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The material are endorsed by NADONA. The website also includes archived materials previously available on the site.

#### Additional Resources:

- The "Real Nurse Jackie" Blog. [Click here to access!](#)
- John A. Hartford Foundation - funded initiative called "How to Try This", a collaborative project of Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at NYU's College of Nursing and the American Journal of Nursing. cost-free, web-based resources including demonstration videos and companion articles in AJN. [Click here to access!](#)
- Transitions of Care Clinical Practice Guideline. [Click here to access!](#)
- National Transitions of Care Coalition. [Click here to access!](#)
- A lot of QA tools and forms for Quality Improvement. [Click here to access!](#)
- What's new for Nursing Home Quality Measures. [Click here to access!](#)
- Information and education for Nursing Leadership in LTC is located. [Click here to access!](#)
- Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes (NADONA is on the steering committee!) [Click here to access!](#)
- Protocols, guidelines, and other support information to help your facility improve care in weight loss,

## Antipsychotic Initiatives

CMS is reviewing publicly reported measures on nursing home residents who are receiving an antipsychotic medication. The official measure is the percent of long-stay nursing home residents who are receiving an antipsychotic medication, excluding those residents diagnosed with schizophrenia, Huntington's Disease or Tourette's Syndrome. In 2011Q4, 23.9% of long-stay nursing home residents were receiving an antipsychotic medication; since then there has been a decrease of 9.0% to 21.7% in 2013Q1. Success has varied by state and CMS region, with some states and regions having seen a reduction of greater than 10%.

The long-stay measure on Nursing Home Compare, is the facility's score averaged over the last three quarters in order to give consumers information on the past history of each facility.

State by State Comparison. [Access here.](#)

State by State Comparison by Facility. [Access here.](#)

Presentation by Lisa O'Hara that was discussed on the last Maryland State Dementia Coalition conference call regarding outreach to families.

[Access here.](#)

Meeting Minutes of Last Maryland Coalition Meeting.

[Access here.](#)

incontinence, pain, pressure ulcers, quality of life and mobility decline. [Click here to access!](#)

- The American Medical Directors Association (AMDA)- check out the Clinical Tools area! [Click here to access!](#)

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