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**PDPM Academy Open Discussion Forum (ODF)**

September 29, 2020



# PDPM Academy 2020 Offerings

<https://educate.ahcancal.org/2020PDPMAcademy>

- Seven pre-recorded, one-hour educational webinars starting in March 2020 with continuing education (CE) credits and accompanied by AHCA-developed guidance toolkits and other resources covering these topics:
  - Holistic person-centered care planning (Soon)
  - Evidence-based approaches for improving mobility (*available*)
  - Effective care transitions at admission and discharge (Soon)
  - *Trend Tracker and other sources to monitor the quality impact of PDPM (available)*
  - Managing residents with complex nursing and NTA needs (*available*)
  - Restorative nursing and skilled maintenance nursing and therapy (*available*)
  - *Medical Director's Role in the SNF PDPM World (October 2020)*
- Five live PDPM Academy Open Discussion Forums
- Access to AHCA's complete library of 2019 and new 2020 PDPM Academy materials



# FY 2021 SNF PPS Final Rule August 5, 2020

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the Left of Dashboard to  
Access PDF of Final Rule



# FY 2021 SNF PPS Final Rule Highlights

- **2.2% Market Basket Increase Starting October 1, 2020**
- **Minor changes to PDPM ICD-10 mappings for PT, OT, SLP, and NTA components**
- **No changes to SNF QRP program**
  - Previous Interim Final Rule delayed transfer of health information measures and SPADES items from 10/1/20 for at least 2 years
- **SNF VBP program updates**
  - FY 2021 hospital readmission Achievement Threshold and Benchmarks established for FY 2023 payment year
  - Established 30-day Phase One Review and Correction deadline for baseline period quality measure report consistent with other review and correction deadlines
- **Adopted revised OMB delineations for SNF PPS Wage Index (71.3% of rate)**
  - Many SNFs changing CBSAs and Urban/Rural delineation (672 of 15,078)
  - Any reductions capped at 5% for first year (145 SNFs)



# Federal Unadjusted Per-Diem Rates

**TABLE 3: FY 2021 Unadjusted Federal Rate Per Diem—URBAN**

<b>Rate Component</b>	<b>PT</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>SLP</b>	<b>Nursing</b>	<b>NTA</b>	<b>Non-Case-Mix</b>
<b>Per Diem Amount</b>	\$62.04	\$57.75	\$23.16	\$108.16	\$81.60	\$96.85

**TABLE 4: FY 2021 Unadjusted Federal Rate Per Diem—RURAL**

<b>Rate Component</b>	<b>PT</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>SLP</b>	<b>Nursing</b>	<b>NTA</b>	<b>Non-Case-Mix</b>
<b>Per Diem Amount</b>	\$70.72	\$64.95	\$29.18	\$103.34	\$77.96	\$98.64

**TABLE 11: Urban Counties That Would Become Rural**



FIPS County Code	County/County Equivalent	State	Current CBSA	CBSA Name
01127	Walker	AL	13820	Birmingham-Hoover, AL
12045	Gulf	FL	37460	Panama City, FL
13007	Baker	GA	10500	Albany, GA
13235	Pulaski	GA	47580	Warner Robins, GA
15005	Kalawao	HI	27980	Kahului-Wailuku-Lahaina, HI
17039	De Witt	IL	14010	Bloomington, IL
17053	Ford	IL	16580	Champaign--Urbana, IL
18143	Scott	IN	31140	Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN
18179	Wells	IN	23060	Fort Wayne, IN
19149	Plymouth	IA	43580	Sioux City, IA-NE-SD
20095	Kingman	KS	48620	Wichita, KS
21223	Trimble	KY	31140	Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN
22119	Webster	LA	43340	Shreveport-Bossier City, LA
26015	Barry	MI	24340	Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI
26159	Van Buren	MI	28020	Kalamazoo-Portage, MI
27143	Sibley	MN	33460	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI
28009	Benton	MS	32820	Memphis, TN-MS-AR
29119	Mc Donald	MO	22220	Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO
30037	Golden Valley	MT	13740	Billings, MT
31081	Hamilton	NE	24260	Grand Island, NE
38085	Sioux	ND	13900	Bismarck, ND
40079	Le Flore	OK	22900	Fort Smith, AR-OK
45087	Union	SC	43900	Spartanburg, SC
46033	Custer	SD	39660	Rapid City, SD
47081	Hickman	TN	34980	Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin, TN
48007	Aransas	TX	18580	Corpus Christi, TX
48221	Hood	TX	23104	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX
48351	Newton	TX	13140	Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX
48425	Somervell	TX	23104	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX
51029	Buckingham	VA	16820	Charlottesville, VA
51033	Caroline	VA	40060	Richmond, VA
51063	Floyd	VA	13980	Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford, VA
53013	Columbia	WA	47460	Walla Walla, WA
53051	Pend Oreille	WA	44060	Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA

**Number of SNFs Capped at - 5%**

**Total – 145**

**AL – 5**

**IL – 2**

**IN – 4**

**KS – 2**

**KY – 1**

**LA – 3**

**MA – 5**

**MI – 4**

**MN – 3**

**MO – 1**

**MS – 1**

**NE – 1**

**NJ – 89**

**NY – 10**

**SC – 4**

**SD – 1**

**TN -1**

**TX – 8**

**VA – 3**

**WA – 1**

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**PDPM  
Monitoring &  
MDS Trends  
Through First  
6 Months**



# PDPM Policy Changes Being Monitored

- Therapy minutes do not impact rates
- Separate case mix rates for PT, OT, SLP, Nursing, & NTA
- ICD-10 major factor in PT, OT, SLP, & NTA rates
- Variable per-diem payments for PT, OT, & NTA
- Interrupted stay policy





# MDS Items Most Likely to be Monitored for Changes from RUG-IV Patterns

Cognitive impairment items  
(C0500, B0100, B0700, C0700, C1000)

Depression items  
(D0300, D0600)

Function Items  
(GG0130A-C, GG0170B-F, J-K)

Comorbid diagnoses impacting SLP and NTA  
(Multiple Section I checklist and I8000A-J ICD-10 codes)

Swallowing disorder  
(K0100A-D)

Mechanically altered diet  
(K0510C2)

PT, OT, and SLP utilization during PPS 5-Day assessment period  
(O400A-C)

Total therapy and percentage of concurrent and group therapy during the stay per the PPS discharge assessment  
(O425A-C)

# Trend Tracker and Other Sources to Monitor Quality Impact of PDPM

September 2020

**Presented by:**

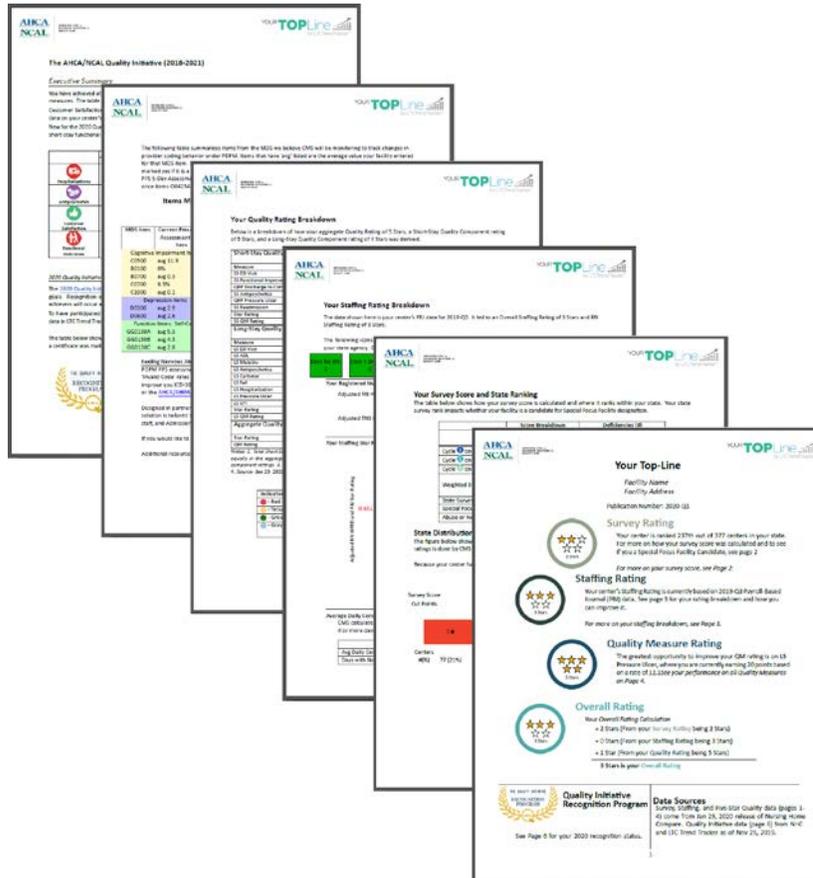
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# Your Top-Line



- Summary pdf report
- Produced quarterly
- Reports for SNF and AL
- Information from major CMS quality programs
- Five-Star and Staffing
- Tracks Quality Initiative progress
- Highlights:
  - Areas of excellence
  - Opportunities for improvement
- Special editions released for:
  - New programs
  - Changes to existing programs



# Your Top-Line: PDPM Module

The following table summarizes items from the MDS we believe CMS will be monitoring to track changes in provider coding behavior under PDPM. Items that have 'avg' listed are the average value your facility entered for that MDS item. Items that have a '%' symbol show the percent of admissions that have the indicated item marked yes if it is a yes/no question. All values except for group and concurrent therapy are taken from the PPS 5-Day Assessment. Group and concurrent therapy will be indicated on the PPS Discharge Assessment once items O0425A-C are available in our data.

