



Quality Assurance & Performance Improvement

An Electronic Resource Library

Directions: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed an extensive resource library of tools and worksheets to assist nursing homes with implementing Quality Assurance & Performance Improvement (QAPI) practices. The contents listed below are organized according to the CMS [Process Tool Framework](#). Access each item by clicking on the document title.

To create a QAPI manual, print each document in order and insert pages into a binder. Make copies of worksheets as needed for use by facility teams.



1 ELEMENT 1: DESIGN AND SCOPE

- ◆ [QAPI Five Elements](#) ◆ [QAPI at a Glance](#) ◆ [QAPI Self-Assessment Tool](#)
- ◆ [Guide for Developing Purpose, Guiding Principles, and Scope for QAPI](#)
- ◆ [Guide for Developing a QAPI Plan](#)

2 ELEMENT 2: GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

- ◆ [QAPI Leadership Rounding Guide](#) ◆ [Examples of Performance Objectives for Job Descriptions](#)

3 ELEMENT 3: FEEDBACK, DATA SYSTEMS AND MONITORING

- ◆ [Measure/Indicator Development Worksheet](#) ◆ [Measure/Indicator Collection and Monitoring Plan](#)
- ◆ [Instructions to Develop a Dashboard](#) ◆ [Goal Setting Worksheet](#) ◆ [Prioritization Worksheet for PIPs](#)

4 ELEMENT 4: PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- ◆ [Worksheet to Create a PIP Charter](#) ◆ [PIP Launch Checklist](#) ◆ [PDSA Cycle](#) ◆ [PIP Inventory](#)
- ◆ [Sustainability Decision Guide](#) ◆ [Brainstorming, Affinity Grouping and Multi-Voting Tool](#)
- ◆ [Communications Plan Worksheet](#) ◆ [Story Board Guide for PIPs](#) ◆ [Improvement Success Story Template](#)

5 ELEMENT 5: SYSTEMATIC ANALYSIS AND SYSTEMIC ACTION

- ◆ [Guidance for Performing FMEA](#) ◆ [Guidance for Performing Root Cause Analysis with PIPs](#)
- ◆ [Flow Chart Guide](#) ◆ [Five Whys Tool for Root Cause Analysis](#) ◆ [Fish Bone Diagram](#)

Bonus!



- ◆ [QAPI Companion Guide](#) ◆