

Transcript for Nursing Home Overview

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Nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities face significant challenges on a daily basis when working to provide the best health care and quality of life for their residents. \$2.8 billion in Medicare hospital costs are attributed to preventable harm caused in nursing homes in one year. Adverse drug events account for approximately 1.3 million emergency department visits each year. 1 to 3 million serious infections occur every year among the 4 million Americans in long-term care facilities.

Issues like these and others negatively affect the health and well-being of residents and the morale of facility staff. These issues also create economic burden and strain for facilities and the health care system at large. The good news is, with strategies like implementing helpful tools and best practices, increasing staff education, and technical assistance, facilities can address these issues to improve the quality of life for residents.

More than 1,700 nursing homes in the US have worked with the TMF Quality Innovation Network, a CNS quality improvement organization, to improve performance on nationally ranked quality measures. The TMF Quality Innovation Network is inviting nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities to join the initiative to tackle issues critical to improving resident well-being and reducing health care costs.

Nursing homes and facilities that work with the TMF Quality Innovation Network focus on improving medication safety and the use of opioid medications, preventing infections and improving antibiotic stewardship programs, improving resident mobility and function to help prevent falls and pressure ulcers, improving early recognition of change in a resident's condition to reduce emergency department visits and hospital admissions or readmissions.

Why should you participate? Each participating facility will receive free individualized assistance to improve quality of care and safety. With full participation is the potential to improve your facility's Nursing Home Compare Five Star quality rating, quality reporting measures, and survey outcomes and to reduce penalties for readmissions. This free individualized assistance will include one-on-one or group technical assistance with evidence-based best practices and quality improvement tools, and resources to improve and strengthen quality of resident care, individualized data reports to help identify opportunities to improve and see those improvements as interventions are implemented, real-time data feedback regarding readmissions and its root causes, education tools and resources, including comprehensive change packages designed to support high-quality resident care.

Implement lasting change to achieve more for residents, staff, and your facility overall. Visit tmfnetworks.org to sign up to participate and begin receiving expert one-on-one or group assistance to improve the quality of care and safety for your residents.

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