QUALITY

- SNF quality is better than ever and providers are still making year-over-year improvements.
- Highlight the changes in 5 star, and how the new system makes changes to the requirements for a facility to achieve a 5 star rating.
- SNFs are improving on nearly every metric, showing national progress in 19 of the 24 quality outcomes measured by CMS.

ON THE BRINK

- The poor financial environment within SNFs is resulting in nursing home closures across the country—attributable to the increasingly negative market conditions SNFs face (NY Times article.)
- As more Baby Boomers age, they will need post-acute and long term care; SNF services will be more necessary than ever.

NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM (PDPM)

- Many Unknowns and Potential Unintended Consequences with the October 1 PDPM Start
- PDPM is a Major CMS Step in a Shift of SNF Payments from Volume to Value

WORKFORCE

- Workforce recruitment and retention is one of the most pressing challenges confronting long term care providers today
  - Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG); S. 299 Geriatric Workforce Improvement Act; H. R. 1265 Nursing Home Workforce Quality Act; S. 1045 Nursing Where It’s Needed Act

ASSISTED LIVING

- Assisted living providers are committed to continuously improving the quality of care provided through efforts like the NCAL Quality Initiative and the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program.
- Residents in assisted living are able to thrive when they receive care and services specific to their unique needs and in their local communities. States continue to update requirements to adapt with their population’s evolving long term care needs.
- Medicaid is a critical safety net for vulnerable seniors and individuals with disabilities who need assisted living care.