



Side A- Press Play!

Building the Basics

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AGENDA

**01**

Overview of “Final Rule”

02

SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP)

03

Value-Based Purchase Program (VBP)

04

Flipping the Tape: What Comes Next?

A stylized graphic of a globe on the left side of the slide. The continents are represented by solid colors: North America is teal, South America is red, and Africa and Europe are orange. The oceans are light gray.

Changing *Your* Tune

**“A fresh start isn’t a new place,
It’s a new mindset.”**

— Author unknown

(Movemequotes.com)

POLL QUESTION #1



Which of the upcoming changes concern you the most?

- A. Removal of Section G & increased importance of Section GG
- B. The move from PHQ-9 to PHQ2-9
- C. The new Discharge Function Score
- D. They all scare me

Changing the Melody

FY 2024 CMS Finalized Changes

Released August 7, 2023



Final Rule from CMS...



Minimum Staffing Requirement

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AHCA letter to administration

01

02

Is no news good news?

The current administration has voiced its intentions to implement more rigorous staffing requirements

03

04

CMS has solicited and accepted provider feedback and implemented a mixed-methods study (beginning Aug 2022)

CMS intends to announce its proposal for staffing requirements "this Spring"

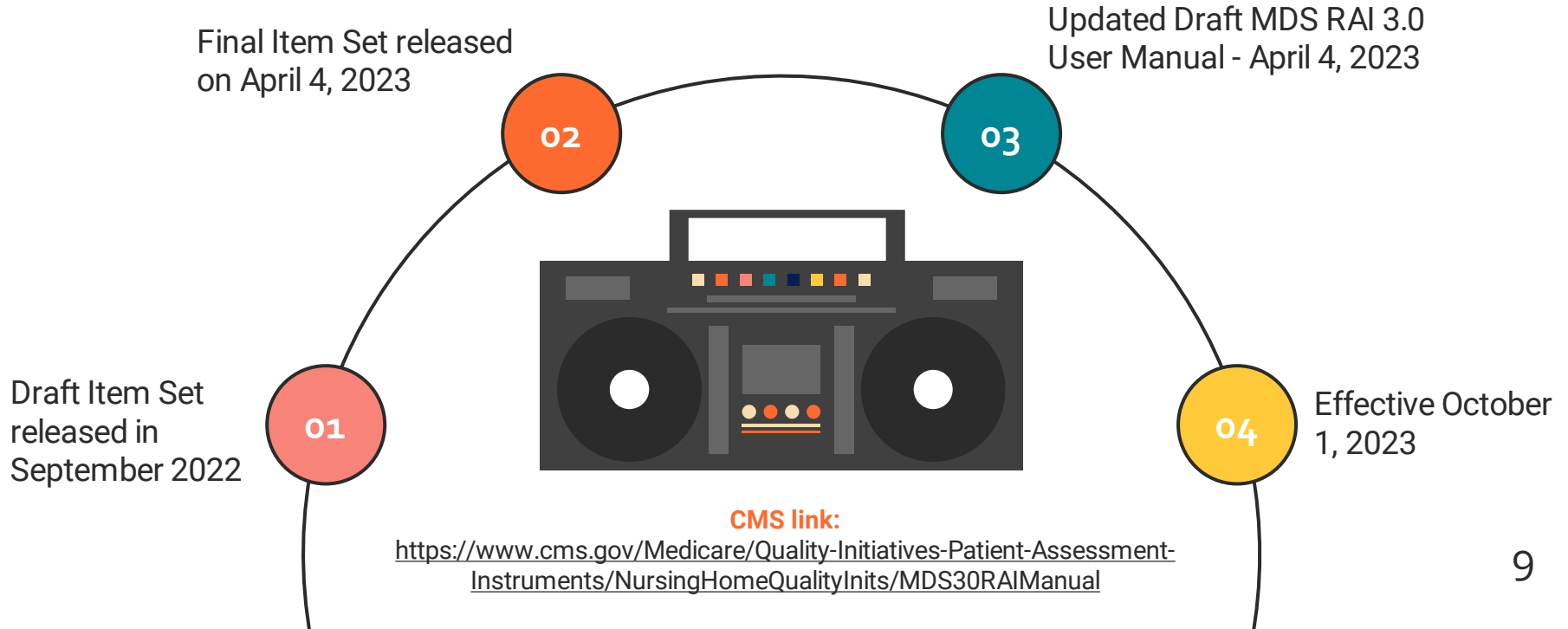
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Adopting the 5-Star Nursing Staff Turnover Measure into VBP Program

New MDS

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MDS Changes

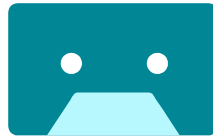
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New
Language



New examples/expanded
examples



Elimination of
Section G



Other
coding/mapping
changes



States may still
request to use the
Optional State
Assessment (OSA)
for
Medicaid CMI
calculations

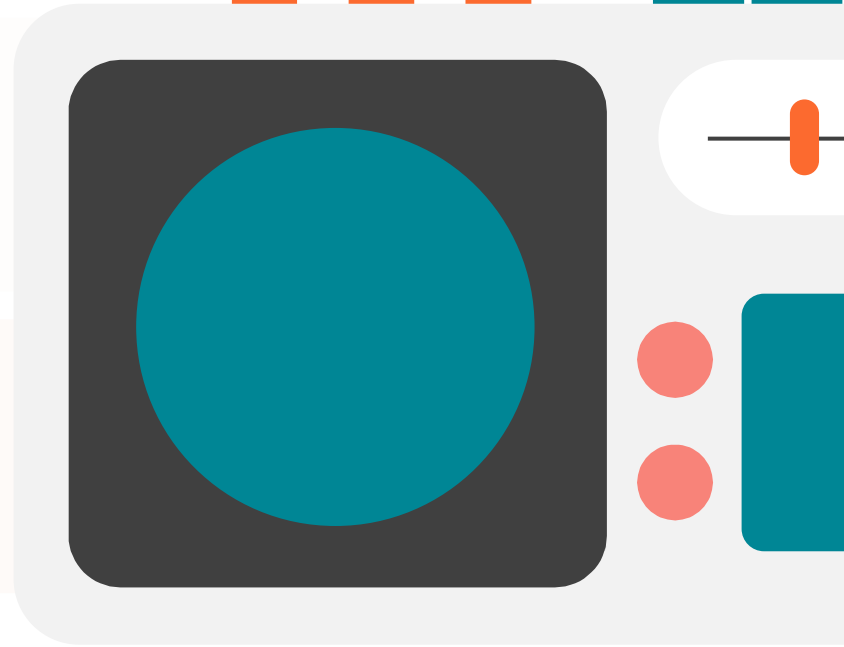
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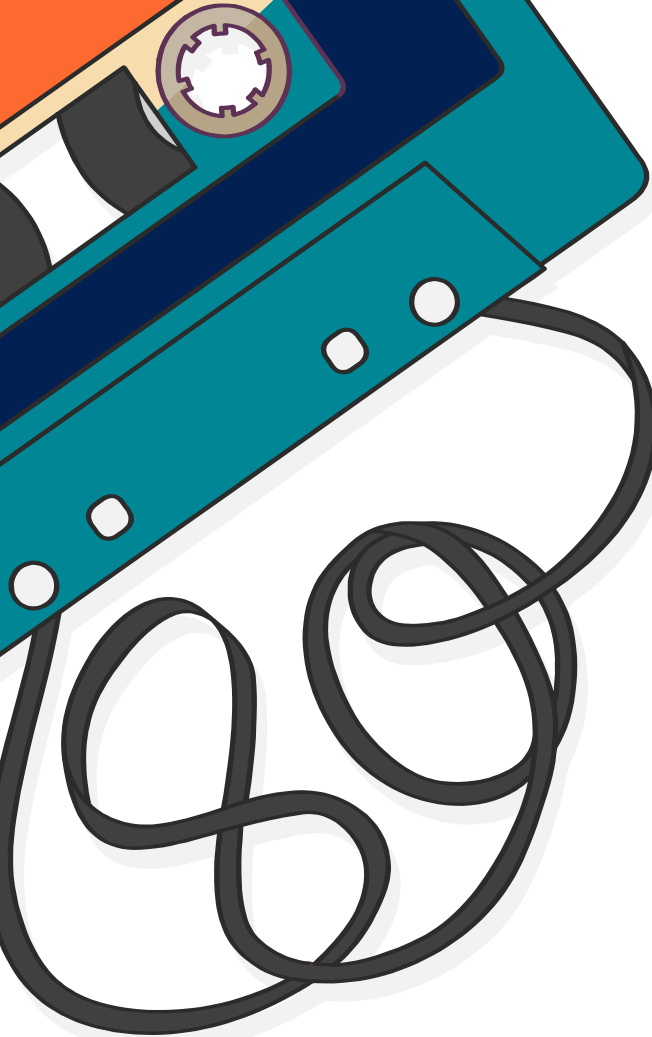
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Save the new RAI manual to your laptop!

10/1/23 version

- Long-Term Care Facility Resident Assessment Instrument 3.0 User's Manual Version 1.18.11





Getting Off Beat?

Optional State Assessment (OSA)



www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/MDS3oRAIMANUAL

CMS Training Resources



CMS Training Videos

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SNF Virtual Training Program – Part 1

Section GG: Summary of Guidance Changes

Therese Rodda I'm Therese Rodda, and I'm your presenter
Abt Associates for this training topic.

