

## Highmark's Skilled Nursing Facility Pay for Value Program

Post-acute care providers are now rewarded for improving quality and reducing 30-day readmission rates through Highmark's Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Pay for Value (P4V) Program.

SNFs that had 10 or more Highmark Medicare Advantage and Commercial admissions (either as an independent facility or as a corporate entity in total) during the year prior to the performance period are eligible to participate in the program.

SNFs that reduce readmission rates during the performance period, as compared to the baseline period, can earn \$25, \$40, or \$50 per Medicare Advantage and commercial admission during the program year – depending on the amount by which they reduced their readmission rate.

How can readmission rates be reduced?

The monthly member-level detail report P4V participants receive can be reviewed to determine if there are any trends, including:

- Home health vs. no home health.
- Same-day SNF discharges and hospital admissions.
- Same-home health agency, diagnoses, or SNF length of stay.

Discharges should also be reviewed to determine if patients who received home health had services start within 48 hours of SNF discharge.

Patients who did not receive home health services following discharge should be reviewed to determine:

- If they went to outpatient therapy or became a long-term care resident.
- If a home health referral was made, but services were not provided, and why services were not provided.
- If no home health referral was made, what could have been done differently to prevent that gap in care?

More information about Highmark's P4V Program as well as the new advanced version of the SNF Pay for Value program for 2019 (called P4V Plus) can be found on the SNF Pay for Value page of Highmark's Provider Resource Center on NaviNet®.

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