

Quality Measures

Five-Star Quality Rating Quality Measure Domain: Fabulous 15

SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP): Lucky 13

The industry is overwhelmed with information on COVID, PDPM, Survey, Vaccination Mandates, Infection Control, and Staffing to name a few. This article is intended to help operators and clinicians gain a more organized understanding between the differences in the many **quality measures** from multiple sources, Specifically, this

- Five-Star Quality Rating Quality Measure Domain
- SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP)

Five-Star Quality Rating Quality Measure Domain			SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP)		
No.	Fabulous 15	Source	No.	Lucky 13 increases to 15	Source
1.	% Falls with Major Injury	Long-Stay	1.	One or More Falls with Major Injury (Long-Stay) (NQF #0674)	MDS Based Long-Stay Public 10.24.2018
2.	Pressure Sores	Long-Stay	2.	Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment & Care Plan that Addresses Function (NQF #2631)	MDS Based Public 10.24.2018
3.	UTI	Long-Stay	3.	Drug Regimen Review	MDS Based Public 10.28.2020
4.	Catheter Use	Long-Stay	4.	Changes in Skin Integrity	MDS Based Short-Stay Public 10.28.2020
5.	ADL Decline	Long-Stay	5.	Change in Self-Care (NQF #2633)	MDS Based Short-Stay Public 10.28.2020
6.	Antipsychotic Medication Use	Long-Stay	6.	Change in Mobility (NQF #2634)	MDS Based Short-Stay Public 10.28.2020
7.	Locomotion on the Unit	Long-Stay	7.	Discharge Self-Care (NQF #2635)	MDS Based Short-Stay

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					Public 10.28.2020
8.	Number of Hospitalizations	Long-Stay Claims-Based	8.	Discharge Mobility (NQF #2636)	MDS Based Short-Stay Public 10.28.2020
9.	Number of ER Visits	Long-Stay Claims-Based	9.	Transfer of Health Information to Provider PAC*	MDS Based
10.	Improvement in Function	Short-Stay	10.	Transfer of Health Information to Patient PAC*	MDS Based
11.	Newly Received Antipsychotic Medications	Short-Stay	11.	COVID-19 Vaccination coverage among health care personnel HCP	Claims-Based CDC NHSN
12.	Pressure Ulcers New or Worsened	Short-Stay	12.	Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary	Medicare Fee-For-Service Claims-Based Public 10.24.2018
13.	Successful Return to Home/Community	Short-Stay Claims-Based	13.	Discharge to Community	Medicare Fee-For-Service Claims-Based Public 10.24.2018
14.	Rehospitalization after Nursing Home Admission	Short-Stay Claims-Based	14	Potentially Preventable 30-Day Post Discharge	Medicare Fee-For-Service Claims-Based Public 10.24.2019
15.	ED Visit	Short-Stay	15	SNF health care associated infections (HAI) requiring hospitalizations	Medicare Fee-For-Service Claims-Based

A.) Five-Star Quality Rating Quality Measure Domain

First and foremost, a quick review on the overall five-star quality rating system. This system is comprised of three components including:

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- health inspection domain
- staffing domain
- quality measure domain

HHI refers to these quality measures as the **“Fabulous Fifteen”** because the Five-Star begins with an **“F”** and there are 15 Quality Measures in the Five-Star Quality Measure domain.

B.) SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP)

HHI refers to these quality measures as the **“Lucky 13”** because there are 13 Quality Measures in the QRP Program. However, this is changing in approximately 2 years.

*Data collection for SNF QRP Quality Measures #9 and #10:

- #9 Transfer of Health Information to Provider (Post-Acute Care) PAC***
- #10 Transfer of Health Information to Patient (Post-Acute Care) PAC***

will begin on **October 1st of the year that is at least two full fiscal years after the end of the COVID-19 PHE.** To reiterate, these do not take effect for at least **two** full years after the end of the PHE.

The 13 SNF QRP Quality Measures plus these 2 new SNF QRP Quality Measures increases the total SNF QRP Quality Measures from 13 measure to 15 measures. Ultimately, the SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) will have the same number of quality measures as the Five-Star Quality Measure Domain.

Also, please note there are another two additional measures from the FY2022 SNF PPS Final Rule are:

- #11 SNF QRP COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among HCP and**
- #15 SNF Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) requiring Hospitalization.**

The data for the above 2 newer SNF QRP Quality Measures (#11 and #15) **will be reported much earlier** in the Nursing Home Care Compare and the Provider Data Catalogue (data.cms.gov) than the measures for the transfer of health information:

- The **#15 SNF Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) requiring Hospitalization** provider preview reports begin in **January 2022** and data is publicly reported in the **April 2022** Care Compare refresh.

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- The **#15 SNF Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) requiring Hospitalization** measure will be publicly reported with the **October 2022** Care Compare refresh.

The next article will provide readers with tips on specific quality measures.



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Infection Control, COVID-19, Team Building, Staff Retention, Staff Recruitment and Revenue Cycle Management to name a few.

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