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# INFORMATION REQUEST

## Topic: Onboarding Long-Term Care Facilities

**Request Date:** July 8, 2021

**Information Requested:**

The American Health Care Association (AHCA) is working to support long-term care facilities (LTCF) in enrolling with their IIS in the coming months, and AIRA would like to gather the following information to support these efforts and ensure the IIS community informs the process.

- Do you designate LTCFs into sub-category facility types in your IIS (e.g. skilled nursing facility, assisted living, etc.)?
  - If so, what subcategories do you use?
  - Do you have a specific subcategory for skilled nursing facilities (SNF)? If so, please answer the following questions for SNFs only. If not, please answer generally for all LTCFs.
- Are any SNFs/LTCFs onboarded into your jurisdiction's IIS?  
If yes:
  - Approximately how many facilities are enrolled?
    - Approximately what proportion are set up for data exchange?
    - Approximately what proportion are set up for manual (user interface) access?
- Do you have facilities on a waitlist to be onboarded to your IIS? If so, approximately how many?
- What are your greatest barriers related to onboarding SNFs/LTCFs?
- Have you implemented any successful strategies/practices that have contributed to successful onboarding of LTCFs?
- Please share anything further about your work with SNFs/LTCFs.

**Requesting Member:** AIRA

**Responding Member(s):** Kim Gulliver (CO), Lizz Wenzel (MN)



## Results:

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- Do you designate LTCFs into sub-category facility types in your IIS (e.g. skilled nursing facility, assisted living, etc.)? **No, we only designate as Long-Term Care.**
  - If so, what subcategories do you use?
  - Do you have a specific subcategory for skilled nursing facilities (SNF)? If so, please answer the following questions for SNFs only. If not, please answer generally for all LTCFs. **No**
- Are any SNFs/LTCFs onboarded into your jurisdiction's IIS? **Yes, there have been two big pushes to get long-term care facilities enrolled to use our IIS.**

If yes:

  - Approximately how many facilities are enrolled? **We have 229 that have started this process. I don't know how many are currently accessing CIIS.**
    - Approximately what proportion are set up for data exchange? **Not that I am aware of.**
    - Approximately what proportion are set up for manual (user interface) access?
- Do you have facilities on a waitlist to be onboarded to your IIS? If so, approximately how many? **No**
- What are your greatest barriers related to onboarding SNFs/LTCFs? **Getting the sites to see the benefit of using the registry and we have not been able to determine if we can electronically exchange data. This has not been a priority.**
- Have you implemented any successful strategies/practices that have contributed to successful onboarding of LTCFs? **We have a group that has a contract with these organizations and they encouraged this to be included in the work plans these facilities were developing.**
- Please share anything further about your work with SNFs/LTCFs.

### MN:

- Do you designate LTCFs into sub-category facility types in your IIS (e.g. skilled nursing facility, assisted living, etc.)?
  - If so, what subcategories do you use?
    - Yes, subcategories were added in 2020, modeled after the provider types used for COVID-19 vaccine provider registration. We use the following subcategories:
      - Federally certified skilled nursing facility
      - Non-Federally certified skilled nursing facility
      - Assisted Living
      - Combination
      - Intellectual or developmental disability facility



- Other long-term care facility
- Do you have a specific subcategory for skilled nursing facilities (SNF)? If so, please answer the following questions for SNFs only. If not, please answer generally for all LTCFs.
  - Yes, we have two subcategories for providers that are skilled nursing facilities only: Federally Certified and Non-Federally Certified. Almost all SNF's participating in Minnesota's IIS (MIIC) are Federally Certified. The subcategory 'Combination' is used for facilities with both skilled nursing and assisted living.
- Are any SNFs/LTCFs onboarded into your jurisdiction's IIS?  
If yes:
  - Approximately how many facilities are enrolled? When looking at facilities actively engaged with MIIC, 287 are SNF's only and 53 are a combination facility (SNF and Assisted Living). In Minnesota there are approximately 360 licensed SNF's.
    - Approximately what proportion are set up for data exchange? Very few SNF's are set-up for electronic data exchange with MIIC. Almost all of the SNF's that do participate in electronic data exchange are part of a health system.
    - Approximately what proportion are set up for manual (user interface) access? All active facilities actively engaged in MIIC have access to the user interface.
- Do you have facilities on a waitlist to be onboarded to your IIS? If so, approximately how many? No
- What are your greatest barriers related to onboarding SNFs/LTCFs?
  - We have heard from some SNFs/LTCFs that they are interested in onboarding for electronic data but that their EHR does not support sending/receiving HL7 immunization messages. We have heard from others that the volume of vaccine administration they do did not justify the resources required to onboard with MIIC. (Note: MIIC does not charge providers a fee to onboard for electronic data exchange, but a provider may incur an additional cost from their EHR vendor and/or technical resources.)
  - Some SNFs/LTCFs choose not to enroll in MIIC altogether because they require health care providers to provide patient immunization records prior to admission, and therefore do not see the benefit in having access to MIIC.
- Have you implemented any successful strategies/practices that have contributed to successful onboarding of LTCFs?
  - We have fostered relationships with flu surveillance and infection prevention/control staff, as they have good working relationships with staff/administrators at LTCFs and help advocate for MIIC use.