

Nursing Facility VBP Program

In 2021, the Virginia General Assembly directed the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to establish a nursing facility (NF) Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) program designed to improve the quality of care furnished to Medicaid members in nursing facilities.

NFs shall be defined as Provider Types 010 (Skilled Nursing Home) or 015 (Intermediate Care Nursing Home). Eligible Nursing Facilities (NF) will partake in the NF VBP program beginning as of July 1, 2022.

All facilities participating under managed care for the NF VBP program will receive payments from an attributed MCO. Those facilities that continue in fee-for-service structure will receive payments from DMAS. The size of the performance payments is contingent on the authorized performance pool, NF attainment of performance tiers, total Medicaid days, and improvement for each included measure.

Detailed information on the NF VBP program's methodology, current performance measures (including their percentage contribution to performance payments) as well as attainment and improvement payment thresholds can be found at: <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/about-us/value-based-purchasing/in-the-nf-vbp-methodology-document>.

The full amount of NF VBP program funding will be distributed to eligible NFs based on the criteria established in the program methodology. As actual data for a given performance period is not known in advance, DMAS reserves the right to review the results and adjust criteria as necessary to equitably and completely distribute available funding. No payments will be made that exceed the available funding for the program in total. DMAS will provide notice of any such changes to program criteria prior to finalizing payments.

DMAS will make all final determinations with regards to payments under the NF VBP program, including, but not limited to, determinations of any features pertaining to payments as well as any underlying data used to determine such payments. While DMAS will work with stakeholders to address any disagreements in determinations on these points, in the event that DMAS and the stakeholder are unable to come to agreement, DMAS decisions are final and not subject to appeal.