



Nursing Home QAPI – Are you ready?



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Today's Objectives

- Brief overview of NH QAPI
- How QAPI relates to current quality initiatives
- Next steps:
 - Status of Regulation
 - Expectations for providers
 - Engage residents, families, and advocates

What is it?



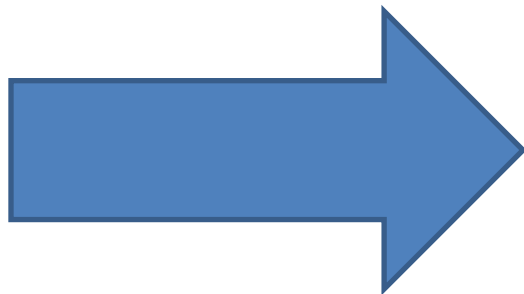
Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement means a quality management system that ...

- Is systematic, comprehensive and data-driven
- Engages everyone in SNF/NF to continuously identify problems and opportunities for improvement
- Develops interventions that address the underlying system, not only the symptom
- Continuously monitors performance

Why QAPI...why now?

Section 6102(c) of Affordable Care Act

- Regulation
- Program of technical assistance for NHs
 - Tools & resources
 - Training materials



Paradigm Shift to
Systems Thinking

5 Elements

Element 1 – Design and Scope

Element 2 – Governance and Leadership

Element 3 – Feedback, Data Systems &
Monitoring

Element 4 – Performance Improvement
Projects

Element 5 – Systematic Analysis & Systemic
Action

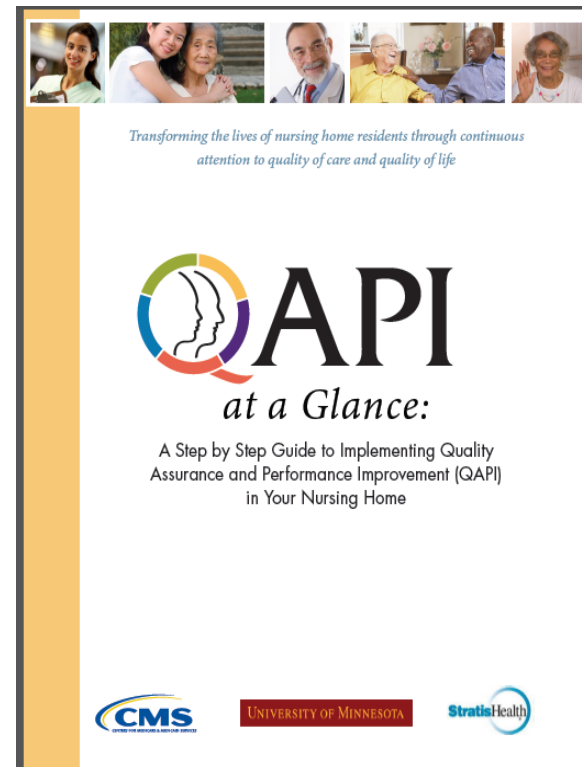
CMS QAPI Efforts

- Nursing Home Quality Improvement Questionnaire
- Development of QAPI tools and resources
- QAPI demonstration project - test tools/resources
- Stakeholder Meetings

Rollout Phase 1

Introductory materials to help lay a foundation for QAPI

- CMS QAPI webpage
- Introductory video
- QAPI at a Glance
- QAPI news brief



Rollout Timeline

- 6/07/13 – Phase 1 – Introductory Materials
- Fall 2013 – Phase 2 – Additional Process Tools
- Spring 2014 – Phase 3 – Training materials for providers and consumers
- Ongoing – Development of Surveyor Training and Consumer Engagement Materials

QAPI & Quality Initiatives

How does QAPI align with...

- Advancing Excellence
- NNHQCC
- National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes

Next Steps

QAPI Regulation

- Have a voice
- Unified Agenda – www.reginfo.gov

Unified Agenda

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HHS/CMS RIN: 0938-AR61 Publication ID: Spring 2013

Title: Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities and Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Program (CMS-3260-P)

Abstract: This proposed rule would reform the Medicare conditions of participation for long-term care facilities to reflect significant changes in the industry and remove obsolete or unnecessary provisions. In addition, under the Affordable Act, this rule would propose to expand the level and scope of required QAPI activities to ensure that facilities continuously identify and correct quality deficiencies as well as promote and sustain performance improvement.

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services(HHS) **Priority:** Other Significant

RIN Status: First time published in the Unified Agenda **Agenda Stage of Rulemaking:** Proposed Rule Stage

Major: Undetermined **Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined

CFR Citation: [42 CFR 483](#)

Legal Authority: [PL 111-148, sec 6102](#); secs 1102, 11281 and 1871 Social Security Act

Legal Deadline: None

Timetable:			
Action	Date	FR Cite	
NPRM	12/00/2013		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined **Government Levels Affected:** State

Small Entities Affected: Businesses **Federalism:** No

Included in the Regulatory Plan: No

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Expectations for Nursing Homes

- Nothing - no requirement...yet
- Get a head start
- <http://go.cms.gov/Nhqapi>
- Spread the word



Engage Consumers

Valuable input into QAPI

- Voice concerns
- Identify opportunities for improvement
- Participate in PIPs

Additional Consumer materials



Learn More About NH QAPI

- NH QAPI Webpage: <http://go.cms.gov/Nhqapi>
- Send inquiries to: Nhqapi@cms.hhs.gov

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