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QUALITY REPORTING PROGRAM

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SNF Section GG Summary of Guidance Changes Training Webinar

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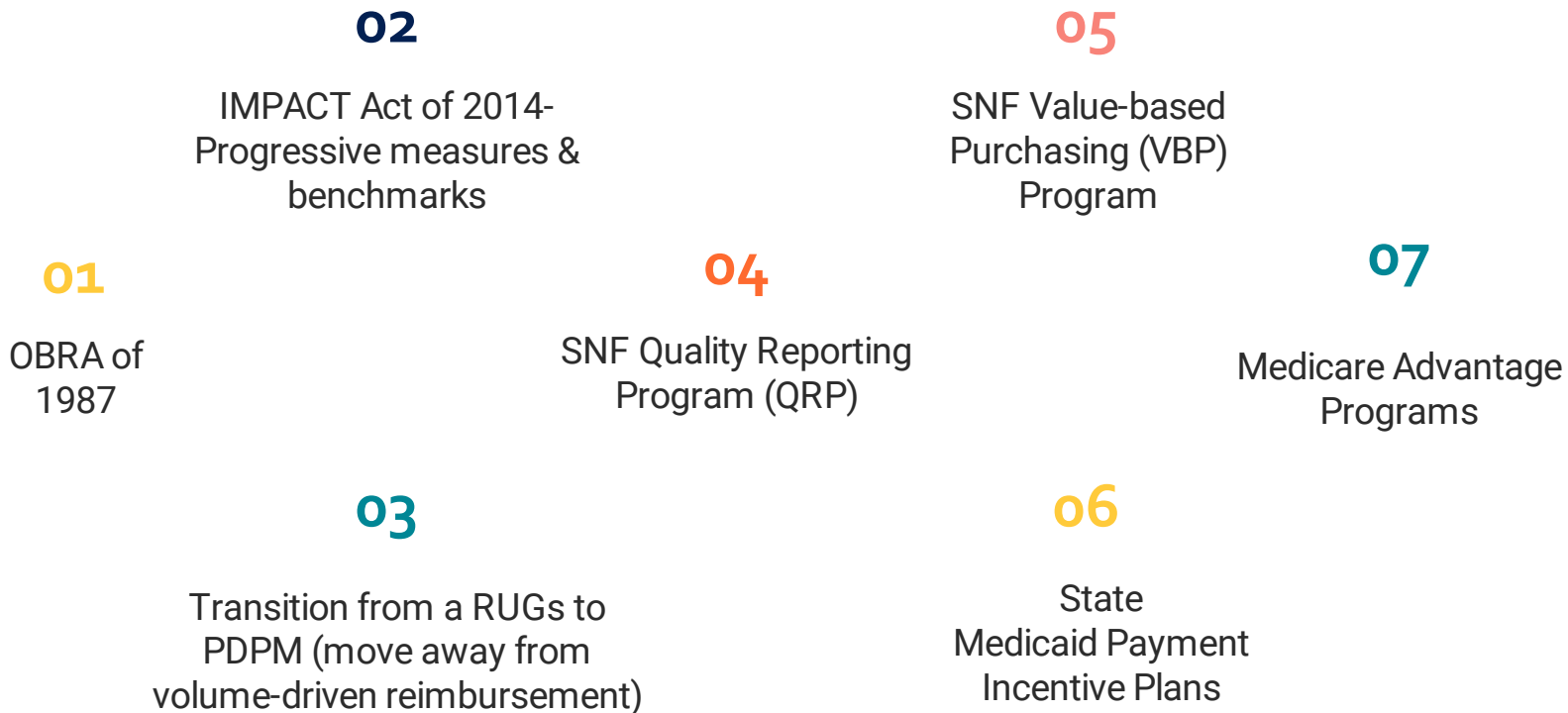
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movement towards
value-based care?**

The Baby Boomer Dilemma

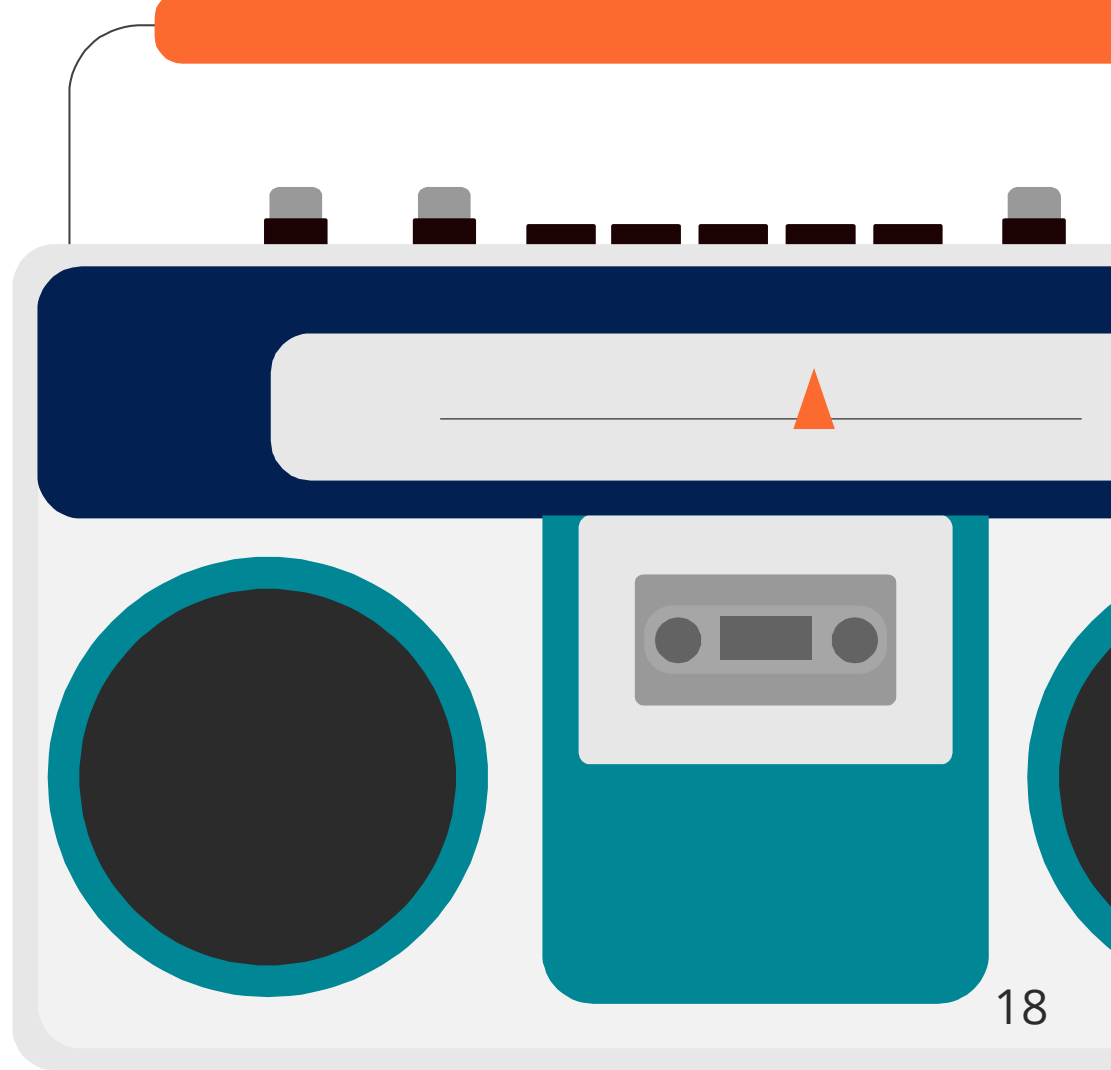


The March Toward “Value”

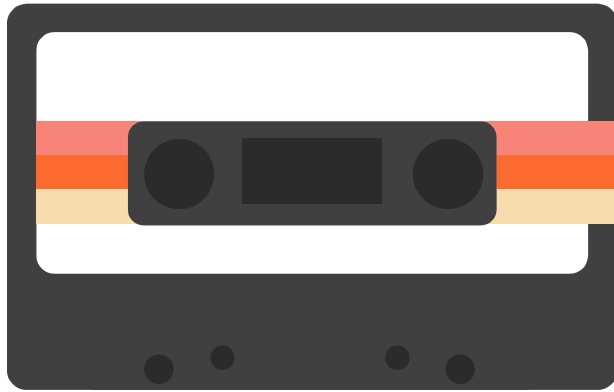
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What is the Role for SNFs in Value-Based Care?



It Always Starts With CARE!