Items Most Likely to be Monitored for Changes from RUG-IV Patterns (2018Q3-2019Q2)

MDS Item	Current Percent of Assessment with Item	MDS Item	Current Percent of Assessment with Item	MDS Item	Current Percent of Assessment with Item
<b>Cognitive Impairment Items</b>		<b>Function Items: Mobility</b>		<b>Mechanically Altered Diet</b>	
C0500	avg 10.9	GG0170B	avg 3.7	K0100B	0%
B0100	0%	GG0170C	avg 3.6	K0100C	1.8%
B0700	avg 0.2	GG0170D	avg 3.3	K0100D	0%
C0700	11.9%	GG0170E	avg 3.1	<b>Therapy Use During PPS 5 Day</b>	
C1000	avg 0.3	GG0170F	avg 3	<b>PPS Discharge Group Therapy</b>	
<b>Depression Items</b>		<b>SLP or NTA Comorbidities</b>		<b>Group/Concurrent &gt;25%</b>	
D0300	avg 0.1	GG0170J	avg 2.8	O0400A	avg 38.7
D0600	avg 0	GG0170K	avg 2.8	O0400B	avg 264.9
<b>Function Items: Self-Care</b>		<b>Swallowing Disorders</b>		O0400C	avg 241
GG0130A	avg 4.6	SLP Dx>0	0 %	O0400D	avg 18.5
GG0130B	avg 3.2	NTA>0	64%	<b>Group/Concurrent &gt;25%</b>	
GG0130C	avg 2.7	K0100A	0%	<b>N/A</b>	

der the PDPM Transition? Accurate and thorough ICD-10 coding on  
nder PDPM. If you are concerned by high 'Return to Provider' or  
igh rates will have on your bottom line performance, you can  
gistering for the [AHCA/AHIMA ICD-10 Training for PDPM - Coders  
DPM-NonCoders](#)

id AHIMA by SNF and ICD-10 coding experts, this on-line training  
nd is intended for SNF billing staff, MDS staff, Nursing and Therapy

facility's ICD-10 Coding, you may download it [here](#)

<https://educate.ahcanal.org/pdpmacademy>



# PDPM MDS Trend Monitoring Resource File

- National Statistics Included in File for Reference
- Space for 5 Quarters of Data

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Nation Averages from the Your Top-Line report's MDS Item Module							
MDS ITEM	Expected Value Type	2019Q2	2019Q3	2019Q4	2020Q1	2020Q2	MD
<b>Cognitive Impairment Items</b>							
C0500	Avg	11.0	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.9	G
B0100	Percent	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	G
B0700	Avg	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.32	G
C0700	Percent	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	G
C1000	Avg	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	G
<b>Depression Items</b>							
D0300	Avg	2.42	2.42	2.48	2.68	2.92	G
D0600	Avg	2.91	2.91	2.97	3.14	3.34	
<b>Function Items: Self-Care</b>							
GG0130A	Avg	4.61	4.62	4.64	4.64	4.63	N
GG0130B	Avg	3.88	3.89	3.91	3.91	3.91	
GG0130C	Avg	2.60	2.59	2.58	2.57	2.55	K

