

# SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program & Quality Measure Reporting

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# Quality Timeline

October 1, 2016 (FY2017): SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) – Data Collection via MDS begins

Calendar Year 2017: SNF Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program Performance Period on readmission measure compared to CY2015

May 15, 2017: SNF QRP Data Submission with any changes for 10/1/2016-12/31/2016

October 1, 2017 (FY2018): 2% reduction to SNFs who failed to report data necessary to calculate the quality measures under QRP for at least 80% of the assessments

October 1, 2018 (FY2019): SNF VBP - 1<sup>st</sup> payment adjustment (2%)

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## SNF Value-Based Program for Readmissions (FY2019)

### Penalty/Incentive:

Earn back up to 2% of Medicare FFS payment based upon performance on readmissions relative to peers and/or SNF year-over-year improvement. Top performers will be eligible to earn more than the 2% withhold

**Data Used:** Medicare fee-for-service claims data. Providers do not need to submit additional documentation

**Performance Reports:** Quarterly reports available to SNFs via CASPER beginning 10/1/2016

- **Measure:** 30-day all-cause, all-condition, unplanned hospital readmissions from date of original hospital discharge
  - Risk adjusted starting by 10/1/16
  - Measures only for Medicare FFS
  - Measure to be reported on Nursing Home Compare
- **How it works:** Hospital readmission rates for SNFs will be compared nationally – using the higher of a SNF’s achievement or improvement score
  - 50-70% of withheld funds available for distribution back to SNFs in top 60%
  - SNF VBP payment adjustments will apply to services provided on or after 10/1/2018

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# SNF VBP Quarterly Confidential Feedback Reports

Measure	Your SNF's Number of Eligible Stays	Your SNF's Number of Readmissions	Your SNF's Risk-Standardized Readmission Rate	National average Readmission Rate
SNFRM				

- Correction requests to be submitted to: [SNFVBPinquiries@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:SNFVBPinquiries@cms.hhs.gov) and to include:
  - SNF's CMS certification number
  - SNF name
  - Requested correction and basis for correction
  - Documentation or other evidence to support the request
- Correction requests for any quarterly report can be submitted until the following March 31.

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## Key Terms for SNF VBP

Term	Proposed Definition
Achievement threshold	The 25 <sup>th</sup> percentile of national SNF performance on the quality measure during calendar year (CY) 2015
Benchmark	The mean of the best decile of national SNF performance on the quality measure during CY 205
Improvement Threshold	The specific SNF's performance on the specified measure during CY 2015
Performance Period	CY 2017
Baseline Period	CY 2015

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# Example of SNF VBP Scoring Methodology

The higher of the achievement and improvement scores are used, so in this example, the SNF would receive 41 points.



PY 2019 Achievement Threshold and Benchmark

Measure ID	Measure Description	Achievement Threshold	Improvement Threshold	Benchmark
SNFRM	SNF 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Measure (NQF #2510)	0.79590 (SNFRM of 20.410%)	Individual SNF's performance on the measure during CY 2015	0.83601 (SNFRM of 16.399%)

## All Readmission Definitions Are Not Created Equal

	SNF VBP	IMPACT – QRP	CMS Nursing Home Compare Quality Measures
Definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current: 30-Day SNF All Cause Readmission Measure (SNFFRM) – FY2019</li> <li>Future: 30-Day SNF Potentially Preventable Readmissions Measure (SNFPPR)</li> </ul>	Potentially preventable 30-day Post SNF Discharge Readmission Measures	Percent of short-stay residents re-admitted to a hospital for an unplanned inpatient stay or observation stay within 30 days of the start of the nursing home stay.
30-days from...	Hospital Discharge	SNF Discharge	Hospital Discharge
Performance Period	Calendar Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ex.: CY2017 for FY2019 rates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FY2018: 10/1/2016 – 12/31/2016</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data updated every 6 months (in April and October) with 9-month lag</li> </ul>

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	SNF VBP	IMPACT – QRP	CMS Nursing Home Compare Quality Measures
Impact on Medicare FFS Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Top decile</b> = Rate + XX% more</li> <li>• <b>Bottom 40%</b> =Rate minus 2% (“net negative”)</li> <li>• <b>SNFs ranked between 40-90 %</b> = rate minus 0 to 2%</li> </ul>	2% reduction for failure to report enough data to calculate quality measures for at least 80% of assessments	None, but may be used by hospitals, health systems, ACOs for assessing preferred provider status
Source Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medicare FFS hospital claims</li> </ul>	Medicare FFS claims data	Medicare FFS claims data

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# H.R.3298 – Medicare VBP Legislation – Brady/Kind

- New, Not Improved VBP proposal to supersede SNF Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) program already being implemented by CMS
- No Senate companion
- Key Elements
  - Medicare FFS withhold = 3 – 8% vs. 2% in existing SNF VBP program .
  - SNFs would not get the full payment returned even if they perform well.
  - Prohibits judicial or administrative review

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# Medicare.gov | Nursing Home Compare

The Official U.S. Government Site for Medicare

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## Current data collection periods

Nursing home quality measures	Current data collection period	
	From	Through
<b>Short-stay residents</b>		
Percentage of short-stay residents who made improvements in function.	4/1/2015	6/30/2016
Percentage of short-stay residents who were re-hospitalized after a nursing home admission.	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Percentage of short-stay residents who have had an outpatient emergency department visit.	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Percentage of short-stay residents who were successfully discharged to the community.	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Percentage of short-stay residents who self-report moderate to severe pain.	4/1/2015	6/30/2016
Percentage of short-stay residents with pressure ulcers that are new or worsened.	4/1/2015	6/30/2016
Percentage of short-stay residents assessed and given, appropriately, the seasonal influenza vaccine.	4/1/2015	6/30/2016
Percentage of short-stay residents assessed and given, appropriately, the pneumococcal vaccine.	4/1/2015	6/30/2016
Percentage of short-stay residents who newly received an antipsychotic medication.	4/1/2015	6/30/2016

As accessed from [www.medicare.gov/NursingHomeCompare](http://www.medicare.gov/NursingHomeCompare) on 11/21/2016

## Additional Resources:

- **SNF VBP Sept 28, 2016 Webinar:**  
<https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/NPC/Downloads/2016-09-28-SNF-Presentation.pdf>
- **SNF QRP Fact Sheet:** [https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Downloads/SNF-QRP-Requirements-for-FY18-Reporting-Year-Fact-Sheet\\_updated.pdf](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Downloads/SNF-QRP-Requirements-for-FY18-Reporting-Year-Fact-Sheet_updated.pdf)
- **Nursing Home Compare Quality Measures Technical Guide:** <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/CertificationandCompliance/Downloads/New-Measures-Technical-Specifications-DRAFT-04-05-16-.pdf>

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