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**Are you Ready for the QIS
Survey Process?**

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Executive Summary: From MDS to QIS...PDQ

There is a transformation underway of the long-term care survey process, and it has significant implications for every long-term care (LTC) facility in the nation. The Quality Indicator Survey, or QIS, is being developed under the auspices of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and is in the final stages of a demonstration project.

Based on a two-stage quality assessment approach first developed at the University of Colorado in 1993, the QIS has experienced 15 years of pilot testing and evaluation in three phases in seven states. According to CMS, testing and evaluation will continue through September 2008 along with the development of training materials and a national training approach, and will be ready for national rollout beginning late in 2008.¹

¹ CMS Quality Indicator Survey Demonstration Project, April 2007,
http://www.uchsc.edu/hcpr/documents/QIS_brochure_04_07_rev.pdf