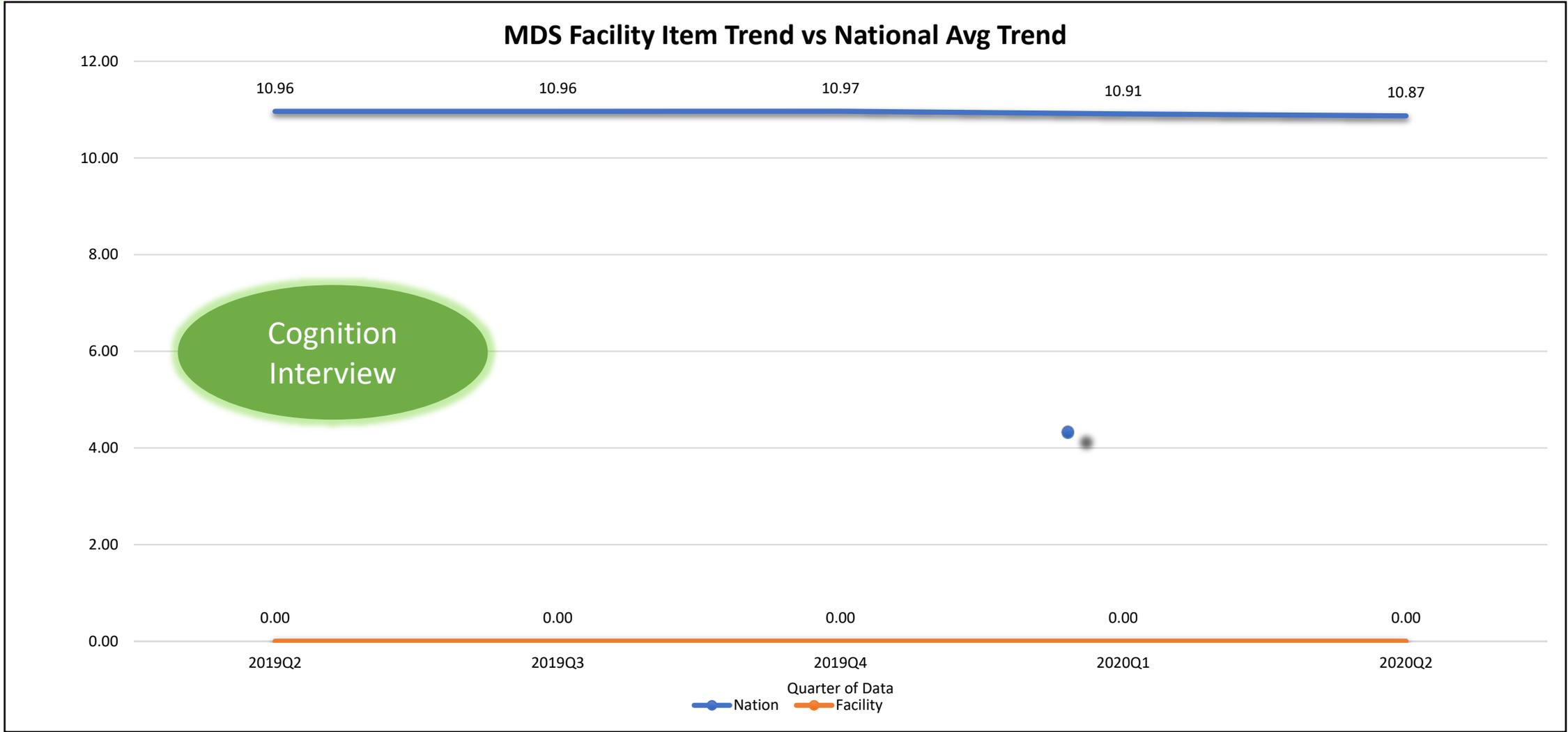


Example  
National Graph  
Trends of High  
Impact MDS  
Items



# C0500 – BIMS Score

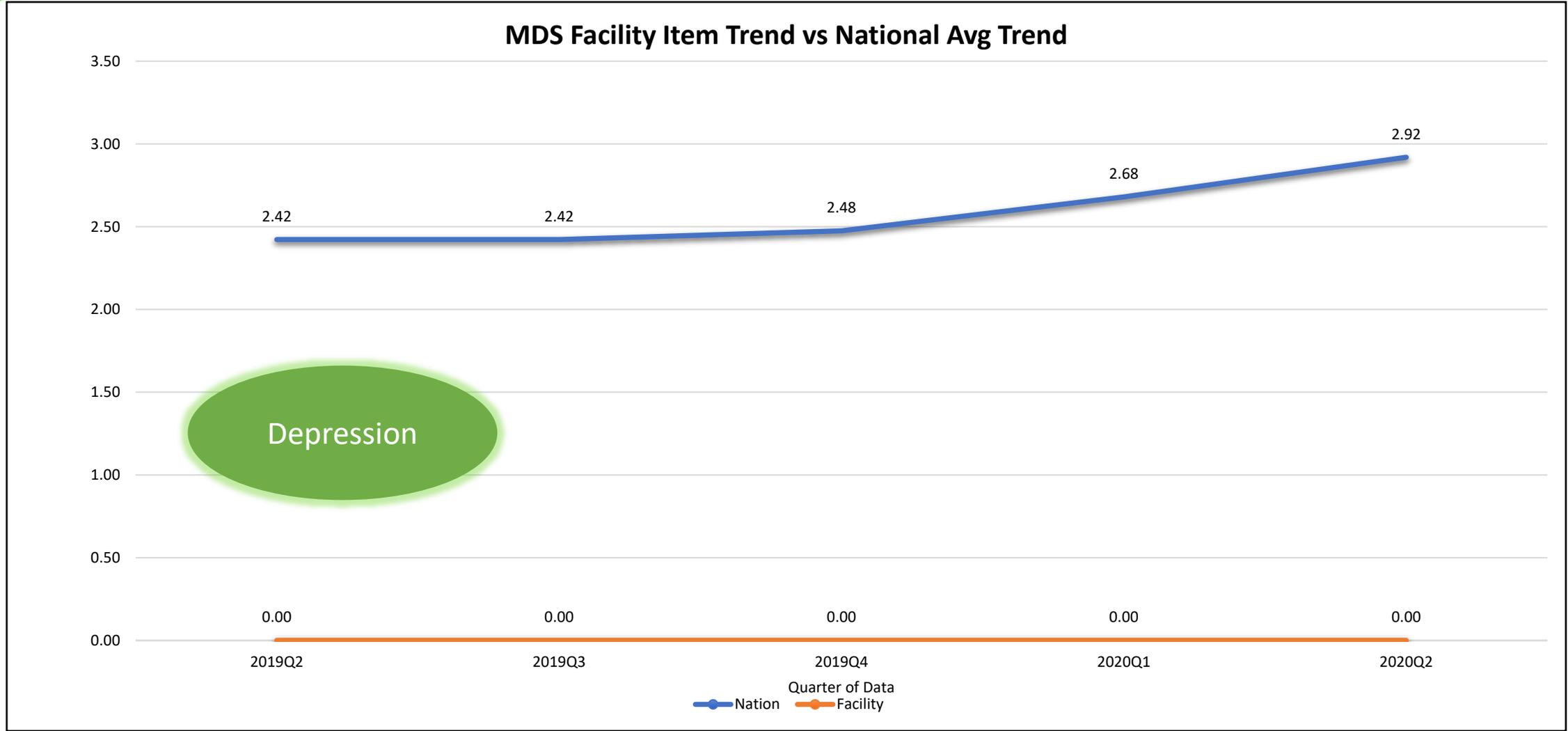
SLP & Nursing





# D0300 – PHQ-9 Resident Interview Score

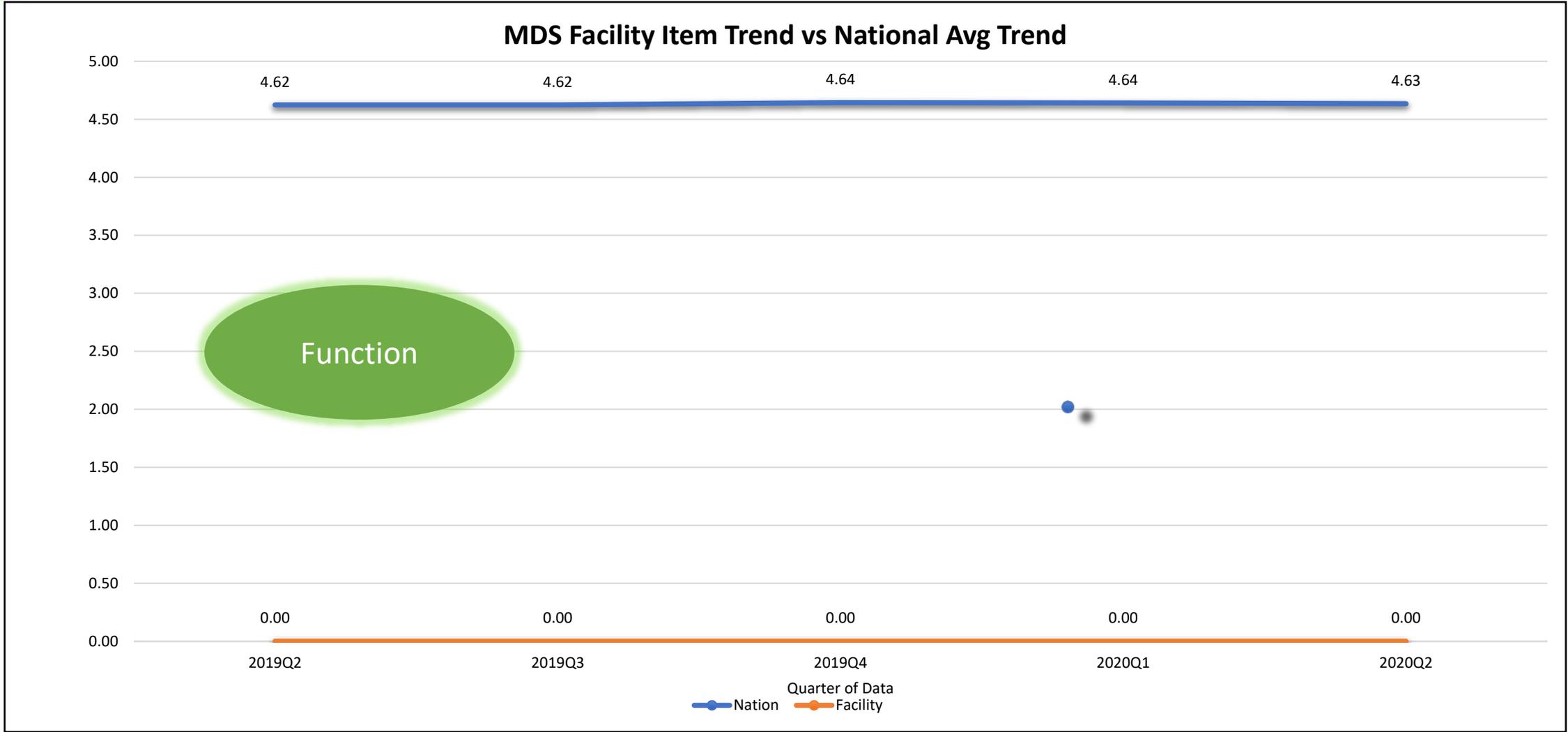
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# GG0130A – Self-Care: Eating

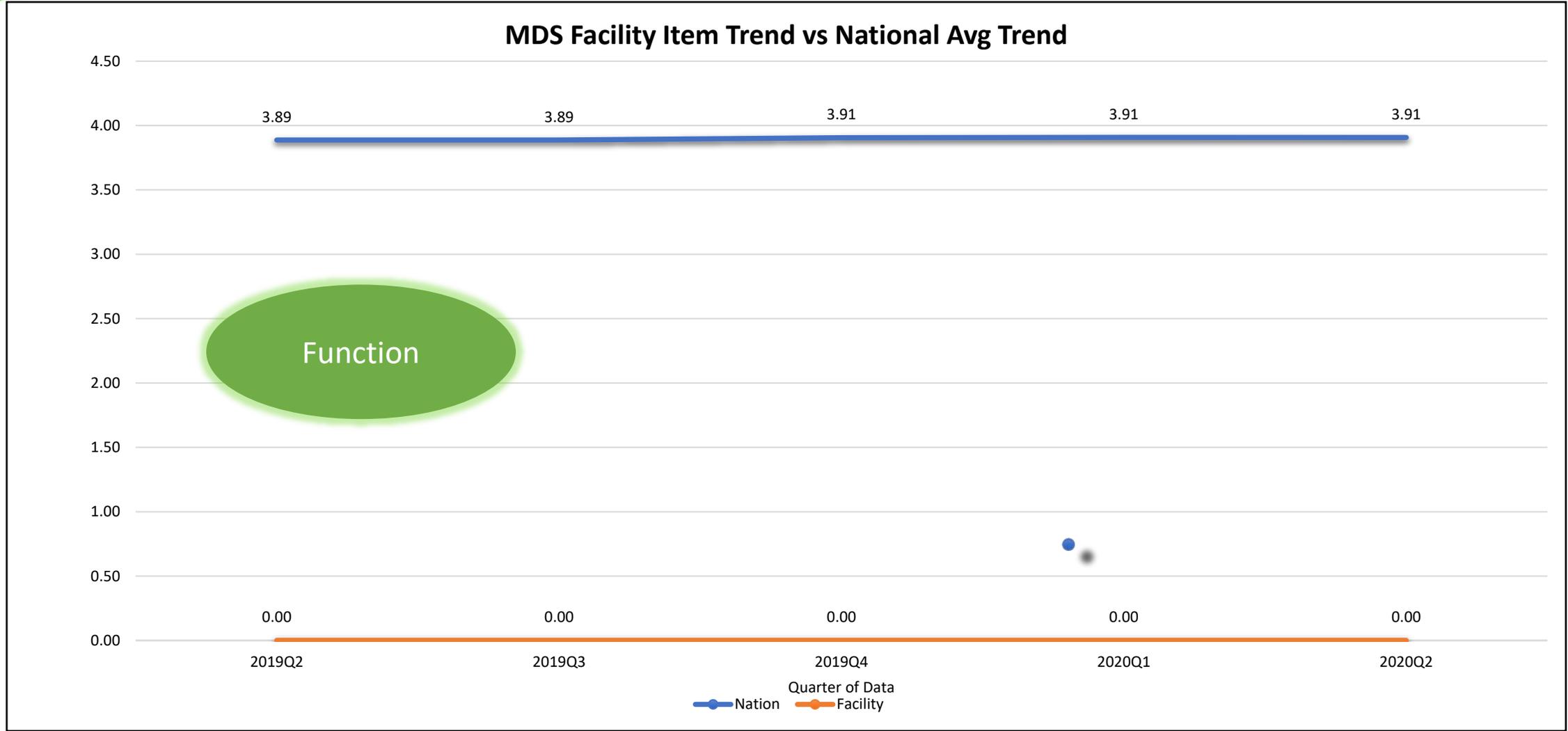
PT, OT, SLP  
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# GG0130B – Self-Care: Oral Hygiene

