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

May 07, 2021

NEW TRAINING AVAILABLE – Cognitive & Mood Assessment Four-Course Training Series for SNF Providers

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering web-based training that provides an overview of the general and key clinical considerations important for conducting standardized cognitive and mood assessments. This web-based training for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) providers can be accessed via the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training web page.

May 04, 2021

Submission Deadline for SNF QRP

The submission deadline for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) is approaching. Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment data for October 1 – December 31 (Quarter 4) of calendar year (CY) 2020 are due with this submission deadline.

All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2021.

It is recommended that the applicable Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reports (CASPER) are run prior to each quarterly reporting deadline to ensure that all required data were submitted. We encourage you to verify all facility information prior to submission, including CMS Certification Number (CCN) and facility name.

View the list of measures required for this deadline on the SNF QRP Measures Information webpage.

For submission information, visit the QTSO Nursing Home (MDS) Reference & Manuals webpage.

CMS sends informational messages to SNFs that are not meeting Annual Payment Update (APU) thresholds on a quarterly basis ahead of each submission deadline. If you need to add or change the email addresses to which these messages are sent, please email QRPHelp@swingtech.com and be sure to include your facility name and CCN along with any requested email updates.

April 09, 2021

Important QRP Reminder for Non-CAH Swing Beds

Non-Critical Access Hospital (CAH) swing beds are subject to Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) requirements, via the submission of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0. CAHs with swing beds are not required to submit quality data under the SNF QRP. For more information on SNF QRP requirements, please visit the SNF QRP Measures and Technical Information webpage.

CMS sends informational messages to SNFs and swing beds that are not meeting Annual Payment Update (APU) thresholds on a quarterly basis ahead of each submission deadline. If you need to add or change the email addresses to which these messages are sent, please email QRPHelp@swingtech.com and be sure to include your facility name and CMS Certification Number (CCN) along with any requested email updates.

April 08, 2021

PPS and Consolidated Billing for SNF; Updates to the QRP and VBP Program for FY 2022 CMS-1746-P

On April 08, 2021 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-1746-P) that provides updates to and proposals for the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP). This rule includes two new measure proposals: the Skilled Nursing Facility (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 is proposing a modification to public reporting for the SNF QRP quality measures in order to accommodate the exception of 2020 Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 QRP data reporting. Lastly, this proposed rule includes two Requests for Information (RFI) related to the use of Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) in support of Digital Quality Measurement (dQM) in PAC QRPs as well as Closing the Health Equity Gap.

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

April 02, 2021

NEW TRAINING AVAILABLE – Resident Mood Interview (PHQ-9©) for SNF Providers Video Tutorial

This video provides a depiction of a scenario that demonstrates the coding of D0200. Resident Mood Interview (PHQ-9©) and D0300. Total Severity Score. The training can be accessed via the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program Training web page.

March 16, 2021

REGISTRATION OPEN – SNF QRP: Achieving a Full APU

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a webinar on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET to educate providers about the Annual Payment Update (APU) process to achieve full APU. This webinar will cover the relationship between the APU and the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP), associated data submission requirements, and the reconsideration process for providers who are identified as being noncompliant.

Please register only if you know you will be able to attend the webinar, as space is limited. If you would like your name placed on a list to receive an email notification when the recorded version of the webinar is available, please CLICK HERE to be placed on an email notification list.

March 01, 2021

SNF QRP FAQs

An update to the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document is now available. This document has been updated to reflect the finalized policies for the SNF QRP in fiscal year (FY) 2021 and other useful resources available to providers.

The FAQ document can be accessed via the SNF Quality Reporting FAQs webpage.

February 26, 2021

NEW TRAINING AVAILABLE – Section J: Health Conditions: Coding the Standardized Patient Assessment Data Elements Related to Falls

This training on coding the standardized patient assessment data elements in Section J: Health Conditions can be accessed via the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program Training webpage.

February 12, 2021

NEW TRAINING EVENT – Section N: Medications – Drug Regimen Review Web-Based Training

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a web-based training course that provides an overview of the assessment and coding of the Drug Regimen Review standardized patient assessment data elements found in Section N of the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) guidance manual. This training can be accessed via the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program Training webpage.

February 01, 2021

Reminder of Upcoming Data Submission Deadline

The submission deadline for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) is approaching. Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment data for July 1 – September 30 (Quarter 3) of Calendar Year (CY) 2020 are due with this submission deadline.

All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on February 16, 2021.

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View the list of measures required for the February 16, 2021 deadline on the SNF QRP Measures and Technical Information webpage.

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