

42 C.F.R. § 413.360

Requirements under the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP).

- (a) Participation start date. Beginning with the FY 2018 program year, a SNF must begin reporting data in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section no later than the first day of the calendar quarter subsequent to 30 days after the date on its CMS Certification Number (CCN) notification letter, which designates the SNF as operating in the CMS designated data submission system. For purposes of this section, a program year is the fiscal year in which the market basket percentage described in § 413.337(d) is reduced by two percentage points if the SNF does not report data in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section.
- (b) Data submission requirement. (1) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, and for a program year, SNFs must submit to CMS data on measures specified under sections 1899B(c)(1) and 1899B(d)(1) of the Social Security Act and standardized resident assessment data in accordance with section 1899B(b)(1) of the Social Security Act, in the form and manner, and at a time, specified by CMS.
- (2) CMS may remove a quality measure from the SNF QRP based on one or more of the following factors:
- (i) Measure performance among SNFs is so high and unvarying that meaningful distinctions in improvements in performance can no longer be made.
- (ii) Performance or improvement on a measure does not result in better resident outcomes.
- (iii) A measure does not align with current clinical guidelines or practice.

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