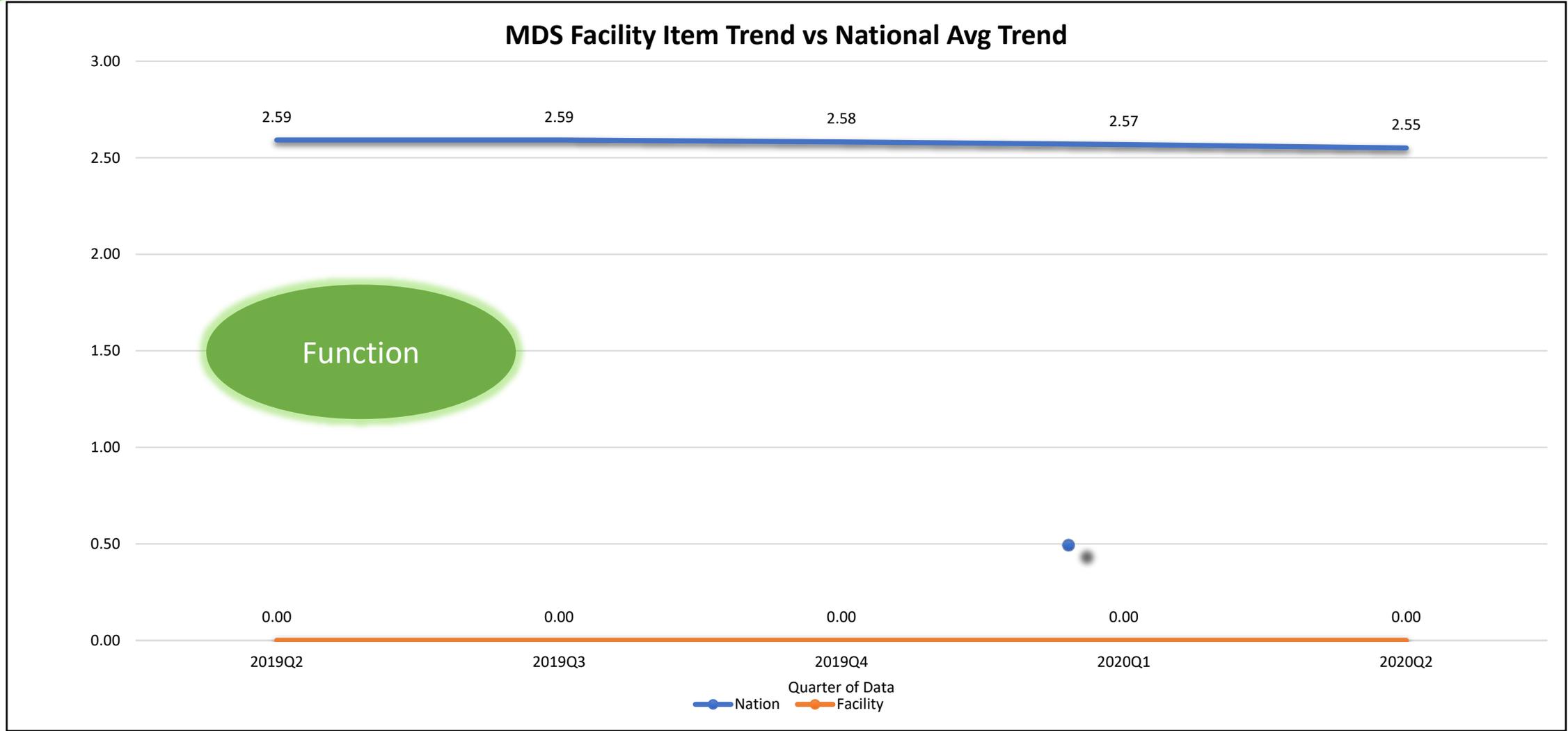
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# GG0130C – Self-Care: Toileting Hygiene

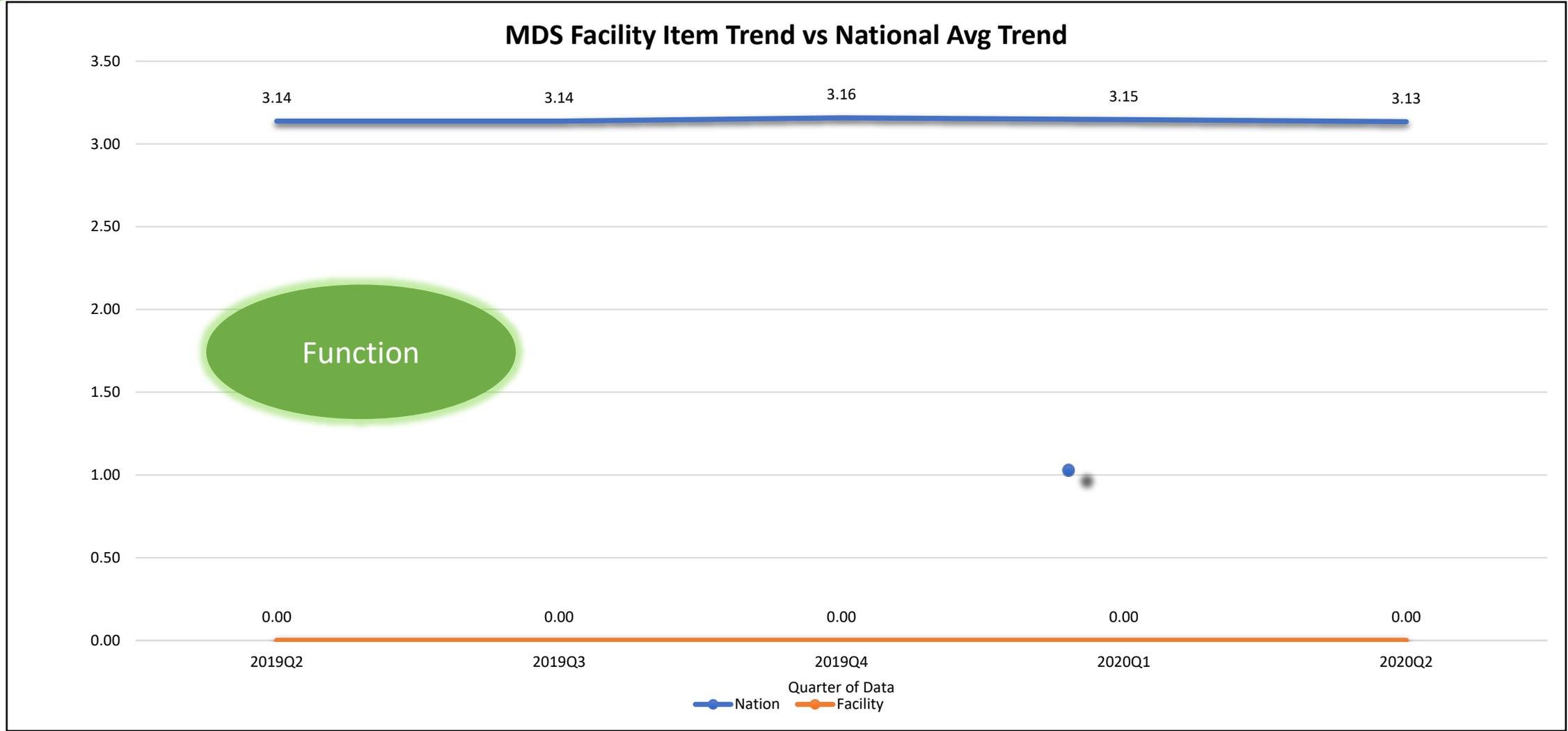
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# GG0170B – Mobility: Sit to Lying

