



**STRATEGY SESSIONS**

**SMALL** Lessons | **BIG** Outcomes

Quality Matters:  
Key Insights into Short-Stay Measures

# Why Focus on Short-Stay Quality Measures



Lost  
placement  
decisions

Fewer  
incentive  
payments

Less insurance  
plan  
participation



# 5 Star Short-Stay Measures



% of Short-Stay Residents  
Who Have Had an OP ED  
Visit: 5 Star



% of Short-Stay Residents  
Who Were Re-hospitalized  
After a Nursing Home  
Admission: 5 Star



Discharge to Community: 5  
Star, QRP, VBP



Changes in Skin Integrity  
Post-Acute Care: 5 Star and  
QRP



Discharge Function Score: 5  
Star, QRP, VBP



% of Residents who Newly  
Received an Antipsychotic: 5  
Star





# QM Improvement Process

- **Establish baseline:** Review iQIES/Scrubber to establish current facility and resident performance utilizing the Facility Level and Resident Level Quality Measure Report and/or scrubber reporting
- **Audit for accuracy:** Review residents triggering for QM for accuracy of data reported
- **Identify trends** and concerns from review
- **Review facility systems** to determine care opportunities
- **Develop plan** and take corrective action based on root cause(s) found during review
- **Create measurable follow up** action items to facilitate long term success



# Know the Data Collection Period

Current as of 7/16/2026

[Provider Data Catalog](#)

| Measures                                                                                                                                                                                       | Current data collection period |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Measures used to calculate the star rating - Short-stay residents                                                                                                                              | Measure Date Range             |
| Percentage of short-stay residents who were re-hospitalized after a nursing home admission.                                                                                                    | 10/01/2024 -09/30/2025         |
| Percentage of short-stay residents who have had an outpatient emergency department visit.                                                                                                      | 10/01/2024 -09/30/2025         |
| Percentage of short-stay residents who got antipsychotic medication for the first time.                                                                                                        | 10/01/2024 -12/31/2025         |
| Percentage of SNF residents with pressure ulcers/pressure injuries that are new or worsened.<br><i>This measure is also used in the SNF Quality Reporting Program</i>                          | 07/01/2024 -06/30/2025         |
| Percentage of residents who are at or above an expected ability to care for themselves and move around at discharge.<br><i>This measure is also used in the SNF Quality Reporting Program.</i> | 07/01/2024 -06/30/2025         |
| Rate of successful return to home or community from a SNF.<br><i>This measure is also used in the Five Star Quality Rating System.</i>                                                         | 10/01/2022 -09/30/2024         |



# Understand Data and Reporting

- Utilize scrubber when available
- Full utilization of all iQIES report
- Know which reports to pull, who pulls them, and with what frequency
  - MDS QM Reports
  - SNF QRP Reports
  - MDS 3.0 Nursing Home Provider Reports
  - Nursing Home Final Validation Reports
  - PBJ Reports



[igies Reference & Manuals](#) | [QIES Technical Support Office](#)



# Review for Accuracy

| QM                                                                                | Areas to Audit for Accuracy                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| % of Short-Stay Residents Who Have Had an OP ED Visit                             | Accurate coding of covariates, i.e. functional status, GG items, clinical conditions, clinical treatments, clinical diagnosis |
| % of Short-Stay Residents Who Were Re-hospitalized After a Nursing Home Admission |                                                                                                                               |
| Discharge to Community                                                            |                                                                                                                               |
| Changes in Skin Integrity Post-Acute Care                                         | Documentation to support stage of PU, correct coding of covariates, i.e. Lying to sitting, bowel incontinence, BMI, etc.      |
| Discharge Function Score                                                          | GG coding, usual performance at admission and discharge, accuracy of covariates i.e. PLOF, BMI, continence, etc.              |
| % of Residents who Newly Received an Antipsychotic                                | Capturing of exclusions Schizophrenia, Tourette's, and Huntington's, medication accuracy on admission assessment              |



# Care Opportunities

| QM                                                                                | Care Opportunities                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| % of Short-Stay Residents Who Have Had an OP ED Visit                             | Effective discharge planning, patient education, medication reconciliation, management of SDOH, increased monitoring of vital signs, post-DC follow up calls, nursing to provider checklists        |
| % of Short-Stay Residents Who Were Re-hospitalized After a Nursing Home Admission |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Discharge to Community                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Changes in Skin Integrity Post-Acute Care                                         | Nursing education, full body assessments ASAP, risk assessments tied to interventions, dietary consults, wound care nurse, pressure relief program, seating and positioning, continence programming |
| Discharge Function Score                                                          | Skills check off on GG, collaboration between therapy and nursing for usual performance, restorative programming, effective DC planning                                                             |
| % of Residents who Newly Received an Antipsychotic                                | Medication reconciliation, patient centered care plans for “behaviors,” programming for those living with dementia, patient specific activities, staging of dementia, de-escalation training        |



# Effective PIPs

- Consider each PIP a learning process
- Determine what information you need for the PIP
- Determine a timeline and communicate it to the Steering Committee
- Identify and request any needed supplies or equipment
- Select or create measurement tools as needed
  - Prepare and present results.
- Use a problem-solving model like PDSA (Plan-Do-Study-Act).
- Report results to the Steering Committee



# Client Portal



Select your Education Pathway to Get Started

Clinical Reimbursement

G and GG

MDS Resources

CORE4+ Clinical Programs

<https://portal.fprehab.com>

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