

“Quality Measures: A Moving Target”

DESCRIPTION

Are your Quality Measures a moving target? Do you know why? By reviewing and understanding the Quality Measures, it may help determine why your ratings are changing. Administrators, Directors of Nursing Services, and Interdisciplinary team members need to understand how the Quality Measures are used to report a snapshot of your provision of care of the residents and communities you serve. CMS is committed to the quality of care provided in our nursing homes across the nation. The Quality Measures provide an indication of how the nursing home provides care to residents over specific periods of time. These measures have been validated and are based on current best practices and research.

This interactive session will be a mix between lecture and group work. The instructor will review the current Quality Measures so you can better understand their purpose. You will learn which specific data item sets on the MDS trigger the Quality Measures and the difference between short stay and long stay measures. Ever wonder why your ratings are changing each quarter? This session will cover how the Quality Measures are used to populate the 5 Star Rating and Ranking System, Nursing Home Compare and how they are utilized for Survey and Certification. If you are able to understand how the Quality Measures impact these systems, you can create talking points around why you are seeing changes in ratings. Finally, you will learn how to use the Quality Measures as a Quality Assurance tool for your facility.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Attendees will learn Quality Measures and the specific data item sets on the MDS that trigger the Quality Measures.
2. Attendees will learn how the Quality Measures are used to populate the 5 Star Rating and Ranking System, Nursing Home Compare and how they are utilized for Survey and Certification. This will help them understand why their ratings are changing each quarter.
3. Attendees will learn how to use the Quality Measures as a Quality Assurance tool in their facility.