

Nursing Home Quality Initiative Data Dictionary

Measure short name	Type	Description	Notes	
Measurement Year	CHAR	Measurement year on which the Quality Initiative is based		
Facility Name	CHAR	Name of nursing home		
Facility ID	CHAR	Facility identification number	Four digit number; if four digits are not displayed , leading zeros should be added to create four digits (e.g., Facility ID 12 = Facility ID 0012)	
Facility OPCERT	CHAR	Operating certificate number	Seven digit number; if seven digits are not displayed , leading zeros should be added to create seven digits (e.g., OPCERT 12345 = OPCERT 0012345) Operating certificate number is reflective of the most recent cost report and may not be the most current for a facility If missing, facility closed in measurement or reporting year	
Facility Medicare Number	CHAR	CMS Medicare provider number	Six digit number; if missing, facility closed in measurement or reporting year	
Measure Short Name	CHAR	Measure short name		
Measure Full Name	CHAR	Measure full name		
Measure ID Number	NUM	Measure identification number		
First Quintile *	NUM	Top quintile value (highest performing)	Values less than or equal to this value are in the first quintile	Values greater than the second quintile value are in the first quintile
Second Quintile *	NUM	Second quintile value (first quintile value is best)	Values greater than the first quintile value but less than or equal to this value are in the second quintile	Values less than or equal to this value but greater than the third quintile are in the second quintile
Third Quintile *	NUM	Third quintile value (first quintile value is best)	Values greater than the second quintile value but less than or equal to this value are in the third quintile	Values less than or equal to this value but greater than the fourth quintile value are in the third quintile
Fourth Quintile *	NUM	Fourth quintile value (first quintile value is best)	Values greater than the third quintile value but less than or equal to this value are in the fourth quintile	Values less than or equal to this value but greater than the fifth quintile value are in the fourth quintile
Fifth Quintile *	NUM	Fifth quintile value (lowest performing)	Values greater than the fourth quintile value are in the fifth quintile	Values less than or equal to this value are in the fifth quintile

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Numeric Value	NUM	Annual numeric value for the measure, if applicable; percentage, rate, or number of stars	
Character Value	CHAR	Annual character value for the measure, if applicable	DNS = Facility did not submit data by the designated deadline, or data not properly certified NA = Measure not applicable to facility SS = Sample size too small to report
Quintile	CHAR	The quintile the facility's measure qualifies for, based on the quintile values (1 is highest performing and 5 is lowest performing)	
Points	NUM	Number of points awarded for the measure based on its quintile	
Comments	CHAR	Additional comments	Specifies the reason for why there is no value for a measure
City	CHAR	Facility city	If missing, facility closed in measurement or reporting year
County	CHAR	Facility county	If missing, facility closed in measurement or reporting year
Region	CHAR	Facility region	If missing, facility closed in measurement or reporting year
Latitude	NUM	Facility latitude	If missing, facility closed in measurement or reporting year
Longitude	NUM	Facility longitude	If missing, facility closed in measurement or reporting year

* Quintile values are calculated each year using that year's data, and the values can differ across years