

SNF WQIP PL 24-006

DATE: September 23, 2024
TO: ALL SNF WQIP PARTICIPANTS
SUBJECT: SNF WQIP Weight Loss Measure for PY2 (2024)

PURPOSE:

This policy letter (PL) outlines the updated and shortened measurement period for *Percent of Residents Who Lose Too Much Weight, Long Stay* measure. Performance during the shorter measurement period will continue to have the same weight in the overall Workforce and Quality Incentive Program (WQIP) score.

BACKGROUND:

WQIP used the *Percent of High-Risk Residents with Pressure Ulcers* measure in PY1 (2023), but Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) retired the measure as of October 1, 2023. That change occurred partway through the PY2 (2024) measurement period for Minimum Data Set (MDS) measures (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024). Due to this change, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) replaced the *Percent of High-Risk Residents with Pressure Ulcers* measure with the MDS measure *Percent of Residents Who Lose Too Much Weight, Long Stay* measure for PY2.

POLICY:

DHCS provided an opportunity for consultation regarding the *Percent of Residents Who Lose Too Much Weight, Long Stay* measure on January 31, 2024. DHCS has updated the measurement period to start as of 30 days after notice was sent to Skilled Nursing Facility Stakeholders (SNF) stakeholders. The updated measurement period for the *Percent of Residents Who Lose Too Much Weight, Long Stay* measure will now begin on March 1, 2024.

- **Previous measurement period** for *Percent of Residents Who Lose Too Much Weight, Long Stay* measure
 - July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024
- **New measurement period** for *Percent of Residents Who Lose Too Much Weight, Long Stay* measure
 - March 1, 2024- June 30, 2024

A copy of this Policy Letter is posted on the SNF WQIP website at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/SNF-WQIP.aspx>. If you have any questions regarding this policy letter, please contact SNFWQIP@DHCS.ca.gov.

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