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](http://www.reginfo.gov)
Unified Agenda

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Expectations for Nursing Homes

• Nothing - no requirement...yet
• Get a head start
• [http://go.cms.gov/Nhqapi](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](http://go.cms.gov/Nhqapi)

- Send inquiries to: [Nhqapi@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Nhqapi@cms.hhs.gov)
“Transforming the lives of nursing home residents through continuous attention to quality of care and quality of life”