

SNF WQIP PL 25-002

**DATE:** March 28, 2025

**TO:** ALL SNF WQIP PARTICIPANTS

**SUBJECT:** SNF WQIP MCP Webinar Timing Guidance and Payment Timeline

**PURPOSE:**

This policy letter (PL) provides guidance on the scheduling of Managed Care Plan (MCP) webinars and payment timeline for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Workforce and Quality Incentive Program (WQIP).

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) published [All-Plan Letter \(APL\) 25-002](#) on January 13, 2025.

Pursuant to APL 25-002, Each MCP must hold a webinar twice per program year, for all SNF WQIP-eligible Network Providers subject to additional guidance from DHCS regarding the required timing, content, and duration of webinars.

**POLICY:**

The objectives during calendar year (CY 2025) related to SNF WQIP PY2 (2024) are outlined below for MCPs. MCP webinar timing and payment timeline are listed per quarter. Please note that all the dates for the quarterly objectives for PY2 (2024) are dependent on the timely receipt of data for measure calculations. Any delays with receiving the required data for measure calculations may result in a change in the provided timeline.

CY 2024 PY 2 Interim Payment

- » The SNF WQIP Interim Per Diem Exhibits for CY 2024 (PY2) is delayed and was not sent to MCPs by March 28, 2025. Timeline and details on this matter are forthcoming.
- » MCPs must make payments to SNF WQIP-eligible Network Providers for qualifying bed days within 45 calendar days of receiving CY 2024 PY2 SNF WQIP

Interim Per Diem Exhibits from DHCS or within 30 calendar days of receiving a Clean Claim from the Provider, whichever is later.

- » MCPs must hold at least one webinar relating to the CY 2024 PY2 SNF WQIP Interim Payment within 45 calendar days of receiving CY 2024 PY2 SNF WQIP Interim Per Diem Exhibits from DHCS. The webinar must provide the capability and opportunity for Network Providers to ask live questions. The webinar must be at least one hour in length.

#### CY 2024 PY 2 Final Payment

- » DHCS will calculate the PY2 final separate payment term made by DHCS to MCPs based on qualifying bed days that are reported by MCPs to the Post-Adjudicated Claims and Encounters System (PACES) by June 30, 2025, that are accepted by DHCS.
- » DHCS plans to provide SNF WQIP Final Per Diem Exhibits to MCPs via email for CY 2024 (PY2) by September 30, 2025.
- » MCPs must make payments to SNF WQIP-eligible Network Providers for qualifying bed days within 45 calendar days of receiving CY 2024 PY2 SNF WQIP Final Per Diem Exhibits from DHCS or within 30 calendar days of receiving a Clean Claim from the Provider, whichever is later.
  - Thus, DHCS expects that MCPs will be required to make CY 2024 PY2 final payments to SNFs by November 14, 2025.
- » MCPs must hold at least one webinar relating to the CY 2024 PY2 SNF WQIP Final Payment within 45 calendar days of receiving CY 2024 PY2 SNF WQIP Final Per Diem Exhibits from DHCS. The webinar must provide the capability and opportunity for Network Providers to ask live questions. The webinar must be at least one hour in length.

Please ensure that the most up-to-date MCP contacts are listed within the SNF WQIP [MCP Contact List](#).

MCPs may reference the [CDPH License and Certified Healthcare Facility Locations data](#) for SNF contact information, their own in-house contact directory, and/or reachable facility contact listed within their contract. **Please note, SNFs are responsible for maintaining the Licensed and Certified Healthcare Facility Locations data with CDPH.**

Feedback on this methodology was due via email to the SNF WQIP Inbox [SNFWQIP@DHCS.ca.gov](mailto:SNFWQIP@DHCS.ca.gov) no later than March 7, 2025.

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