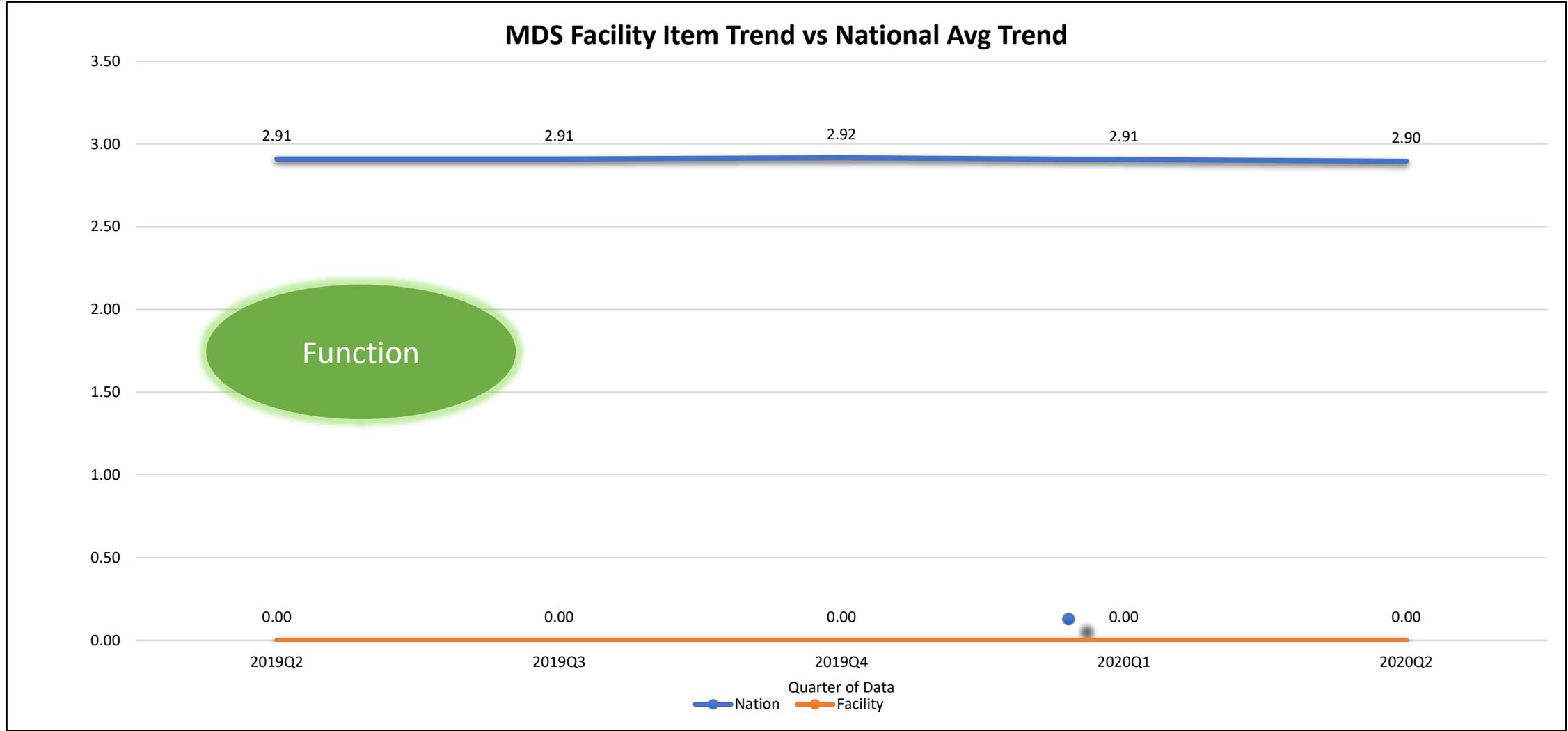
PT, OT, SLP  
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# GG0170D – Mobility: Sit to Stand

