

**NYS Department of Health
Office of Long Term Care
Bureau of Credentialing, Delmar, NY**

**Solicitation of Interest
On-Time Quality Improvement
for Long Term Care**

Questions and Answers

1. An eligibility criterion to participate in this study is that the nursing home's prevalence for high risk pressure ulcers must be 10% or more in quarters one and two of 2009. A list of the nursing homes that meet this criterion is in Attachment 1 of the SOI. How did the Department calculate prevalence rates?

Answer: The Department used the high risk prevalence rates calculated by CMS and reported on the Department's public website.

2. Can wound care units be included in the study?

Answer: Yes, wound care units may be included in the study.

3. Does the 2 percent pressure ulcer incidence required for each unit include only nosocomial pressure ulcers?

Answer: Yes, only nosocomial pressure ulcers are included in the 2 percent pressure ulcer incidence requirement.

4. Is pressure ulcer incidence calculated at the unit level?

Answer: Yes, pressure ulcer incidence is calculated at the unit level. Each month, from April to September of 2009, pressure ulcer incidence is calculated. The six monthly incidence rates are then averaged.