Quarterly PBJ Webinar

Answers to your PBJ questions before the ***Aug. 14 deadline***

Q3 2025 Edition

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PBJ SUBMISSION GIVEAWAY

Submit your PBJ early & you could win!

The PBJ deadline is Thursday, August 14

Submit your PBJ data through SimplePBJ by midnight ET on August 8 for a chance to win

1st prize: $100 Visa gift card *(use anywhere)*
2nd prize: 40 oz. Stanley tumbler (*choose your color*)

Winners announced August 14

YOUR SPEAKERS

Nate Hoard

Senior PBJ Specialist – Simple

Josh Miller

Client Success Director – Simple

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Live Poll

How do you feel about the accuracy of your PBJ data?

a. I'm pretty confident in the accuracy of it
b. I work hard to get the data together, but still not confident I would pass an audit
c. I know I have some missing pieces but do the best I can
d. I'm not sure

Agenda

- Breaking Down the "Excessively Low Weekend Staffing" Flag
- Tips for Lowering your Turnover Rate
- Latest Industry Trends
- The Census Report Moves to iQIES
- iQIES Linking
- Live Q&A

Turnover – Current Calculation Timeline

Lookback Timeline: Total Nursing and RN Turnover (July 2025 – September 2025 Five-Star Reports)					
Q0	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5
Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	Apr – Jun 2024	Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024	Jan – Mar 2025
Denominator					
	Numerator				

12-Month Reporting Period: Administrator Turnover
January 2024 – December 2024

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Breaking Down the "Excessively Low Weekend Staffing" Flag

- Indicated on the 1705D CMS Report (Triggered or Not Triggered)
- Bottom 20% of facilities of the state
- Uses an Adjusted HRD calculation
- Is a “Total Nursing” calculation – RNs + LVN/LPNs + CNAs
- If flagged, a nursing home will be at risk for a potential audit

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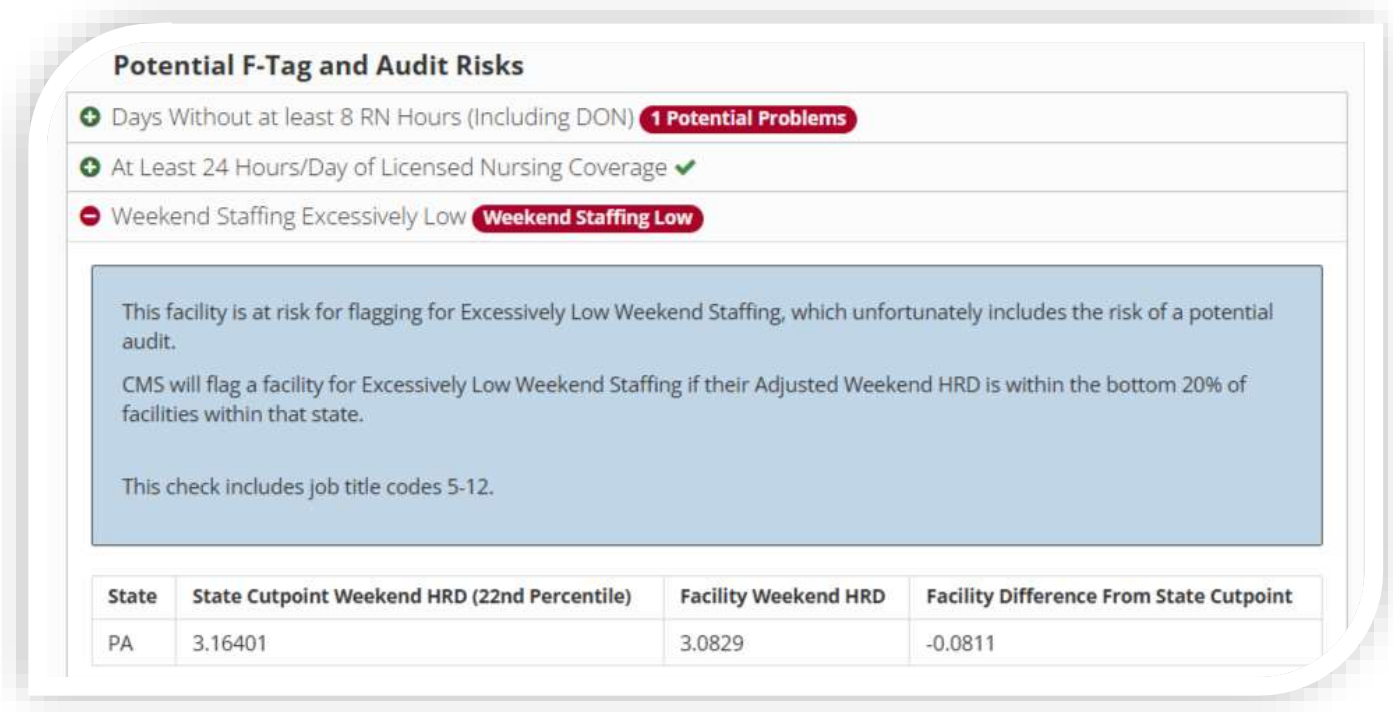
Breaking Down the “Excessively Low Weekend Staffing” Flag



Potential F-Tag and Audit Risks

- Days Without at least 8 RN Hours (Including DON) **1 Potential Problems**
- At Least 24 Hours/Day of Licensed Nursing Coverage ✔
- Weekend Staffing Excessively Low **Weekend Staffing Low**

This facility is at risk for flagging for Excessively Low Weekend Staffing, which unfortunately includes the risk of a potential audit.