01

Care

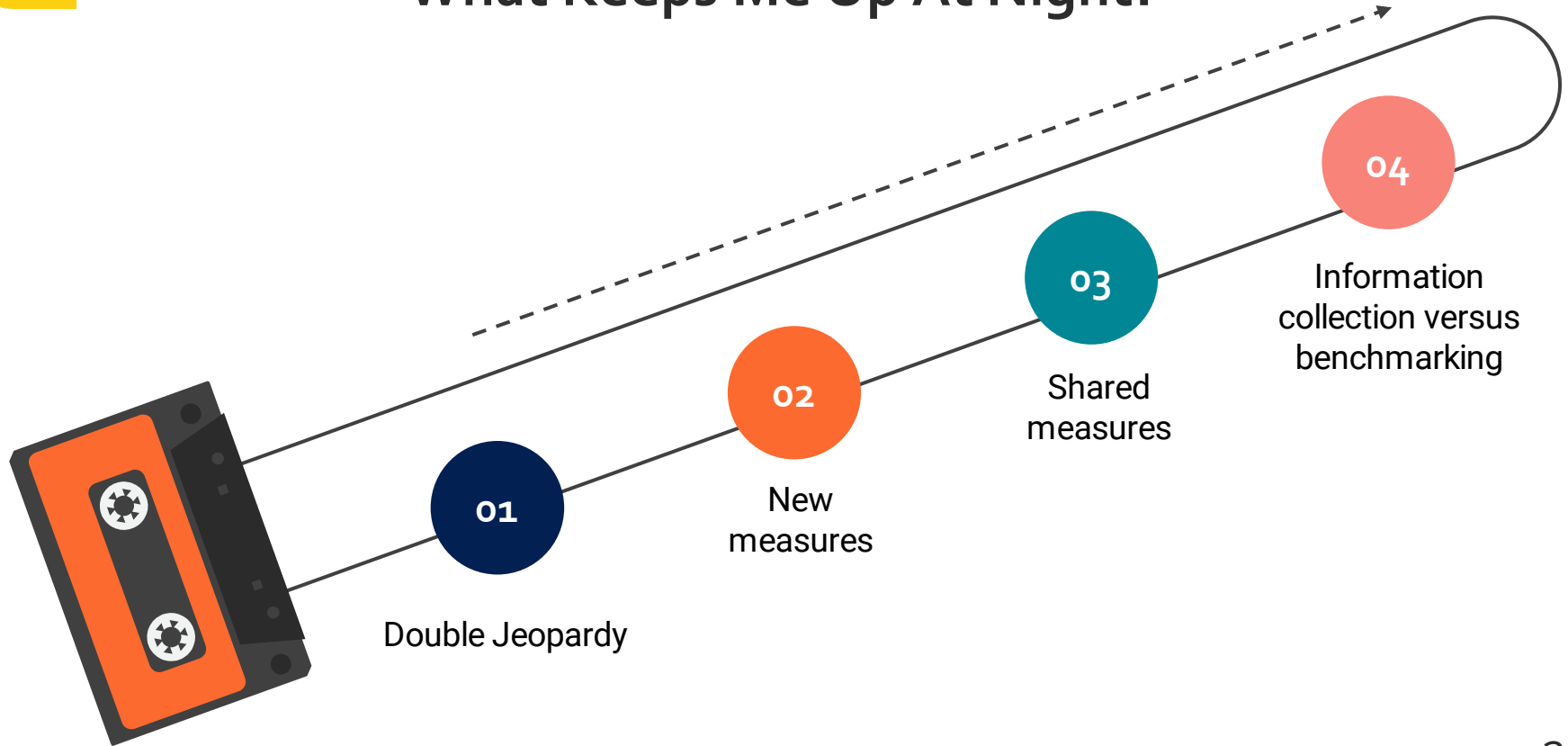
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Documentation

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Coding

The Midnight Jam Session: What Keeps Me Up At Night?

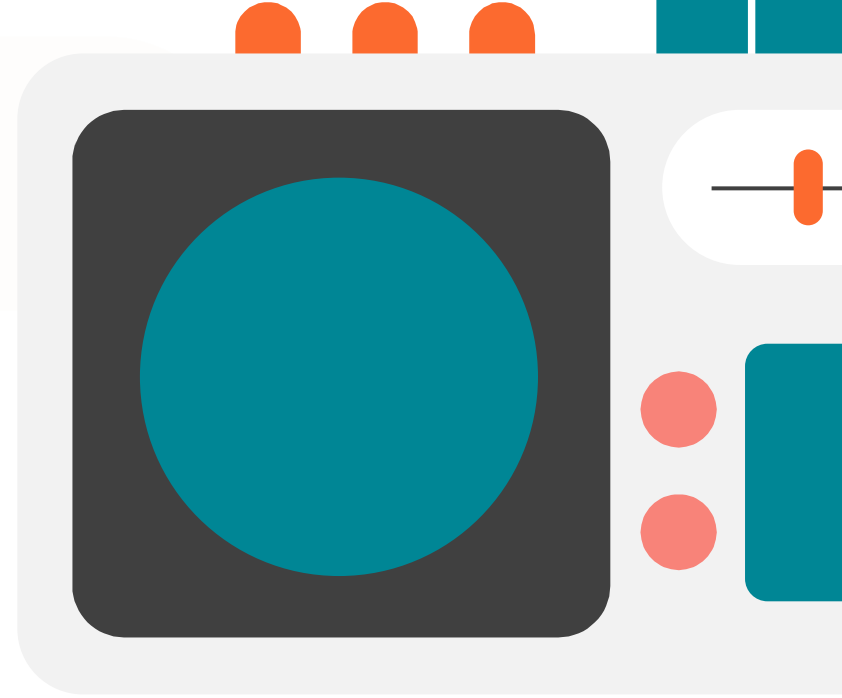


CMS 5-Star Program

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CMS Care Compare website

- Public Facing
- Survey
- Staffing
- Quality Measures



SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP)

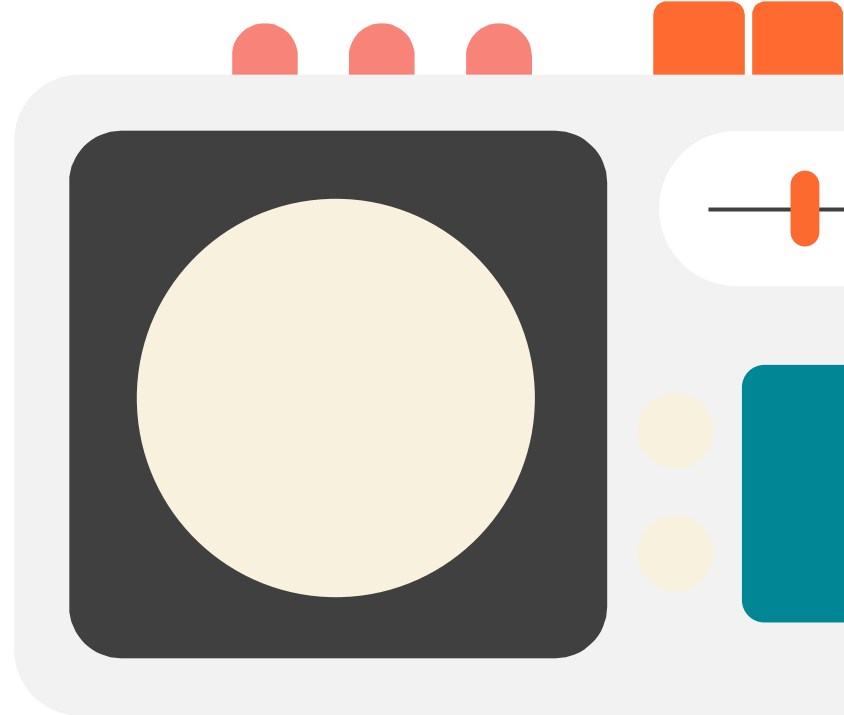


SNF Quality Reporting Program

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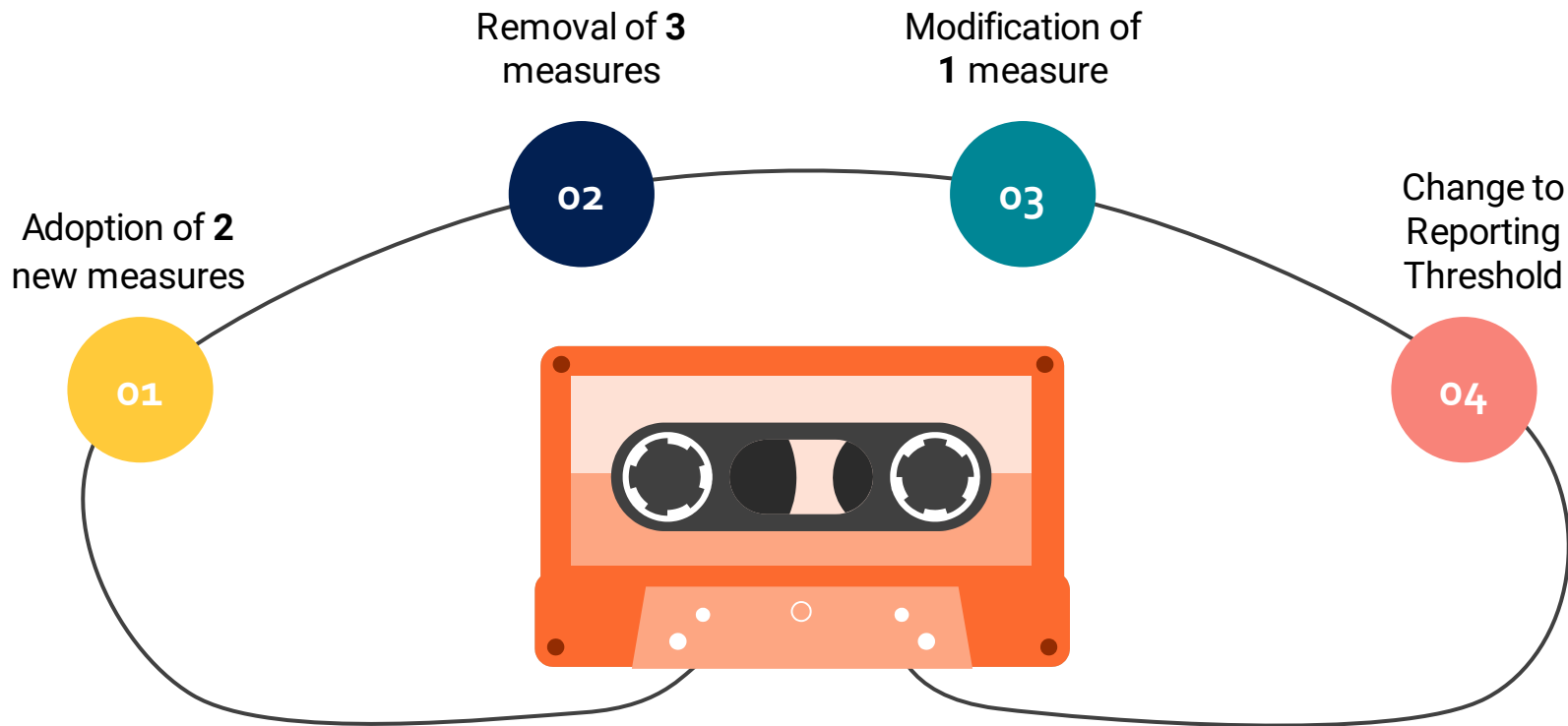
SNF QRP

