

**Wound Care Certification Grant  
Quarterly Progress Report  
To the Ohio Department of Medicaid  
Fourth Quarter 2016**

The Ohio Health Care Association (OHCA) is pleased to share with the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) that we continue to prepare for the data analysis under this grant and to monitor the data available to date. As the training was completed in August 2016, and there is up to a six-month lag from the end of a quarter to the publication of the Quality Measure (QM) data for the quarter, we cannot assess improvement yet. We anticipate the data for the fourth quarter of 2016 will be available in the second quarter of 2017, allowing us to begin analyzing improvement in the quarterly report for that quarter.

The data analysis will focus on whether the participating skilled nursing centers see improvement in the long-stay pressure ulcer QM after beginning to use a certified wound-care specialist.

- Centers will be included in the analysis only as long as they continue to employ the certified wound-care nurse that they sent to the training. OHCA designed a tool for tracking the certified wound-care specialist nurse and the facility through which they were trained. OHCA will contact each of these facilities to ensure continued employment prior to inclusion in each quarter's report.
- OHCA will utilize the last pre-training quarter (first quarter of 2016) as the baseline quarter.
- OHCA will use only the long-stay pressure ulcer QM for the analysis.
- OHCA separated the centers whose nurses attained certification into two groups: Group A, that were in the bottom 25% of centers that had data reported on Nursing Home Compare for the baseline quarter, and Group B, that were not in the bottom 25%.

We recently finished contacting the participating centers to check on the status of the certified nurses. After removing the facilities that no longer have the wound-care certified nurse actively employed at the facility, we found that the number of centers qualifying for the data analysis decreased.

The first tab of the attached Excel sheet shows all of the Ohio nursing facilities with their second-quarter 2016 long-stay pressure ulcer data. The second tab contains the remaining facilities in Group A that currently employ a wound-care certified nurse. Group A now consists of 34 facilities. The third tab contains the remaining facilities in Group B that currently employ a wound-care certified nurse. Group B now consists of 60 facilities.

OHCA will continue to monitor nurse employment as well as the available pressure ulcer data. When fourth quarter 2016 QM data are available, OHCA will begin reporting specific comparisons between each facility's baseline and their current long-stay pressure ulcer percentage.