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TO: QIES State Coordinators

CC: CMS Central and Regional Office Contacts

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SUBJECT: New SNF (Skilled Nursing Facility) QRP (Quality Reporting Program) Quality Measure Reports Available

Effective December 19, 2017, two new user-requested Quality Measure reports will be available in the SNF Quality Reporting Program report category in the CASPER Reporting application. The two new reports are as follows:

- **SNF QRP Facility-Level Quality Measure Report**
This report provides facility-level quality measure values for a select 12-month period. SNF quality measure values for this report are compiled from the following sources:
 - MDS 3.0 assessment data
 - Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) claims and Eligibility Files
- **SNF QRP Resident-Level Quality Measure Report**
This report identifies each resident with a qualifying MDS 3.0 Medicare Part A Stay (SNF Stay) used to calculate the facility-level quality measure values for a select 12-month period.
Note: Only MDS 3.0 assessment-based measures are included in this report.

Data for the two new reports will be calculated on the first day of each month.

For a list of measures included in the reports, please refer to the updated CASPER Reporting User's Guide. Information about the updated CASPER Reporting User's Guide is available in the [Resource Information for the new SNF Quality Measure Reports](#) section below.

SNF QRP Review and Correct Report Enhancements

The existing SNF QRP Review and Correct Report that is also available in the SNF Quality Reporting Program report category will be enhanced as follows:

- Calculation for measure NQF#2631 (Application of Percent of Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Patients with an Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan that Addresses Function) is being updated.
 - The measure will be calculated based upon the measure specifications in the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program Measure Calculations and Reporting User's Manual, v1.0.
 - The data for this measure will be recalculated for all Medicare Part A Stays with a discharge date of January 1, 2017 and forward.

- The updated calculation will be included in the SNF QRP Review and Correct Report (as well as the SNF QRP Facility-Level and Resident-Level Quality Measure Reports).
- Display of the Reporting Quarter's Data Correction Deadline Dates is being enhanced. An additional sort has been added to the report to ensure that the Reporting Quarters display in descending order with the most current quarter displayed first.

Resource Information for the New SNF Quality Measure Reports

SNF Quality Reporting Program

- Information is available on the SNF Quality Reporting Program Spotlights and Announcements page at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Skilled-Nursing-Facility-Quality-Reporting-Program/SNF-Quality-Reporting-Program-Spotlights-and-Announcements.html>.

Measure and Technical Information

- Information is available on the SNF Quality Reporting Program Measures and Technical Information page at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Skilled-Nursing-Facility-Quality-Reporting-Program/SNF-Quality-Reporting-Program-Measures-and-Technical-Information.html>.

CASPER Reporting User's Guide for MDS Providers

- Information is available on the following websites:
 - Welcome to the CMS QIES Systems for Providers webpage
 - MDS 3.0 User Guides and Training Information page on the QTSO website at <https://www.qtso.com/mdstrain.html>
- The guide includes the following updates:
 - Updated Cover and Table of Contents
 - Updated Section 13 – SNF Quality Reporting Program

CASPER Reporting User's Guide for State and CMS CO/RO Users

- Information is available on the following websites:
 - Training and Education Page on QIES to Success website
 - MDS 3.0 User Guides and Training Information page on the QTSO website at <https://www.qtso.com/mdstrain.html>
- The guide includes the following updates:
 - Updated Cover and Table of Contents
 - Updated Section 53 – SNF Quality Reporting Program

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact the QTSO Help Desk at help@qtso.com or 1 (888) 477-7876.