- Long-stay & Short-stay Quality Measures
- CoreQ Survey???
- New Outcome Measure



Keep The Beat

SNF QRP Change Overview



SNF QRP – Measure Adopted

Discharge Function Score -

Will be compared to CMS's expected D/C benchmark

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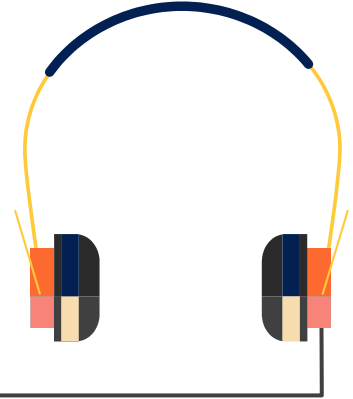
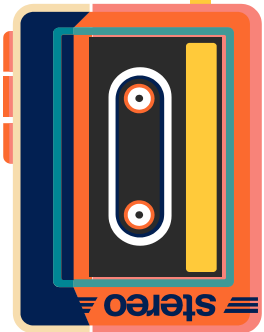
Will use Section
GG info

02

Residents who meet or
exceed their discharge
function score

03

Also adopted as a
VBP measure



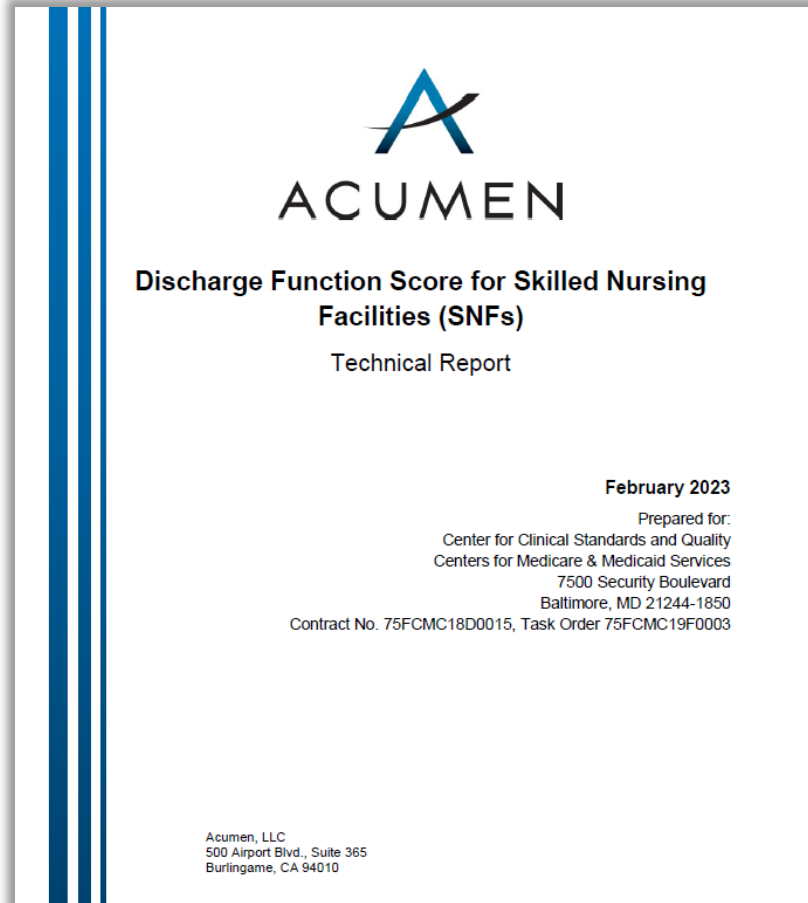
Discharge Score Item Set

- Eating
- Oral Hygiene
- Toileting Hygiene
- Roll Left & Right
- Lying to Sitting
- Sit to Stand
- Chair/Bed-to-Chair Transfer
- Toilet Transfer
- Walk 10 Feet
- Walk 50 Feet with 2 Turns
- Wheel 50 Feet with 2 Turns



Acumen Discharge Function Score

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SNF QRP – Measure Adopted

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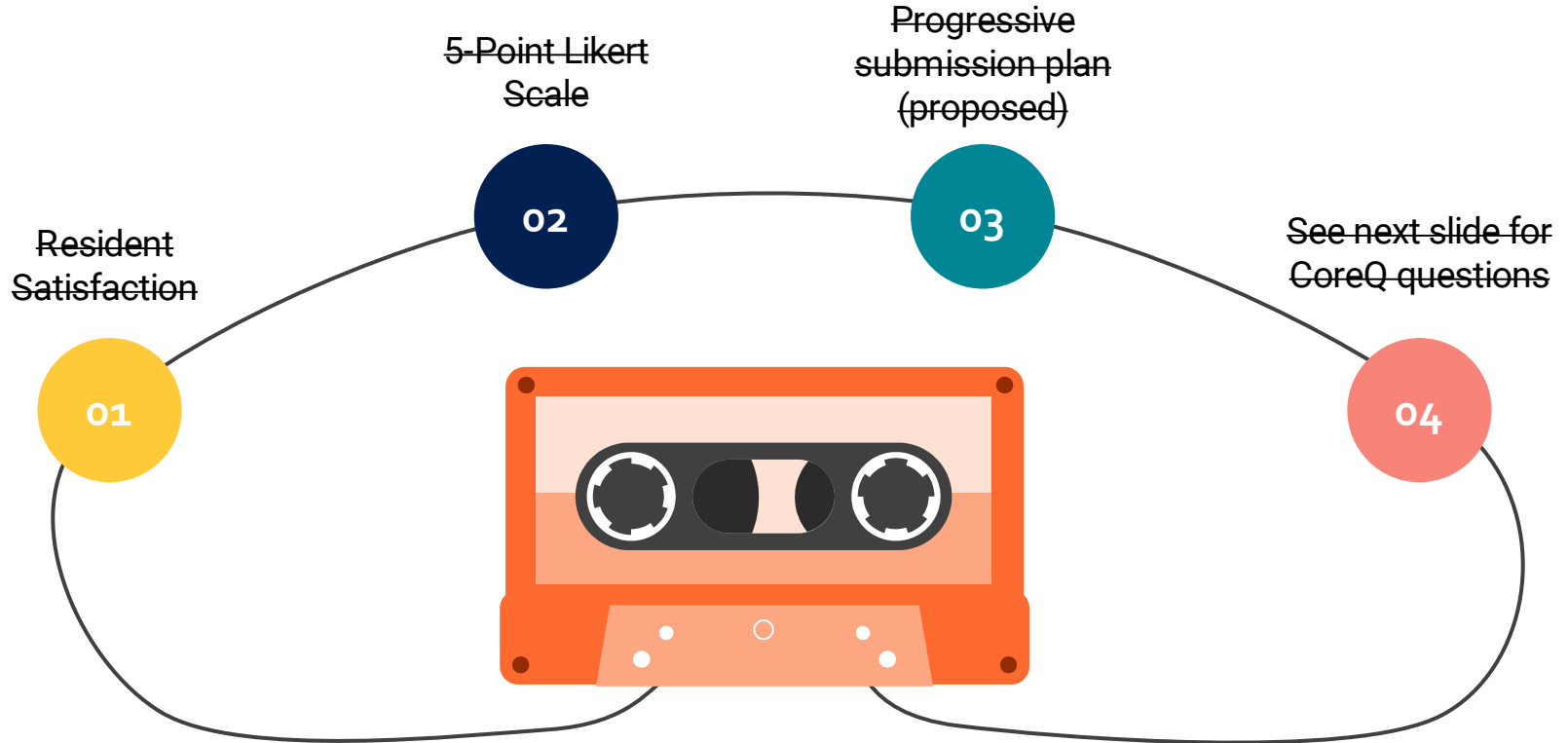


COVID Vaccine: Percent of patients/residents who are up to date (patient/resident COVID-19 vaccine)

- Similar measure changed/proposed of Healthcare Personnel

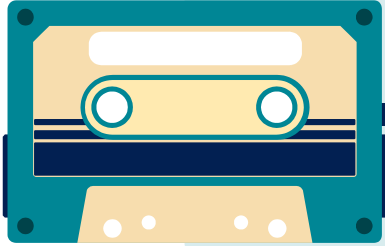
SNF QRP – Measure NOT Adopted

✖ CoreQ: NOPE!



