

To: Medicaid Eligible Nursing Facilities
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Subject: QuILTSS 16 Updates and Important Changes

The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency expired on May 11, 2023. As a result of the expiration of the PHE, the opportunity for nursing facilities to utilize prior Nursing Facility QuILTSS scores has also ended. All portions of the NF QuILTSS survey which were eligible for the utilization of proxy scores in QuILTSS 13, 14, and 15 will no longer qualify for the lookback provision implemented as part of the PHE response.

The QuILTSS 16 survey remains optional for facilities. For facilities to ensure that they qualify for the maximum enhanced rates, full participation in the survey process is strongly suggested.

To reduce the administrative burden on facilities, TennCare has engaged a new survey vendor for QuILTSS 16. QBlue replaces NRC for the QuILTSS 16 cycle beginning August 1, 2023. QBlue utilizes a streamlined process for survey completion and submission by leveraging an online platform for all file submissions. We fully expect this modernized process to allow facilities to dedicate fewer administrative resources to complete the submission.

If you have any additional questions, please contact us at QUI.LTSS@tn.gov

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