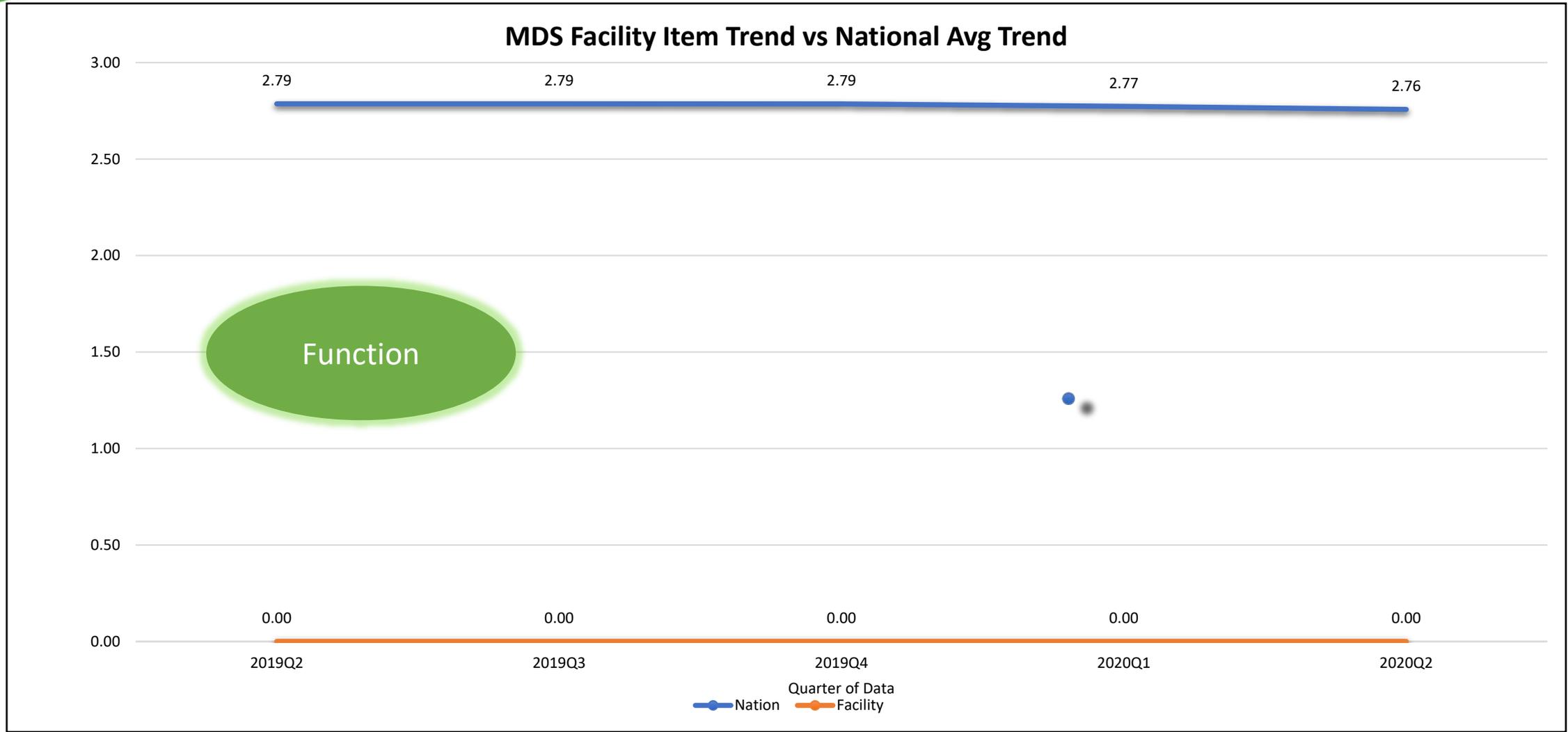
PT, OT, SLP  
& Nursing





# GG0170E – Mobility: Chair/Bed to Chair Transfer

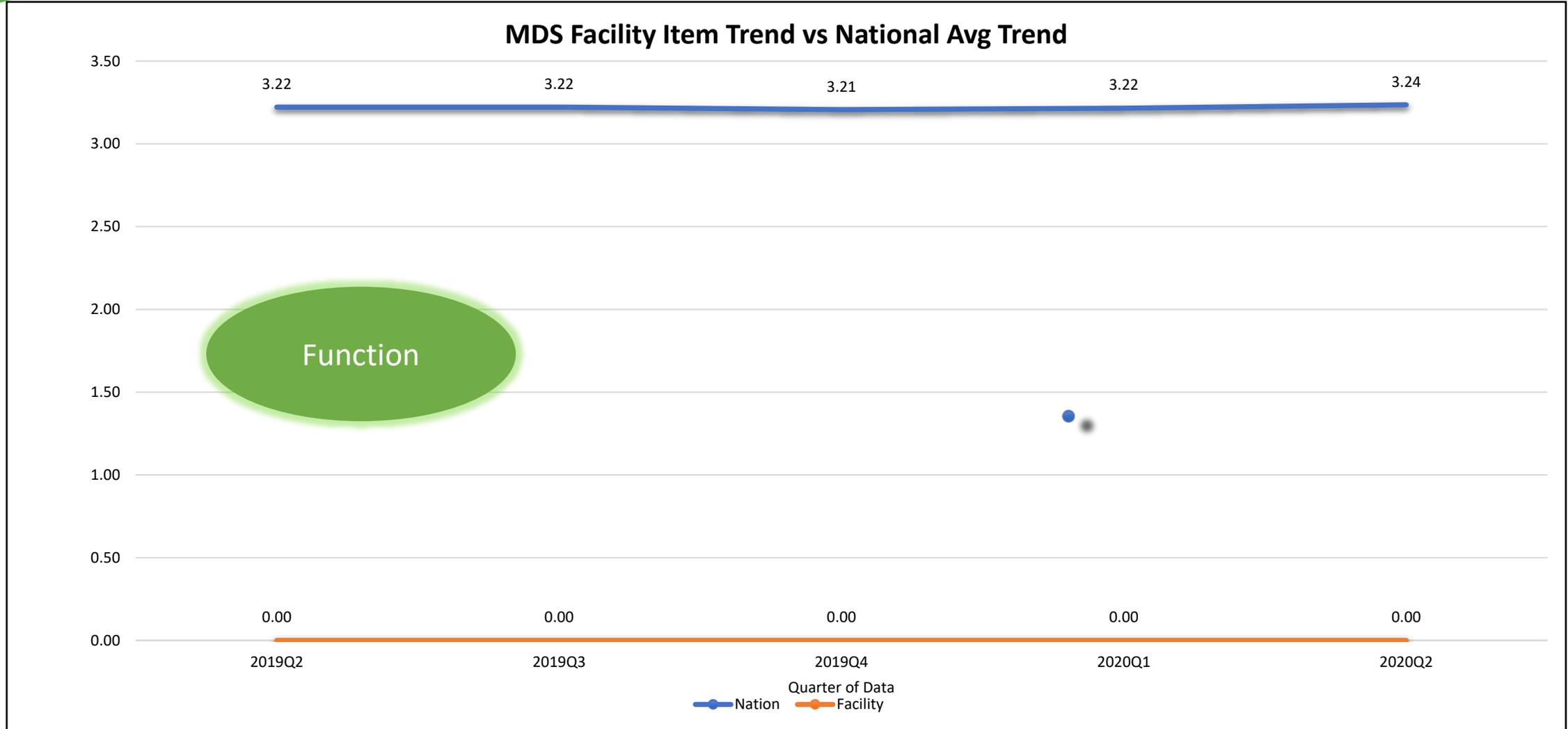
PT, OT, SLP  
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# GG0170J – Mobility: Walk 50 Feet With 2 Turns

