

Nursing Home Quality Initiative Archive

In November 2002, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, began a national Nursing Home Quality Initiative (NHQI). Historical information, the NHQI Pilot Evaluation Report and the NHQI Overview is available on the Archives page accessed on the left hand side of this page.

The nursing home quality measures come from resident assessment data that nursing homes routinely collect on the residents at specified intervals during their stay, are posted on nursing home compare in the Downloads section of this page and current quality measures can be viewed at Quality Measures on the left hand side of this page. These measures assess the resident's physical and clinical conditions and abilities, as well as preferences and life care wishes. These assessment data have been converted to develop quality measures that give consumers another source of information that shows how well nursing homes are caring for their residents' physical and clinical needs.