SNF QRP Measures to Eliminate (FY 2025)

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Application of Percent of Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Patients with:

- Admission and discharge functional assessment
- Care plan that addresses functional measure



Application of IRF Functional Outcome Measures:

- Change in self-care score for medical rehabilitation patients measure
- Change in mobility score for medical rehabilitation patients measure

SNF QRP Modifications

01

Prior version measured whether healthcare personnel had received primary vaccination series for COVID-19

02

New measure will report healthcare personnel have received COVID-19 vaccinations as per CDC's most recent guidance

- Small but significant change
- Start reporting - Q4 of 2023 (for FY 2025 QRP impact)

03

CMS proposes public reporting on Care Compare after October 2024 refresh

Change to QRP Reporting Threshold

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01

Current - 100% of the qualifying MDS fields must be completed on at least 80% of the assessments submitted to CMS

02

New- 100% of the qualifying MDS fields must be completed on at least 90% of the assessments submitted to CMS

03

Potential penalty - 2 percentage points to the applicable FY annual payment update

04

Change timeline –
**Measurement-
CY 2024
Penalty- FY 2026**

Sample Dash Report

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FY 2025 SNF QRP Provider Threshold Report

CCN

[REDACTED]

Report Run Date

[REDACTED]

Facility Name

[REDACTED]

Data Collection Start Date

[REDACTED]

City/State

[REDACTED]

Data Collection End Date

[REDACTED]

of MDS 3.0 Assessments Submitted: 47

of MDS 3.0 Assessments Submitted Complete: 45

% of MDS 3.0 Assessments Submitted Complete: 96%*

* FY 2025 SNF QRP Annual Payment Update (APU) Determination Table is limited to the data elements that are used for determining SNF QRP compliance and are included in the APU submission threshold. There are additional data elements used to risk adjust the quality measures used in the SNF QRP. It should be noted that failure to submit all data elements used to calculate and risk adjust a quality measure can affect the quality measure calculations that are displayed on the Compare website.

MDS section

New items used for QRP APU Determination

Section A	Ethnicity, Race, Language, Transportation, DC Status, Reconciled Medication List
Section B	Hearing, Vision, Health Literacy
Section C	BIMS, Signs and Symptoms of Delirium
Section D	PHQ 2-9, Social Isolation
Section J	Pain Effect on Sleep, Therapy Activities, Day-to-Day Activities
Section K	Nutritional Approaches on Admission & At Discharge: Parenteral/IV Feeding, Feeding Tube, Mechanically Altered Diet, Therapeutic Diet, None of the Above
Section N	High Risk Drug Classes Use & Indication: Antipsychotic, Anticoagulant, Antibiotic, Opioid, Antiplatelet, Hypoglycemic, None of the Above
Section O	Special Treatments, Procedures, Programs on Admission & At Discharge: Chemotherapy (IV/Oral/Other), Radiation, Oxygen Therapy (Continuous/Intermittent/High-concentration), Suctioning (Scheduled/As Needed), Tracheostomy Care, Tracheostomy, Invasive Mechanical Ventilator, Non-invasive Mechanical Ventilator, BiPAP, CPAP, IV Medications (Vasoactive/Antibiotics/Anticoagulation/Other), Transfusions, Dialysis (Hemo/Peritoneal), IV Access (Peripheral/Midline/Central), None of the Above.

MDS 3.0 Error Detail Report

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iQIES Report



MDS 3.0 NH Error Detail Report

Note: * indicates an empty value

Facility ID: [REDACTED]
Facility Name: [REDACTED]
City/State: [REDACTED]

Report Period: [REDACTED]
Report Run Date: [REDACTED]
Error Numbers Selected: -3897

-3897	Payment Reduction Warning: If A0310B equals 01 or 08, then a dash (-) submitted in this quality measure item may result in a payment reduction for your facility of two percentage points for the affected payment determination.	Warning	Consistency	The value submitted in this quality measure item is a dash (-) indicating that the item was not assessed, or information was not available.	Tips: If A0310B is 01 or 08, not assessing a quality measure item may result in a payment reduction for your facility of 2% for the affected fiscal year payment determination. Action: Make appropriate corrections to the record and resubmit.
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And The Beat Goes On...

01

CMS will move to public reporting (on Care Compare)

- Transfer of health information to the provider - PAC measure
- Transfer of health information to the patient - PAC measure

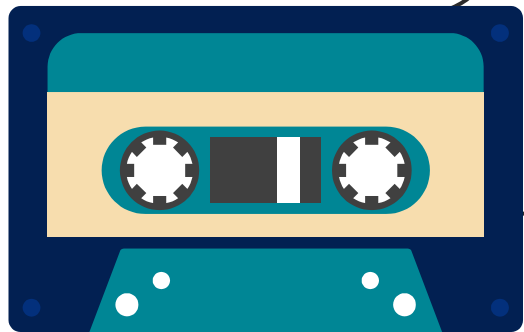
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This measure reports the % of patient stays with a D/C assessment that shows a current reconciled medication list was provided to the patient/family/caregiver and the subsequent medical provider

03

Timeline

CMS would like to begin reporting on Care Compare in October 2025 after the site refresh



SNF Value-based Purchase (VBP) Program

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Currently based on
re-hospitalization
rates



