ND Nursing Facilities Incentive Program-
Session 2

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AGENDA

Session 2
- NFIP Points
  - NFIP Tiers
  - Website
- Additional Considerations
  - AHCA Quality Award
  - Percentage of SMI Dx
- Schedule

Session 2 – Objective is to provide an overview of the Nursing Facility Incentive Program

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QUALITY MEASURES

Quality Measures
- Long-stay Urinary Tract Infection
- Long-stay Antipsychotic Medication
- Long-stay Pressure Ulcers
- Long-stay Hospitalizations

Calendar Year	Dates	FFY
Q1	Jan 1 - March 31	Q2
Q2	April 1 - June 30	Q3
Q3	July 1 - Sept 30	Q4
Q4	Oct 1 - Dec 31	Q1

Additional consideration
- AHCA/NCAL Quality Award (Baldrige Framework)
- Facilities that have 30% or more residents with an SMI diagnosis

All data for QM are from CMS Care Compare.
- Program follows the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) – October 1 – September 30
- Data point used are the fourth-quarter average at the end of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)
- No reporting requirements for NF that have required data published by CMS

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Quality Measure Points Table and Tiers

Long-stay UTI

Ranking	Between...	And...	Points
1	0.0000	0.0070	100
2	0.0071	0.0160	80
3	0.0161	0.0272	60
4	0.0273	0.0452	40
5	0.0453	1.0000	20

Long-stay Antipsychotics

Ranking	Between...	And...	Points
1	0.0000	0.0478	150
2	0.0479	0.0749	135
3	0.0750	0.0960	120
4	0.0961	0.1137	105
5	0.1138	0.1321	90
6	0.1322	0.1508	75
7	0.1509	0.1746	60
8	0.1747	0.2039	45
9	0.2040	0.2538	30
10	0.2539	1.0000	15

Long-stay Pressure Ulcers

Ranking	Between...	And...	Points
1	0.0000	0.0288	100
2	0.0289	0.0445	80
3	0.0446	0.0597	60
4	0.0598	0.0797	40
5	0.0798	1.0000	20

Long-stay Hospitalizations

Ranking	Between...	And...	Points
1	0.0000	0.8514	150
2	0.8515	1.1167	135
3	1.1168	1.3112	120
4	1.3113	1.4931	105
5	1.4932	1.6759	90
6	1.6760	1.8622	75
7	1.8623	2.0642	60
8	2.0643	2.3236	45
9	2.3237	2.7286	30
10	2.7287	1000.0	15

ACHA/NCAL Award	NHCA Points
Bronze	50
Silver	75
Gold	100

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ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

AHCA/NCAL QUALITY AWARD

- A national recognition for performance excellence.
- Building program beginning with Bronze, then Silver, then Gold awards.
- Award must be active during the program FFY
  - Bronze and silver awards are active for 3 years. Gold for 5 year.

AHCA Quality Award	Points
Bronze	50
Silver	75
Gold	100

More information: National Quality Award Program (ahcancal.org)

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ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Facilities that have an occurrence of 30% or more residents in the FFY with a diagnosis of severe mental illness (SMI) will be awarded an additional 30 points in that program year.
- The included SMI diagnosis and their respective MDS item set are **bipolar disorder** (I5900), **psychotic disorder** (I5950), **schizophrenia** (I6000), **post-traumatic stress disorder** (I6100), and **hallucinations** (E0100A).
- Number of facilities that met >30% threshold per year.
  - 2022 – 9 facilities
  - 2023 – 6 facilities
  - 2024 – 6 facilities

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POINTS AND TIERS

Quality Measure	Available Points
LS Urinary Tract Infection	20-100
LS Antipsychotic Use	15-150
LS Pressure Ulcer	20-100
LS Hospitalization	15-150
QM TOTAL	70-600

Additional Considerations	Available Points
AHCA Quality Award	50-100
30% residents with SMI Dx	30
TOTAL	0-120

Tier	Point Threshold
1	≥400
2	≥300-399
3	≥200-299
4	<200

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MISSING DATA

Why data might not be publicly available?

1. The total denominator size throughout the FFY for the QM is inadequate; less than 20 stays.

2. If there is an identified coding inaccuracy related to antipsychotic use, CMS will suppress the LS AP QM data for 12 months. QSO-23-05-NH

- Solution:
  - If **1** QM is missing in the four-quarter average, the available tier points will be used to prorate the point for the missing tier.

  - If **2 or more** QMs is missing in the four-quarter average, the state will request the data from the facility in the form of the Quality Measure Report from CASPER.

  - If the requested data is not provided, the NF will not be included in the program for that year.

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Payments

Tier	Base Payment %
1	100%
2	85%
3	60%
4	0

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Money Distribution

Calculation for Weighted Days
- Values are examples for demonstration.
  - 100 Medicaid Days per Tier
  - $1,000 total distribution

- **Step 1** – Calculate weighted days

Tier	Medicaid Days		Percentage		Weighted Days
1	100	X	100%	=	100
2	100	X	85%	=	85
3	100	X	60%	=	60
4	100	X	0%	=	0
			Total Weighted Days		245

- **Step 2** – Calculate Base Dollar per day

Total Dollars	÷	Total Weighted Days	=	Dollar per Day
$ 1,000.00	÷	245	=	$ 4.08

- **Step 3** – Calculate incentive value per day for each Tier

Tier	Percentage		Base Dollar per Day		Adjusted Incentive Value per Day
1	100%	X	$4.08	=	$4.08
2	85%	X	$4.08	=	$3.47
3	60%	X	$4.08	=	$2.45
4	0%	X	$4.08	=	$0.00

- **Step 4** – Multiply adjusted Incentive Value per day by unadjusted Medicaid days

Tier	Adjusted Incentive Value per Day		Unadjusted Medicaid Days		Adjusted Incentive Value per Day
1	$4.08	X	100	=	$408.00
2	$3.47	X	100	=	$347.00
3	$2.45	X	100	=	$245.00
4	$0.00	X	100	=	$0.00
			Total Payout		$1,000.00

- Steps Combined

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Timing

- **October 1** – September 31 - Data collection periods

- **January** – February - Publication of MDS data by CMS

- **April** – Communication to facility administrators with MDS data, number of Medicaid days, and SMI percentages

- **June** – Communication to facility administrators with all data points, tier placement. Payment requests submitted to fiscal.

- **July** - Nursing Facility Incentive Program website data updated

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References

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  - MDS 3.0 Quality Measures User's Manual v17.0
  - mds-qm-users-manual-v17.0 effective-1-1-2025-and associated-user-manuals (ZIP)
    - Claims-based Measures Tech Specs 2025 Update June 2025
    - Risk adjustment models
  - Design for Care Compare Nursing Home Five-Star Quality Rating System: Technical Users' Guide July 2025
- REVISED: Updates to Nursing Home Care Compare (QSO-25-20-NH Revised)
- National Quality Award Program (ahcancal.org)

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QUESTIONS?

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