

## **Measures of hospital use for long-stay nursing facility residents**

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**ISSUE:** The Commission's interest in increasing the value of the Medicare program to beneficiaries and taxpayers has resulted in a focus on policies that promote care coordination and increase quality. Medicare beneficiaries represent a large portion of long-stay nursing facility residents. The Commission has developed several measure of hospital use for Medicare beneficiaries residing in nursing facilities including a measure of potentially-avoidable hospital admissions and hospital emergency department (ED) and observation use. The Commission also developed a measure of SNF use for long-stay nursing facility residents.

**KEY POINTS:** This session will present facility-level rates of potentially-avoidable hospital admissions, ED visits and observation use, and SNF use measures.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should review and comment on the material and consider next steps.

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