BUT...measuring
up to 10 items



Currently focused
ONLY on short stay
measures

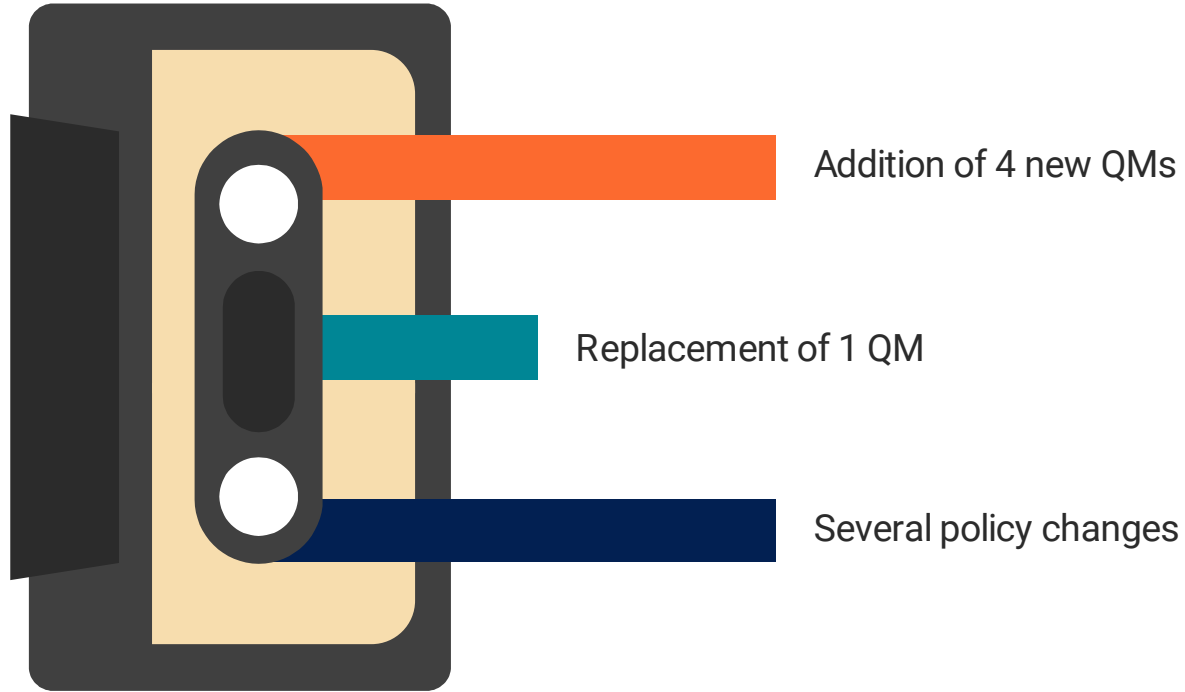


BUT...now including
two long-stay
measures

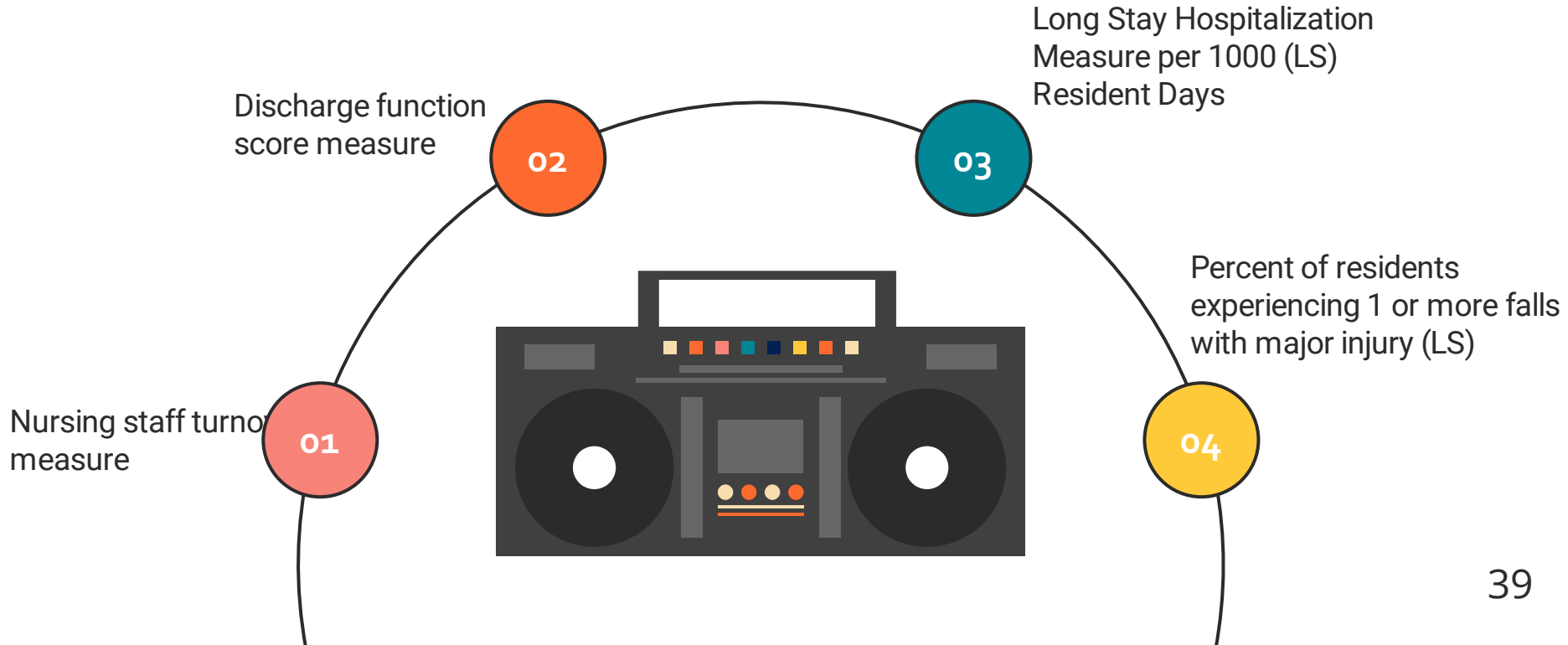


Added new
measures

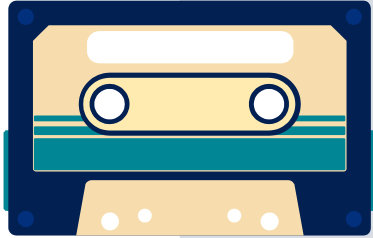
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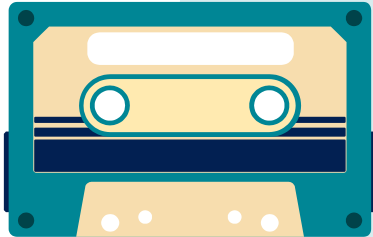
VBP – Four Additions



VBP – Nursing Staff Turnover



This is the same measure that is reported for PBJ and currently available on Care Compare. Reporting starts FY 2024 with payment effects FY 2026



This measure will be in addition to the Total Hours per Resident Day Staffing (Total Nursing Staffing) that is scheduled to affect payments for FY 2026

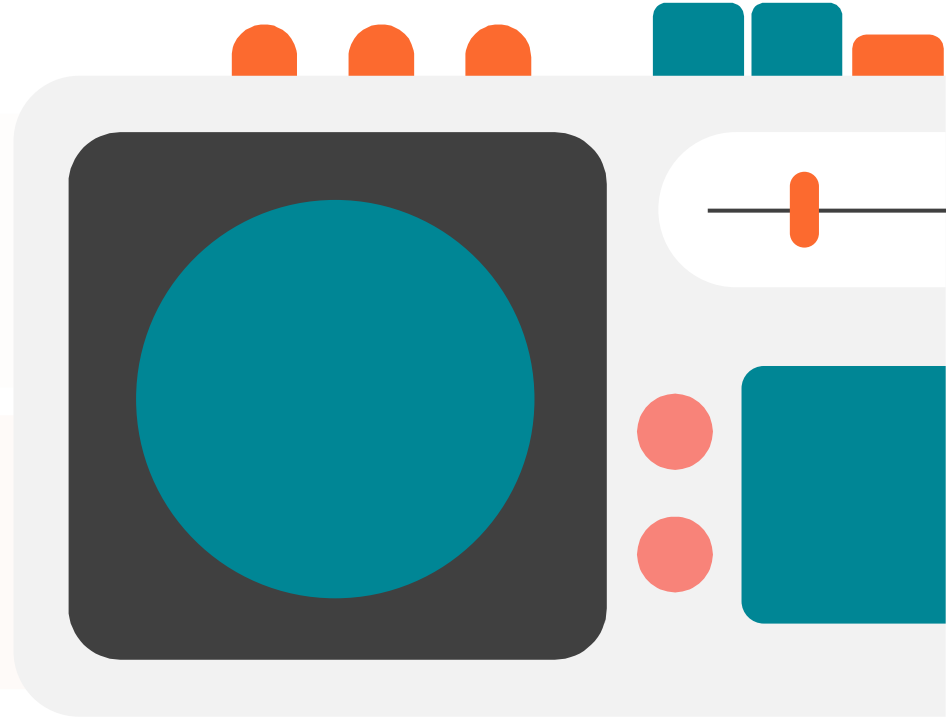
Discharge Function Score

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Same measure being proposed
for SNF QRP (based on Section
GG scoring)



See why it's time to
face the music?



VBP – (LS) Hospitalization Measure Per 1000 (LS) Resident Days

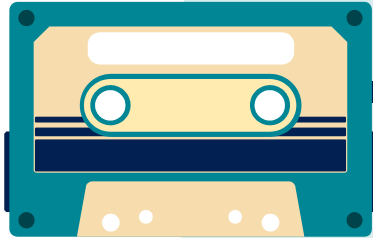
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- Measurement/performance year: **FY 2025**
- Program/payment year: **FY 2027**
- Calculates the unplanned
 - D/C to Acute Hospital
 - D/C to Critical Access Hospital
 - Outpatient Observation Days
- Per 1000 (LS) days over 1-year period



VBP – Percent of Residents Experiencing One or More Falls With Major Injury (LS)

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Long-Stay Measure

Falls with resultant

- Bone fractures
- Joint Dislocations
- Closed Head injuries with altered consciousness
- Subdural hematoma



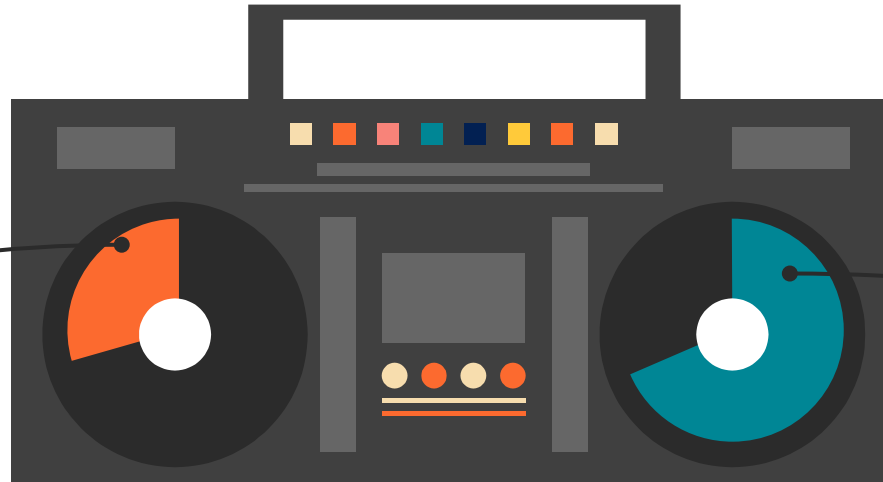
Make sure MDS Section J1900C is not “checked” unless patient qualifies for a “major injury” per RAI guidance.

VBP – Proposed Replacement

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Replace

Skilled nursing facility
30-day all-cause
readmission measure
(SNFRM), phase out
FY 2028

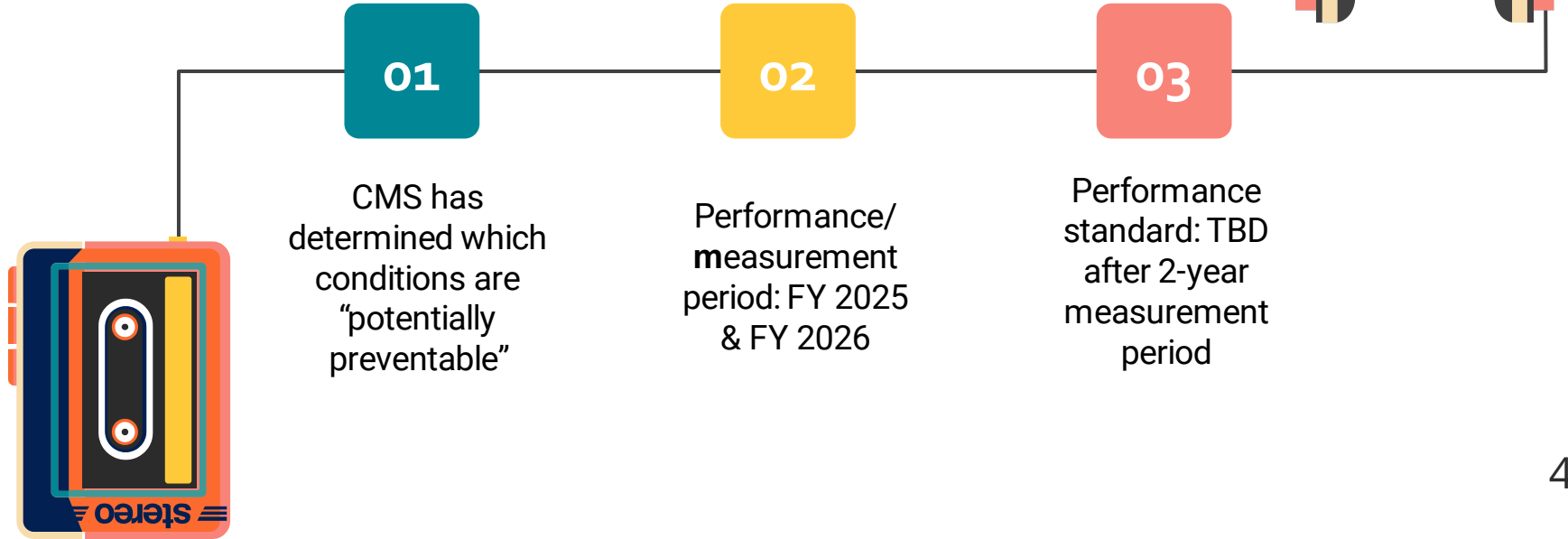


With

Skilled nursing facility
within stay potentially
preventable readmissions
(SNF WS PPR)

Skilled Nursing Facility Within Stay Potentially Preventable Readmissions (SNF WS PPR)

The difference?



