

DATE: September 4, 2024
TO: ALL SNF WQIP PARTICIPANTS
SUBJECT: SNF WQIP PY 1 (2023) Technical Program Guide Update

PURPOSE:

This Policy Letter (PL) outlines correction to the PY 1 (2023) Technical Program Guide for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Workforce & Quality Incentive Program (WQIP).

BACKGROUND:

First, the incorrect measurement period for the Staffing Turnover Metric is referenced in the [PY 1 Technical Program Guide](#) on page 13.

Second, the explanations relating to the Acuity-Adjusted Total Nursing Hours in the [PY 1 Technical Program Guide](#) on page 14-15 improperly states "less than 59 certified beds".

Third, clarification is issued relating to A/AA Citations in the [PY 1 Technical Program Guide](#) on page 11 and 83.

POLICY

1. **The Staffing Turnover Metric measurement period is April 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023**, which is not the same as the Acuity-Adjusted Staffing Hour Metrics as stated in the PY 1 Technical Program Guide.
 - a. Previous direction: (Page 13) "For each of the Acuity-Adjusted Staffing Hour Metrics, HSAG will use the publicly available data from Care Compare for the measurement period of April 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023."
2. The explanations relating to **the Acuity-Adjusted Total Nursing Hours** on page 14-15 improperly states "less than 59 certified beds" and **should be updated to read "59 or less certified beds"**.
3. Clarification is issued relating to A/AA Citations in the [PY 1 Technical Program Guide](#) on page 11 and 83. Additionally, please reference the [SNF WQIP PL 24-001 Provisional Guidance on SNF WQIP Payment Process](#) policy letter for additional details on updated Class A and AA citation process.
 - a. Updated direction: (Page 9) "HSAG will review the records provided to identify A/AA citations with violation dates **that were issued wholly or in part** during PY1."
 - i. Previous direction: (Page 9) "HSAG will review the records provided to identify A/AA citations with violation dates during PY1."



- b. Updated direction: (Page 65) "DHCS will adjust payments for facilities that received AA or A **citations that were issued by CDPH for violations that occurred wholly or in part during the PY.**"
 - i. Previous direction: "DHCS will adjust payments for facilities that received A or AA citations that occurred during the PY."

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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