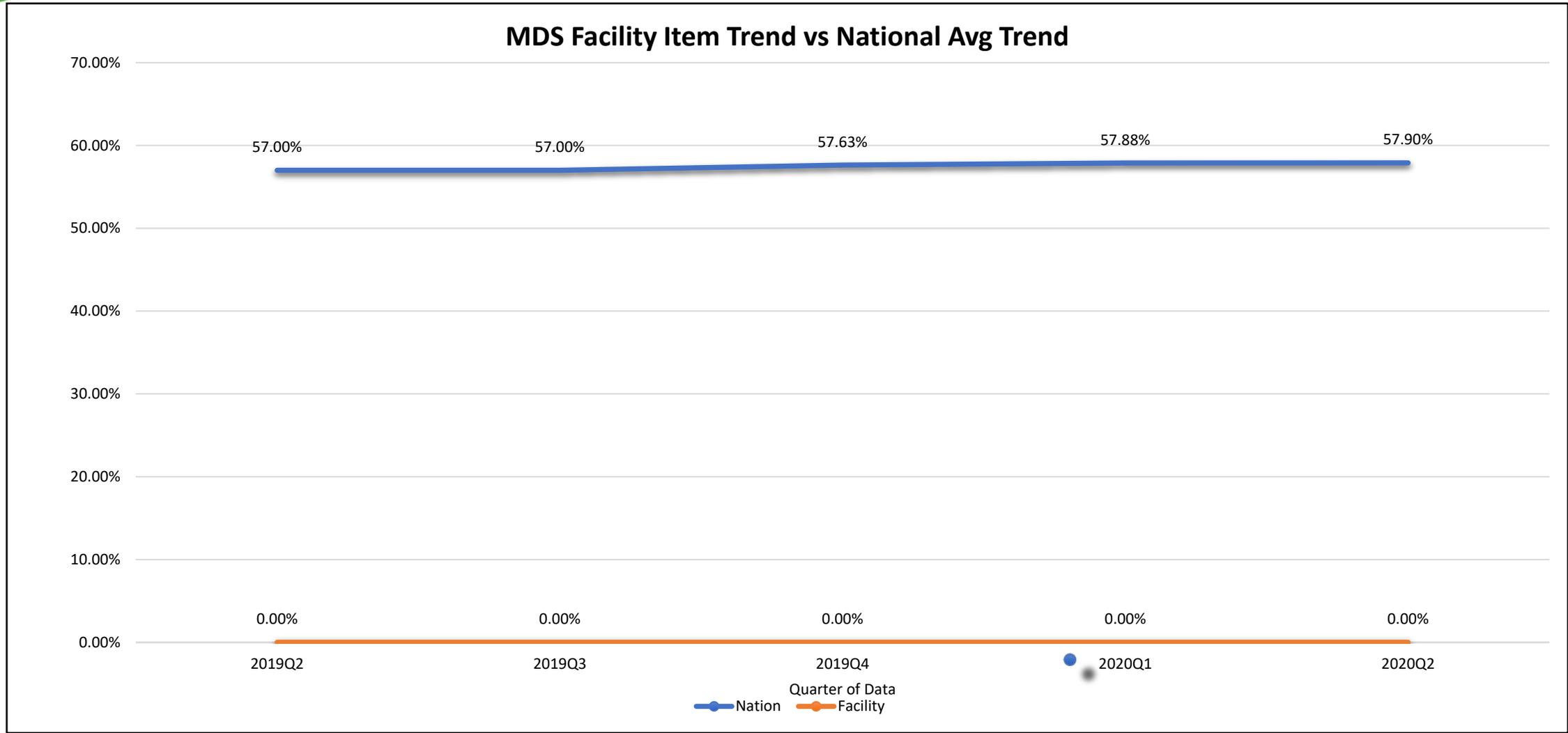
PT & OT





# SLP – Comorbid Diagnosis > 0

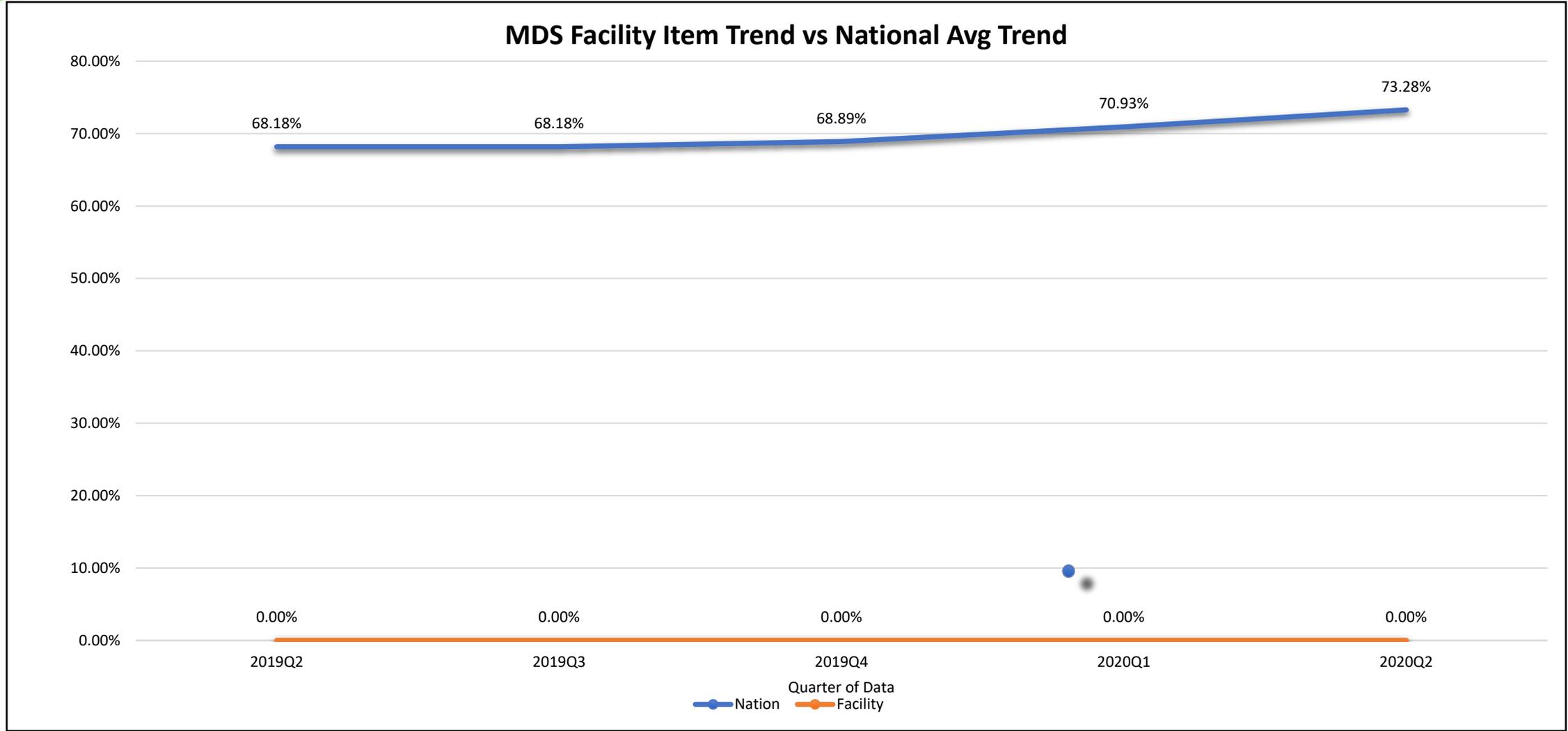
SLP





# NTA – Comorbid Diagnosis > 0

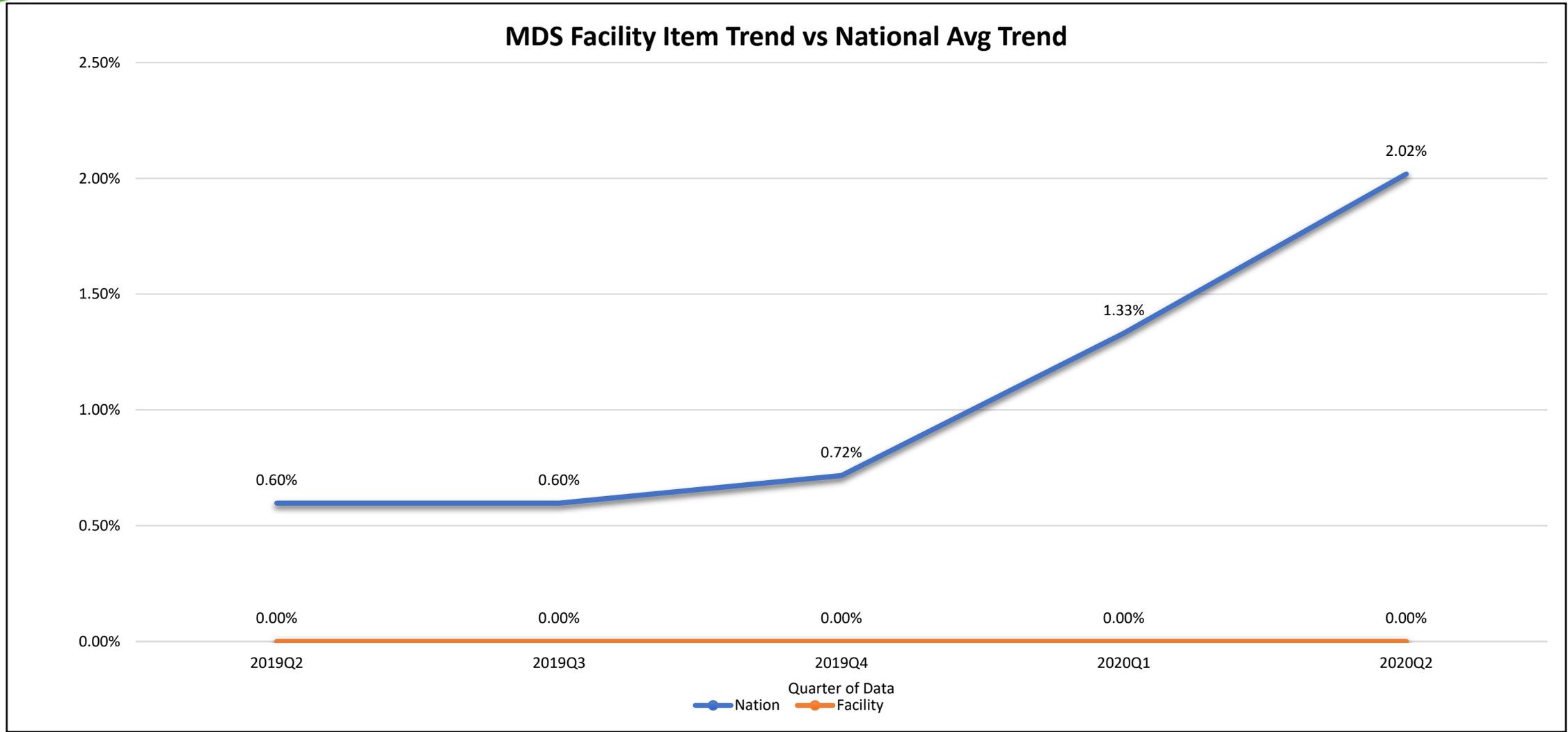
NTA





# K0100A – Swallowing Disorder (loss of