

Assisted Living Report Card Work Group

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Areas of Agreement

- An Assisted Living Report Card is needed and should be pursued as a part of a multi-prong effort to encourage and reward quality in long-term services and supports.
- The Nursing Home Report Card work benefitted from a number of existing data sources to pull from which is lacking for the development of an Assisted Living Report Card.
- Developing an Assisted Living Report Card will take time and should be coordinated with efforts underway for Assisted Living Licensure and Dementia Care Certification.
- The domain ranking exercise completed during the first meeting opened participants' eyes to the difficulty of determining quality domains when faced with individual preferences and underlined the importance of taking time to develop the report card while also coordinating that with efforts of other workgroups.

Recommendations and Next Steps

Through a contract with the University of Minnesota, work has just begun to develop a quality measurement framework for assisted living in Minnesota. Work activities include:

- Conduct a literature review and environmental scan, including: published literature on nursing home quality measures; grey literature on assisted living measures and domains of quality; a review of state-level efforts regarding assisted living measures; and consultation with experts in aging on this subject.
- Create a database of existing and proposed assisted living quality measures based on existing DHS and Minnesota Department of Health assisted living data, and based on the results of the literature review and environmental scan.
- Compare the database results to existing home and community based services quality frameworks and data collection efforts at the state and national level (for example, National Core Indicators-Aging and Disabilities). Add additional measures to the database based on this analysis.
- Engage a technical expert panel from academia, policy, and practice spheres to review the proposed measures. Finalize a list of proposed measures that could be shared with a wider group of stakeholders, including prospective and current residents of assisted living and family members.

The feedback of people who reside in assisted living is a very important component of a valid assisted living report card. DHS staff will continue to refine estimates and a timeline for a survey of assisted living residents as a core component of the report card under development.