

The National Quality Forum supports 21 new quality measures for Nursing Home Residents.

The National Quality Forum on Wednesday came out in support of 21 measures to be used to care for both long-term nursing home residents and short-stay patients. These measures will be included in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Nursing Home Compare website.

The 21 NQF-endorsed nursing home measures assess patient outcomes and the patient's own experience of care for both long-term residents and short-stay patients. The measures address falls, infections, pressure ulcers, and the general health of residents and patients.

Endorsed Measures:

- Physical therapy or nursing rehabilitation/restorative care for long-stay patients with new balance problem (RAND)
- Percent of residents experiencing one or more falls with major injury (long stay) (CMS)
- The percentage of residents on a scheduled pain medication regimen on admission who report a decrease in pain intensity or frequency (short stay) (CMS)
- Percent of residents who self-report moderate to severe pain (short stay) (CMS)
- Percent of residents who self-report moderate to severe pain (long stay) (CMS)
- Percent of residents with pressure ulcers that are new or worsened (short stay) (CMS)
- Percent of high-risk residents with pressure ulcers (long stay) (CMS)
- Percent of residents assessed and appropriately given the seasonal influenza vaccine during the flu season (short stay) (CMS)
- Percent of residents assessed and appropriately given the seasonal influenza vaccine (long stay) (CMS)
- Percent of residents assessed and appropriately given the pneumococcal vaccine (short stay) (CMS)
- Percent of residents assessed and appropriately given the pneumococcal vaccine (long stay) (CMS)
- Percent of residents with a urinary tract infection (long stay) (CMS)
- Percent of low-risk residents who lose control of their bowels or bladder (long stay) (CMS)
- Percent of residents who have/had a catheter inserted and left in their bladder (long stay) (CMS)
- Percent of residents who were physically restrained (long stay) (CMS)
- Percent of residents whose need for help with activities of daily living has increased (long stay) (CMS)
- Percent of residents who lose too much weight (long stay) (CMS)
- Percent of residents who have depressive symptoms (long stay) (CMS)
- Consumer Assessment of Health Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) Nursing Home Survey: Discharged Resident Instrument (ARHQ)
- Consumer Assessment of Health Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) Nursing Home Survey: Long-Stay Resident Instrument (ARHQ)

- Consumer Assessment of Health Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) Nursing Home Survey: Family Member Instrument (ARHQ)

The 17 measures that were previously endorsed will be retired and, in some instances, be replaced by the newly endorsed measures. These measures were recently retired in the transition to the new MDS 3.0 resident assessment tool.

Any party can request a reconsideration of the 21 recommendations by submitting a written request to NQF no later than April 1.