cross setting quality measures and quality initiatives:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Post-Acute-Care-Quality-Initiatives/PAC-Quality-Initiatives.html>

Information on the IMPACT Act of 2014 can be found at:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-113hr4994enr/pdf/BILLS-113hr4994enr.pdf>

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/hr4994>

For SNF Quality Reporting Program comments or questions: SNFQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov

Updates:

September 8, 2016

Provider Training Questions and Feedback on MDS 3.0

CMS has posted a document that provides responses to some MDS-specific questions that were received during the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP) training events.

Topics include:

- MDS 3.0 Assessments relevant to the SNF QRP
- Part A PPS Discharge Combinations
- Section GG, and
- Pressure Ulcer quality measure (QM)

The document is available in the Downloads section.

August 19, 2016

RTI International, on behalf of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), convened a Technical Expert Panel (TEP) to seek expert input on the development of Functional Outcome Quality Measures for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs). This all-day, in-person TEP meeting was held on May 5, 2016, in Baltimore, MD. This TEP summary report provides describes that TEP proceedings, detailing key issues related to measure development, and TEP discussion around those issues. This report also provides a summary of the background, the process for the TEP meetings, and the organization of the TEP report.

The TEP summary document for the development of Functional Outcome Quality Measures for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) can be found in the "Downloads" section on the bottom of this page.

April 21, 2016

Specifications for the measures proposed for adoption into the SNF QRP through the SNF PPS FY 2017 Proposed Rule are posted. The specifications provide detailed information on the following proposed measures: Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary-Post Acute Care Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program, Discharge to Community-Post Acute Care Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program, Potentially Preventable 30-Day Post Discharge Readmission Measure for Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program, and Drug Regimen Review Conducted with Follow-Up for Identified Issues-Post Acute Care Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program. **The specifications for the proposed measures can be found in the Downloads section of this page.**

The proposed item set specifications for the proposed measure, Drug Regimen Review Conducted with Follow-Up for Identified Issues-Post Acute Care Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program, as delineated in the SNF PPS FY 2017 Proposed Rule can be found in the Downloads section of this page.

July 30, 2015

The Minimum Data Set (MDS) final 2016 Part A Discharge (End of Stay) (NPE/SPE) item set and a document containing the final MDS 3.0 Sections A and GG can be found in the Downloads section below. Additionally, the final SNF QRP specifications for the quality measures adopted through the FY 2016 final rule can be found in the Downloads section at the bottom of this page.

May 19, 2015

Slides for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)/Long Term Care (LTC) Open Door Forum held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 are posted in the Downloads section below.

April 28, 2015

We have removed the identification of an effective date for the draft MDS 3.0 Nursing Home Comprehensive (NC) Version 1.14.0, corrected MDS 3.0 Sections A and GG Document, and the draft MDS 3.0 PPS Part A Discharge (End of Stay) (NPE/SPE) Version 1.14.0 because such a date has not yet been determined.

April 16, 2015

The following drafts of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 are available in the Downloads section below: (1) a draft of the MDS 3.0 Nursing Home Comprehensive (NC) Version 1.14.0; (2) a draft of sections A and GG of the MDS 3.0; and (3) a draft of the new MDS 3.0 PPS Part A Discharge (End of Stay) (NPE/SPE) Version 1.14.0.

April 15, 2015

Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program - Quality Measure Specifications for FY 2016 Notice of Proposed Rule Making:

The Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation (IMPACT) Act, enacted Oct. 6, 2014, directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to "specify quality measures on which Post-Acute Care (PAC) providers are required under the applicable reporting provisions to submit standardized patient assessment data" in several domains, including incidence of major falls, skin integrity, and function. The IMPACT Act requires the implementation of quality measures

to address these measure domains in home health agencies (HHAs), skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), long-term care hospitals (LTCHs), and inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs).

The IMPACT ACT also requires, to the extent possible, the submission of such quality measure data through the use of a PAC assessment instrument and the modification of such instrument as necessary to enable such use; for SNFs, this requirement refers to the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0.

This document describes the measure specifications for the quality measures proposed in the Proposed Rule: Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2016. The Quality Measure Specifications for FY 2016 Notice of Proposed Rule Making report can be found in the Downloads section at the bottom of this page.

Downloads

[SNF QRP Questions from Training - August 2016.pdf \[PDF, 102KB\]](#)
[SNF Function Quality Measures TEP Summary Report August 2016 \[PDF, 2MB\]](#)
[SNF QRP Measure Specifications August 2016 updated PU \[DOCX, 75KB\]](#)
[2016_07_20_mspb_pac_ltch_irf_snf_measure_specs \[PDF, 822KB\]](#)
[Copy1 of 2016_04_06_mspb_pac_snf_service_exclusions \[XLSX, 63KB\]](#)
[Measure Specifications for FY17 SNF QRP Final Rule \[PDF, 1MB\]](#)
[Finalized Item Set Specifications for FY17 SNF QRP Final Rule \[PDF, 158KB\]](#)
[SNF ODF FINAL RULE 8-2015 \[PDF, 669KB\]](#)
[Draft of the MDS 3.0 Nursing Home Comprehensive \(NC\) Version 1.14.0 \[PDF, 954KB\]](#)
[MDS3 0 NC Comp SecA SecGG Only v1 14 0.pdf \[PDF, 351KB\]](#)
[MDS3 0 NPE SPE PPS Part A Discharge v1 14 0.pdf \[PDF, 397KB\]](#)
[SNF QRP Measure Specifications August 2015R.pdf \[PDF, 472KB\]](#)

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