VBP – Policy Changes

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Health Equity Adjustment

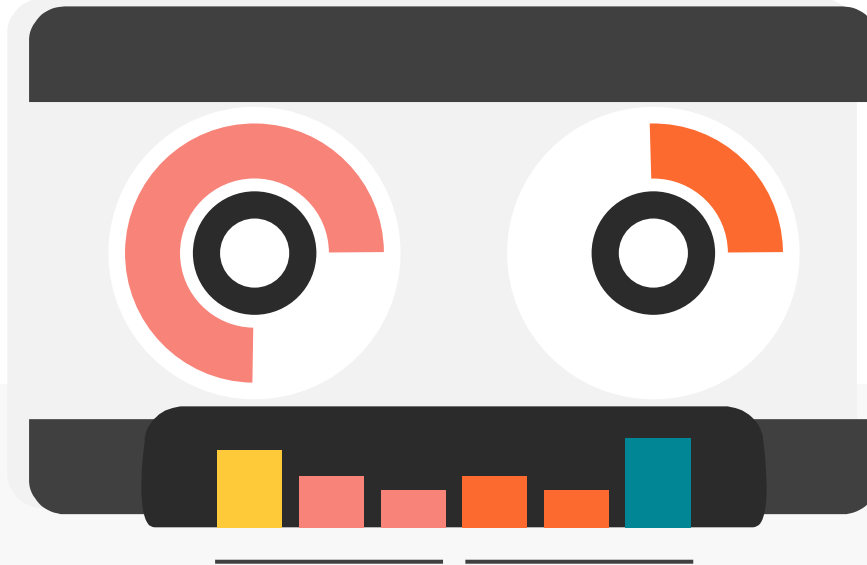
- Rewards facilities with $\geq 20\%$ dual eligible residents & that perform well
- FY 2025 measurement year
- FY 2027 program (payment) year

Administrative changes to accommodate new QMs

Increase the Payback Policy

Estimate increase from 60% to 66%

New Data Validation Process



Pause, Breathe, Play!



What to Watch

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01

LS falls with
major injury

02

New CMS
outcome measure

03

Not the CoreQ, but...

04

Section GG

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The multitude of measures CMS
is tracking that will likely result in
payment/penalty areas for the
QRP & VBP

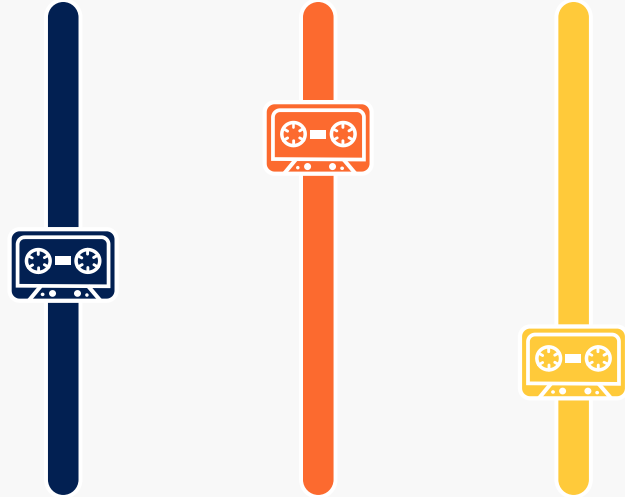
Critical Interventions Required to Realize Meaningful Change



Obligations to Our Teams

Allocate the proper resources for change

- Time
- Education
- Mentoring
- Equipment
- Adequate staff

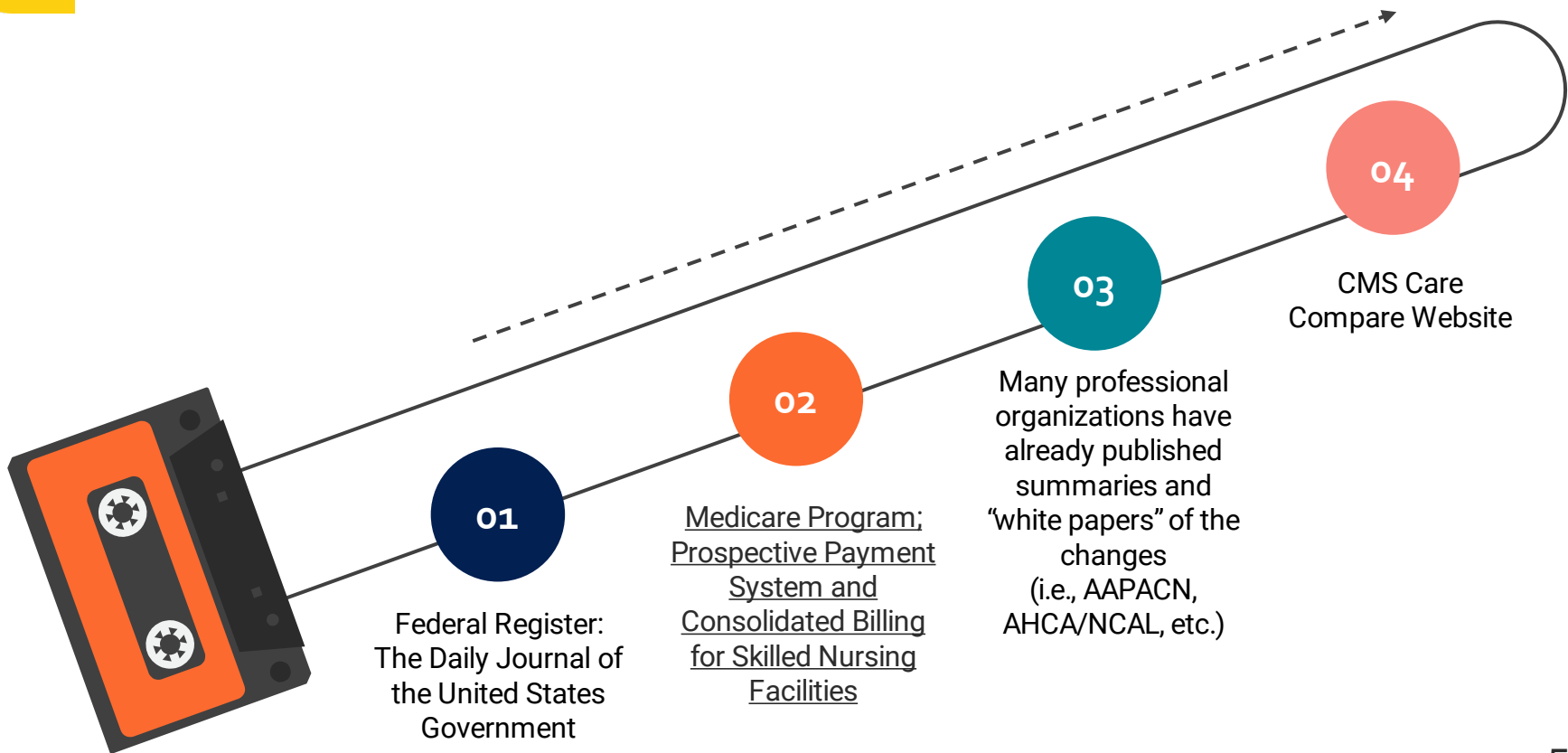


This Isn't a Jam Session...