CMS will flag a facility for Excessively Low Weekend Staffing if their Adjusted Weekend HRD is within the bottom 20% of facilities within that state.

This check includes job title codes 5-12.

State	State Cutpoint Weekend HRD (22nd Percentile)	Facility Weekend HRD	Facility Difference From State Cutpoint
PA	3.16401	3.0829	-0.0811

- ☑ Use Adjusted HRD
- ☑ Check latest data from CMS
- ☑ Allow for variance

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Tips for Lowering Your Turnover Rate

- Keep the same EmployeeIDs for staff every quarter
- Submit an EmployeeID Linking File every quarter, if needed
- In general, use in-house staffing when possible
- Ensure accuracy of data
- Always, always, always get your PBJ file submitted on time!

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Latest Industry Trends

What we're hearing from around the industry:

- PDPM Case-Mix continues to be a challenge to predict with accustomed accuracy.
- The new MFA requirement at QIES.net requires more connection time when submitting your file – don't wait for the last minute to submit!
- PBJ audits and surveys are even more common than ever.

The Census Report Moves to iQIES

A small but mighty change.

- CMS moved the MDS census report from QIES.net to iQIES on July 14th.
- SimplePBJ has rolled out a way to connect to the new data point.
- For SimplePBJ-only subscribers, **getting linked in iQIES will now be required in order to pull the MDS census from CMS.** (SimpleAnalyzer subscribers are all set!)

Linking SimplePBJ in iQIES

(SimplePBJ Subscribers Only)

Nursing homes that are not already linked to SimplePBJ in iQIES will need to be linked for their MDS census to be loaded in SimplePBJ.

- The nursing home's PSO account will need to grant access for Simple accounts
- Each nursing home should have one designated PSO in iQIES, they are often on the corporate, administration, or MDS team
- What to do: keep an eye out for a detailed email from the Simple team and be sure to forward with your nursing home's PSO.

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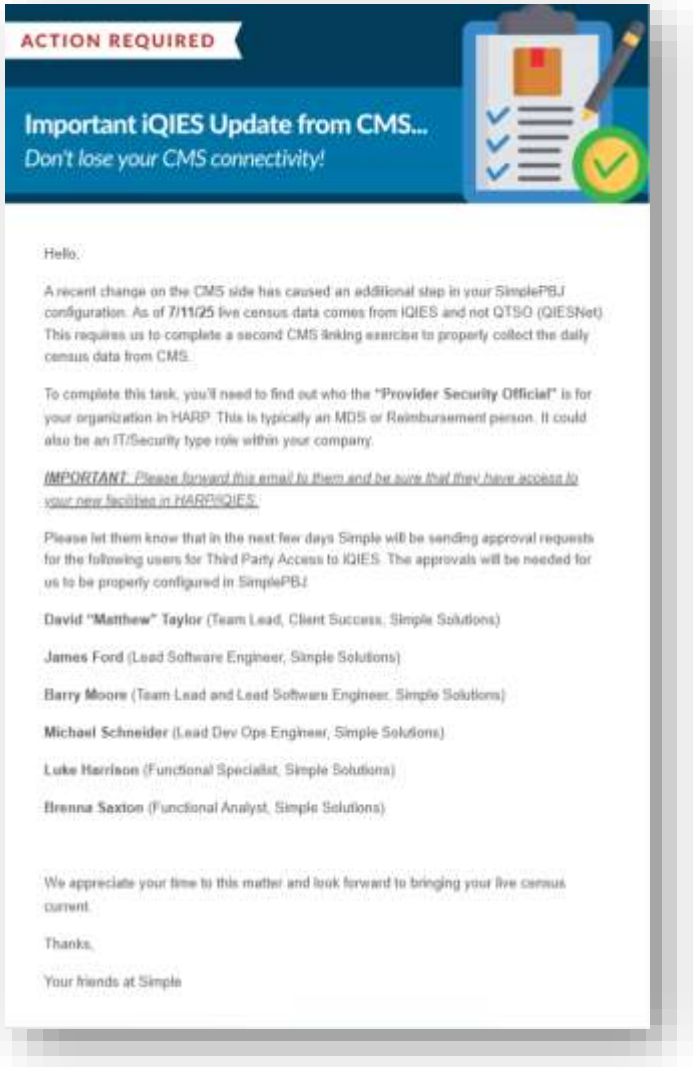

ACTION REQUIRED

Important iQIES Update from CMS...

Don't lose your CMS connectivity!

Hello,

A recent change on the CMS side has caused an additional step in your SimplePBJ configuration. As of **7/11/25** live census data comes from iQIES and not QTSO (QIESNet). This requires us to complete a second CMS linking exercise to properly collect the daily census data from CMS.

