

2020 AHCA/NCAL Quality Initiative Recognition Program

About The Program

The Quality Initiative is a national effort through AHCA/NCAL that builds upon the existing work of the long term and post-acute care profession by setting specific, measurable targets to further improve quality of care in America's skilled nursing centers and assisted living communities.

The [Quality Initiative Recognition Program](#) honors AHCA/NCAL member skilled nursing care centers and assisted living communities that achieve a number of these goals.

All necessary data submissions for the 2020 Quality Initiative Recognition Program must be submitted by **November 21, 2019** through [LTC Trend Tracker](#). Quality Initiative Recognition Program achievers will be notified later this year and will be recognized at the [AHCA/NCAL Quality Summit](#) in Grapevine, Texas, March 9-11, 2020.



Eligibility

Skilled Nursing Care Centers

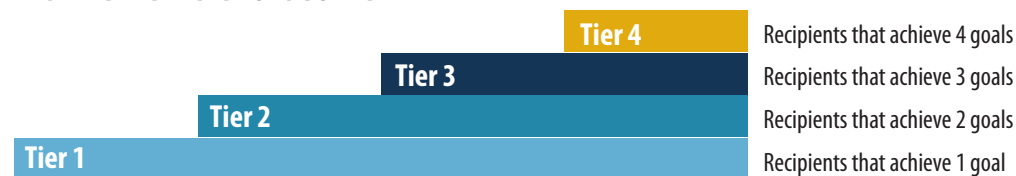
Skilled nursing care member centers must achieve **at least one** of the following [AHCA Quality Initiative goals](#):

- **Hospitalization:** Safely reduce long-stay and short-stay hospitalizations by at least 10% since Q1 2017, or maintain a rate of 10% or less.
- **Customer Satisfaction:** Improve long-stay or short-stay satisfaction by 10% since Q1 2017, or achieve a rate of greater than 90%.
- **Antipsychotics:** Safely reduce the off-label use of antipsychotics by at least 10% since Q1 2017, or maintain a rate of 8% or less among long-stay residents and 1% or less among short-stay patients.
- **Functional Outcomes:** Improve short-stay functional improvement or long-stay worsening mobility by 15% - or maintain greater than 75% on short-stay functional improvement or maintain less than 12% on long-stay worsening mobility.

**Note: Due to data availability, AHCA will not be measuring the current Quality Initiative Functional Outcomes goal for the 2020 Recognition Program and will instead be utilizing Nursing Home Compare's short-stay functional improvement and long-stay worsening mobility measures.*

To participate in the program, skilled nursing care centers must submit customer satisfaction data in LTC Trend Tracker by **November 21, 2019**. All other data is automatically uploaded by LTC Trend Tracker.

Achiever Structure



Additional Resources

Members are encouraged to check their data on [LTC Trend Tracker](#) to see where they stand on each Quality Initiative goal. This information can also be found in the "Your Top-Line" quarterly publication, which can be downloaded from LTC Trend Tracker. Additional resources for achieving Quality Initiative goals are available on each of the Quality Initiative websites for [skilled nursing centers](#) and [assisted living communities](#). Customer satisfaction vendors can upload CoreQ data to LTC Trend Tracker on behalf of members. A list of vendors able to upload can be found [here](#).



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