Follow the Sheet Music



The Sheet Music



The Sheet Music

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SNF Quality Measures, including the MDS 3.0 User's Manual



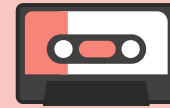
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Value-Based Purchasing



- The Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing (SNF VBP) Program
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SNF QRP



- Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP)
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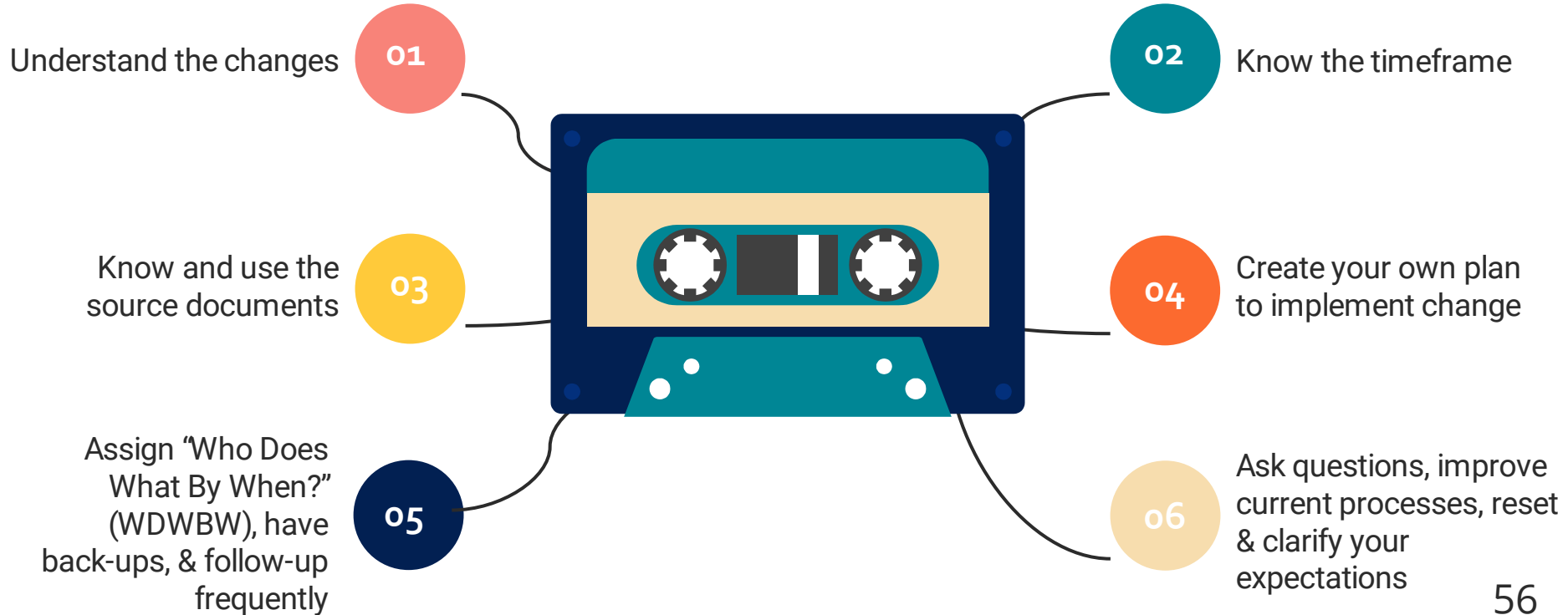


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Bass for Your Team?**

Strike a Chord

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POLL QUESTION #2

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My process for collecting and coding Section GG using an IDT approach is...

- A. Very good
- B. Good
- C. Okay
- D. Not good- We just use the therapy scores

QRM Service Offerings

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MDS Oversight Services

- Reimbursement Capture Auditing
- State by State CMI Management
- Interim Remote MDS Coverage
- MDS Completion & Compliance Auditing
- QM & 5 Star Auditing and Support
- RAI based Education & Training
- Trending Analytics

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In-House Rehab Management



- Talent acquisition
- Daily rehab management
- Innovations & analytics
- Quality improvement & education
- ADR guidance & strategy

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Multi-Claim Contractor Audits



- MAC Probe review
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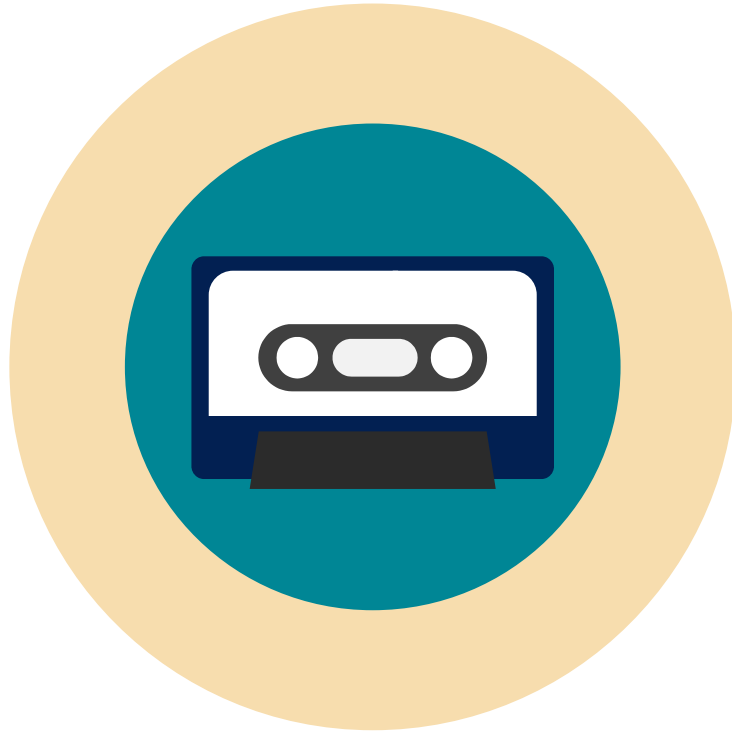
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- Website design & management
- Search Engine Optimization (SEO)
- Social media management
- Google listing
- Print collateral

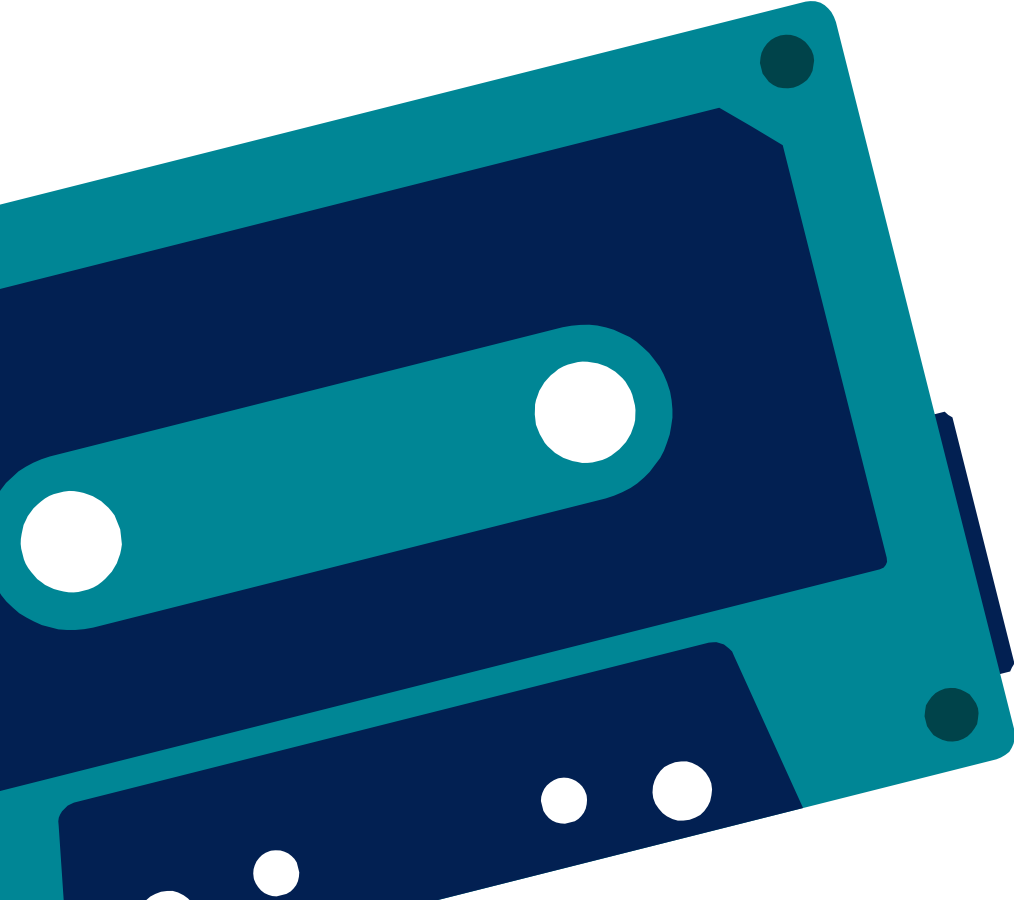
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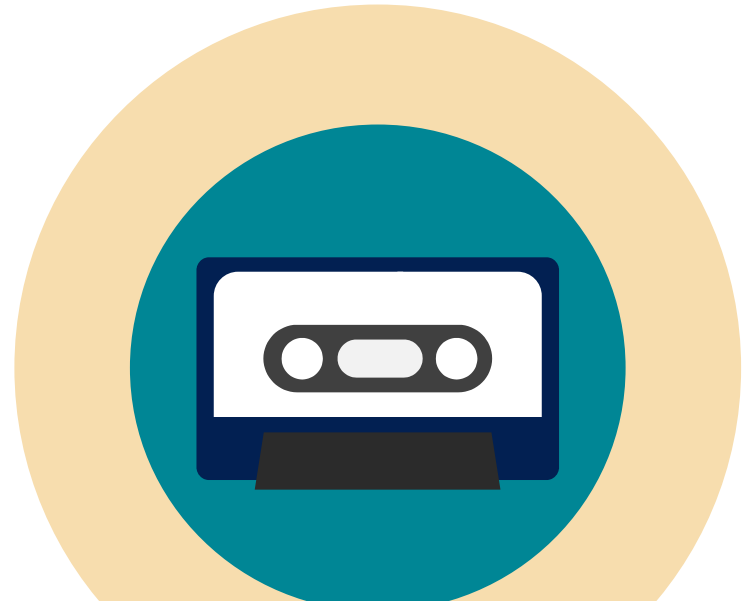
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