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On April 6, 2018, the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Quality, Safety and Oversight Group at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a [memorandum](#), "Transition to Payroll-Based Journal (PBJ) Staffing Measures on the Nursing Home Compare tool on Medicare.gov and the Five-Star Quality Rating System." Our national association, AHCA, has issued this [full summary](#) regarding the technical information in the CMS memorandum.

AHCA has also provided below this brief summary of the information included in the CMS memo.

Summary

- Transition to Payroll-Based Journal Data: Beginning in April 2018, CMS will utilize PBJ data to calculate the staffing measure rating for the Five-Star Quality Rating System.
- Penalties: Providers with significant issues on their audits or who do not submit data by the reporting deadline will have their staffing star rating reduced to one star. Additionally, starting in July 2018 providers who have seven or more days in a quarter with no RN hours will have their staffing star rating reduced to one star.
- Staffing Data Audits: CMS shares some common errors that are found in the audits that providers should work to correct.
- Form CMS-671: On June 1, 2018, centers will no longer be required to complete the staffing section of the form CMS-671.

AHCA will host an all member webinar to provide more details and information on the memo and measures on Wednesday, April 11 at 2 p.m. Eastern. To register for this webinar please visit [ahcancaLED](#). You will need your AHCA username and password to register. If you have any questions, please reach out to educate@ahca.org. In addition, AHCA will provide talking points prior to the inclusion of PBJ data in the Five-Star ratings.