

LTC Trend Tracker Hits New Stride

AHCA's online quality improvement tool, Long Term Care (LTC) Trend Tracker, just got better.

New enhancements allow providers to integrate and compare a wider range of performance data and give them greater flexibility in how they are able to use the data.

The survey citation area of the program, for example, now integrates complaint as well as life safety survey data. Other additions include information from Five Star ratings, as well as the quality measures used for Advancing Excellence, says William Hartung, AHCA's vice president of



research. Users can also create more refined peer groups, with the ability to choose a facility type (such as urban, rural, hospital-based) at a state or national level, Hartung says.

A major advancement is the ability to use Trend Tracker information in Excel,

a format compatible with other internal spreadsheets and analyses a facility might use, giving providers greater flexibility to tailor Trend Tracker data to their analytical and reporting needs.

Trend Tracker is a Web-based tool for tracking and utilizing key metrics to help providers improve their performance. The program, available free of charge to members at the AHCA Web site, builds reports that give providers a wealth of reimbursement, cost, quality, and survey information and facilitate comparisons to a wide mix of peer groups.

AHCA members can visit Trend Tracker at AHCA's Web site. ❁

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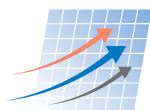
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