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To: Medicaid Nursing Facility (NF) Providers

From: Kathleen Livingstone, LTSS Value-Based Purchasing Director

Subject: NF QuILTSS #19 Quality Measurement Period

The purpose of this memo is to formally notify Medicaid Nursing Facility (NF) providers that the updates to NF QuILTSS Quality Framework, originally communicated last year on August 29, 2025, have been codified in [Rule 1200-13-02-.11](#) effective June 2026, and are now fully in effect for the QuILTSS#19 Measurement Period.

Outlined below is a summary of the finalized changes. The accompanying NF QuILTSS Operations Manual provides the complete and up-to-date measures, scoring methodologies, definitions, and reporting requirements. Providers should review the manual in its entirety, as it outlines all measures and requirements for QuILTSS #19.

Staffing and Staff Competency (20 Points Total)

- Staff training has been removed from this domain, leaving a total of 20 points
- Case-Mix Registered Nurse (RN) Staffing hours will now be combined with Case-Mix Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)/Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) Staffing hours into one licensed nursing care hours measure
- Case-Mix Nurse Aide (NA) Staffing hours, Consistent Staff Assignment, and Staff Retention remain unchanged
- Each measure within this domain is worth 5 points

Clinical Performance (15 Points Total)

The following two measures have been retired from this domain:

- Percent of Long-stay Residents Receiving Antipsychotic Medications
- Percent of Long-stay Residents with Urinary Tract Infections

They have been replaced with the following three measures:

- Percentage of long-stay residents with a catheter inserted and left in their bladder
- Percentage of long-stay residents with pressure ulcers
- Percentage of long-stay residents who lose too much weight

Each measure is valued at 5 points, totaling 15 points for the domain.

TennCare and its partners, QBlue Surveys Inc, and Myers and Stauffer LC, will offer training sessions to help providers prepare for the QuILTSS #19 cycle. These trainings will cover updated measures, submission expectations, and timelines. Additional communications with dates, registration information, and supplemental guidance will be issued in the coming months.

For questions related to the Quality Framework or QulLTSS measures, please contact us at QUI.LTSS@tn.gov. For questions related to rate setting, reimbursement reports, or provider training materials, please visit the [Myers and Stauffer website](#) or email to TNCaseMix@mslc.com.

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