To complete this task, you'll need to find out who the **"Provider Security Official"** is for your organization in HARP. This is typically an MDS or Reimbursement person. It could also be an IT/Security type role within your company.

IMPORTANT: Please forward this email to them and be sure that they have access to your new facilities in HARP/iQIES.

Please let them know that in the next few days Simple will be sending approval requests for the following users for Third Party Access to iQIES. The approvals will be needed for us to be properly configured in SimplePBJ.

David "Matthew" Taylor (Team Lead, Client Success, Simple Solutions)

James Ford (Lead Software Engineer, Simple Solutions)

Barry Moore (Team Lead and Lead Software Engineer, Simple Solutions)

Michael Schneider (Lead Dev Ops Engineer, Simple Solutions)

Luke Harrison (Functional Specialist, Simple Solutions)

Brenna Saxton (Functional Analyst, Simple Solutions)

We appreciate your time to this matter and look forward to bringing your live census current.

Thanks,

Your friends at Simple

Work with your nursing home's PSO to complete this important step!

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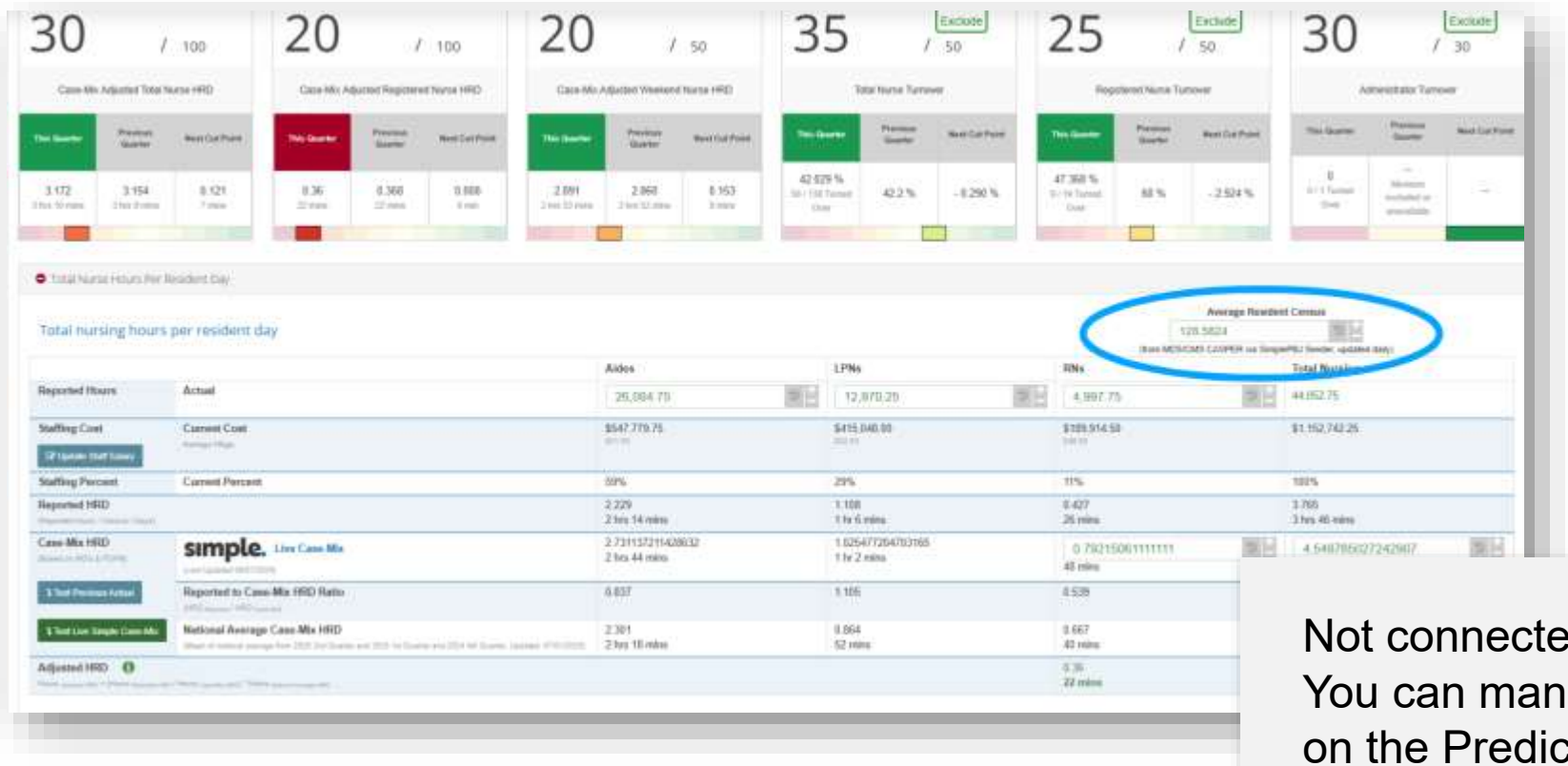
How to Manually Adjust Census in SimplePBJ



Not connected in iQIES yet?
You can manually update your census on the Predict Five-Star page.

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QUESTIONS

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