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

June 23, 2023

UPDATED: Final MDS 3.0 Item Sets version 1.18.11 v3

The final Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Item Sets version (v)1.18.11 have been updated and are now available in the Downloads section on the [Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual](#) page. The Nursing Home Comprehensive (NC) and Nursing Home Quarterly (NQ) Item Sets have been replaced with revised versions; the remaining item sets remain unchanged from the last posted version. The MDS Item Sets v1.18.11 will be effective beginning October 1, 2023.

The change that was made involved A1200. Marital Status. It was noted that the item response code numbering was changed in error on the NC and NQ item sets only. This has been corrected.

June 07, 2023

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The item set edits are noted below and on the revised MDS 3.0 Item Set Change History v1.18.11v2.pdf. These edits are also reflected in the Final MDS Data Submission Specifications V3.01.0 posted on the [Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Technical Information](#) webpage.

NPE item set

B1300: Completion language removed

D0100: Part of the completion language was removed

D0700: Completion language removed

ND item set

D0700: Completion language added

SD item set

X1100E: added to item set

May 15, 2023

REGISTRATION OPEN: The SNF MDS 3.0 RAI v1.18.11 Guidance Training Program

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a virtual training program that provides instruction on the updated guidance for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) v1.18.11 Manual and Item Set. This training consists of a series of recorded presentations intended to be reviewed prior to a live virtual event. Registration is only required for the live virtual training event.

For more information and to register for the event, please visit the [SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training](#) page.

May 4, 2023

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 and data submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for October 1 – December 31 (Q4) of calendar year (CY) 2022 are due with this submission deadline. **The annual NHSN measure Influenza Vaccination among Healthcare Personnel is also due with this deadline.**

All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2023.

It is recommended that applicable Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) reports and NHSN analysis reports 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 the May 15, 2023 deadline on the [SNF Quality Reporting Program Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

For submission information, visit:

- [iQIES Reference & Manuals](#)
- [CMS Resources for NHSN Users](#)

Swingtech sends informational messages to SNFs that are not meeting the Annual Payment Update (APU) threshold 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 26, 2023

Care Compare April Refresh of SNF QRP Data – Now Available

The April 2023 refresh of the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) data is now available on Care Compare and Provider Data Catalog (PDC).

For more information, please visit the SNF QRP Public Reporting webpage.

April 24, 2023

NOW AVAILABLE: OSA Item Set and OSA Manual

The Optional State Assessment (OSA) Item Set, OSA Manual, and OSA Change History table are now available in the **Downloads** section on the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual webpage. The OSA is not a Federally required assessment; rather, it may be required in some States for payment purposes. Each State determines whether the OSA is required and if so, when the assessment must be completed. For questions regarding completion of the OSA, please contact your State Survey Agency.

April 14, 2023

SNF Provider Preview Reports – Now Available

The Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Provider Preview Reports have been updated and are now available. These reports contain provider performance scores for quality measures, which will be published on Care Compare and Provider Data Catalog (PDC) during the **July 2023** refresh.

For more information, please visit the CMS SNF QRP Public Reporting webpage.

April 4, 2023

PPS and Consolidated Billing for SNFs; Updates to the QRP and VBP Program for Federal FY 2024 (CMS-1779-P)

On April 4, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-1779-P) that provides updates to and proposals for the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP). This rule includes three new measure proposals, one measure modification proposal, and three measure removal proposals. The new measure proposals include the Discharge Function Score measure; the CoreQ: Short Stay Discharge Measure; and the COVID-19 Vaccine: Percent of Patients/Residents Who Are Up to Date measure. CMS is also proposing to modify the COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage among

Healthcare Personnel (HCP) measure to report the number of HCP who are up to date with recommended COVID-19 vaccinations per the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance. In addition, CMS is proposing the removal of three measures including the Application of Percent of Long-Term Care Hospital Patients with an Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan That Addresses Function; the Application of the IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Self-Care Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients; and the Application of the IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Mobility Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients. We are also proposing changes to the data completion thresholds for the Minimum Data Set (MDS) data items and to begin the public reporting of the Transfer of Health (TOH) Information to the Patient-Post-Acute Care (PAC) and TOH Information to the Provider-PAC measures. Finally, we are seeking information on principles for selecting and prioritizing SNF QRP quality measures and concepts and providing an update on CMS' continued efforts to close the health equity gap.

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

April 3, 2023

NOW AVAILABLE: Final MDS 3.0 Item Sets version 1.18.11

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April 3, 2023

NOW AVAILABLE: Draft MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual version 1.18.11

The draft Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) User's Manual version (v) 1.18.11 is now available in the **Downloads** section on the [Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual](#) webpage. The MDS 3.0 RAI User's Manual v1.18.11 will be effective beginning October 01, 2023.

This version of the MDS 3.0 RAI Manual contains substantial revisions related to the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014 (IMPACT Act), which requires that standardized assessment items be collected across post-acute care (PAC) settings. Standardized data will enable cross-setting data collection, outcome comparison, exchangeability of data, and comparison of quality within and across PAC settings. Additionally, the language of the manual has been updated throughout to be gender neutral. Guidance and examples in numerous chapters and appendices have been revised for clarification and to reflect current regulations and best practices. Due to the scope of the revisions, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will not issue Replacement Pages for v1.18.11; those wishing to continue using a physical copy of the manual are encouraged to print the new version.