liquids/solids from mouth eating/drinking)

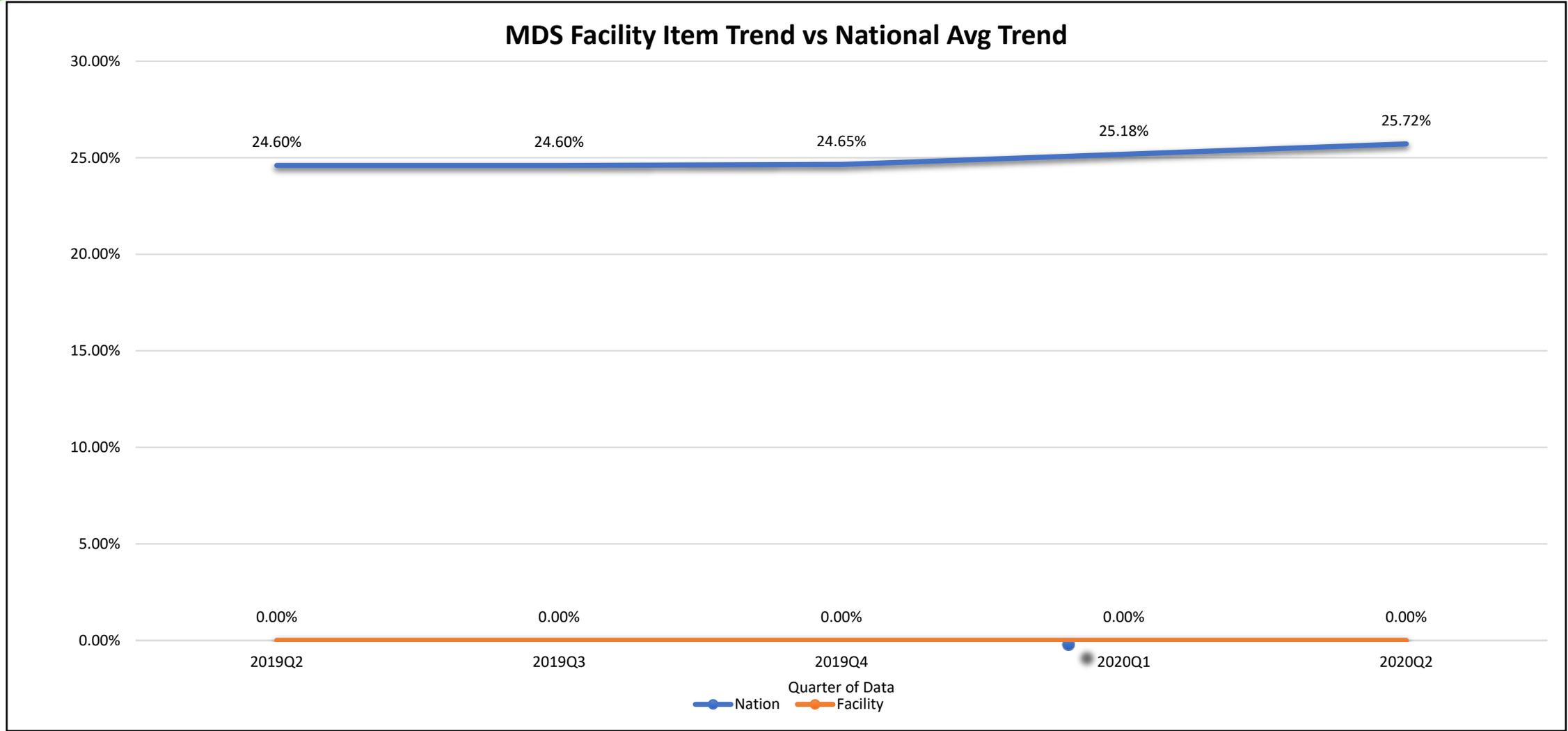
SLP





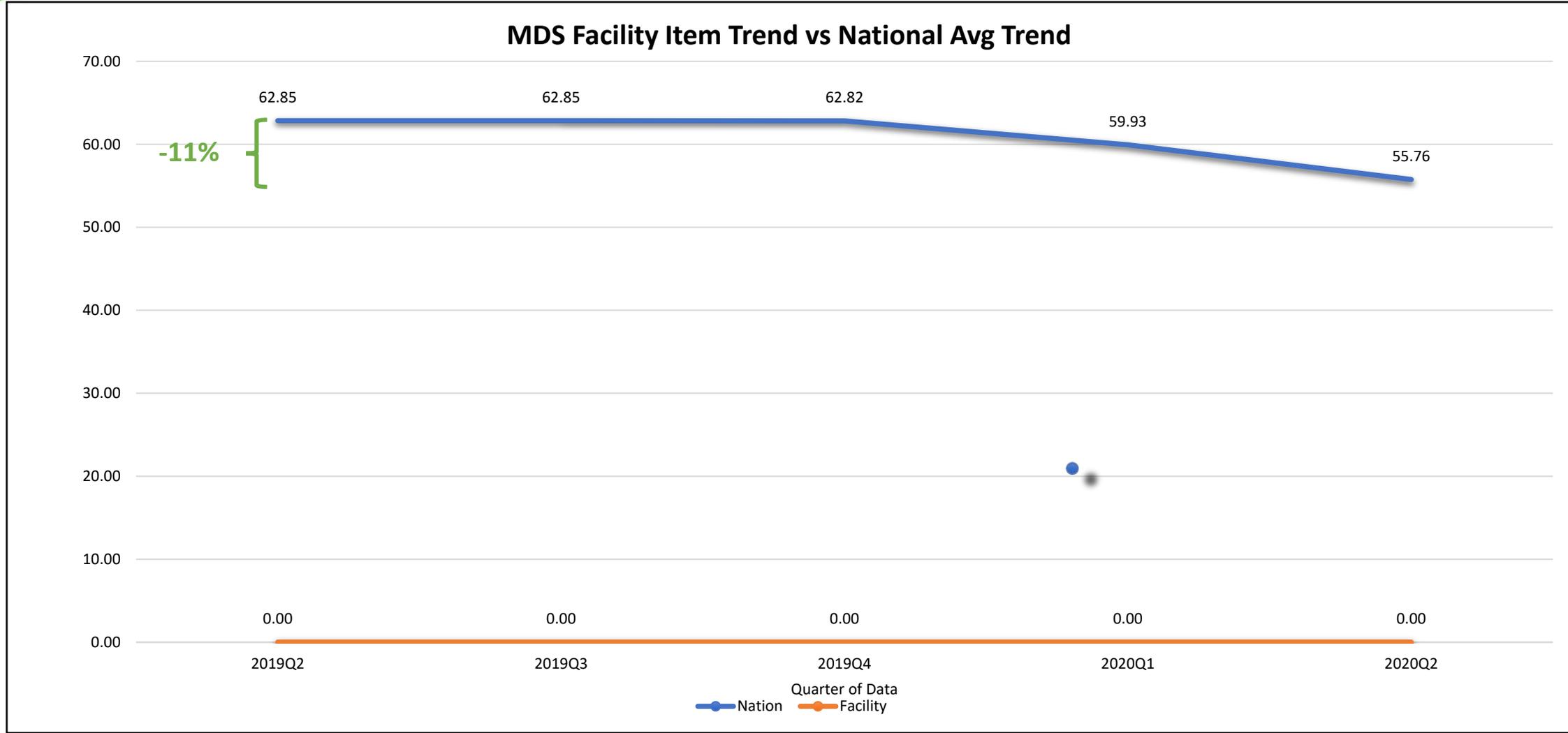
# K0150C2 – Mechanically Altered Diet

SLP



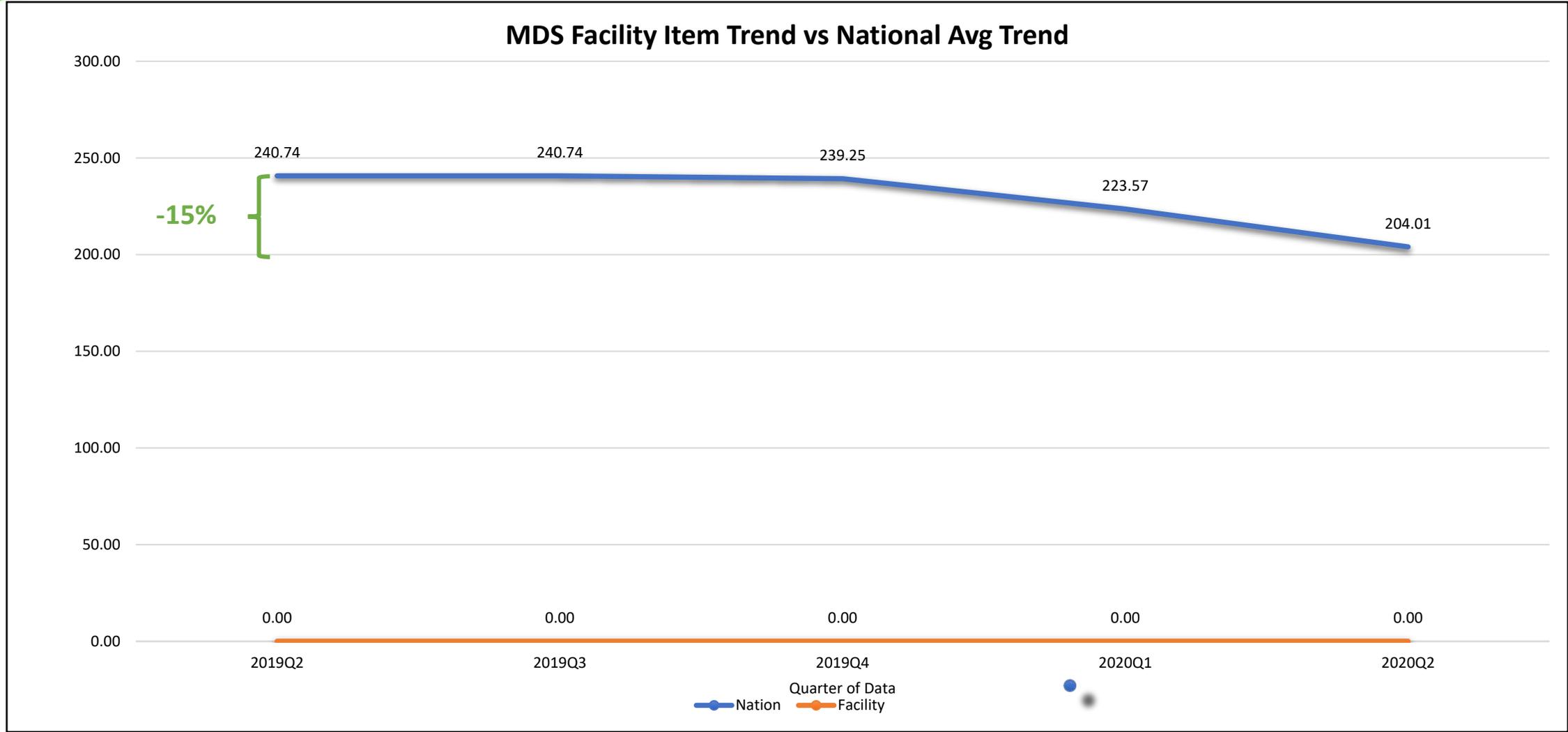


# 00400A – SLP Minutes/5-Day Assessment



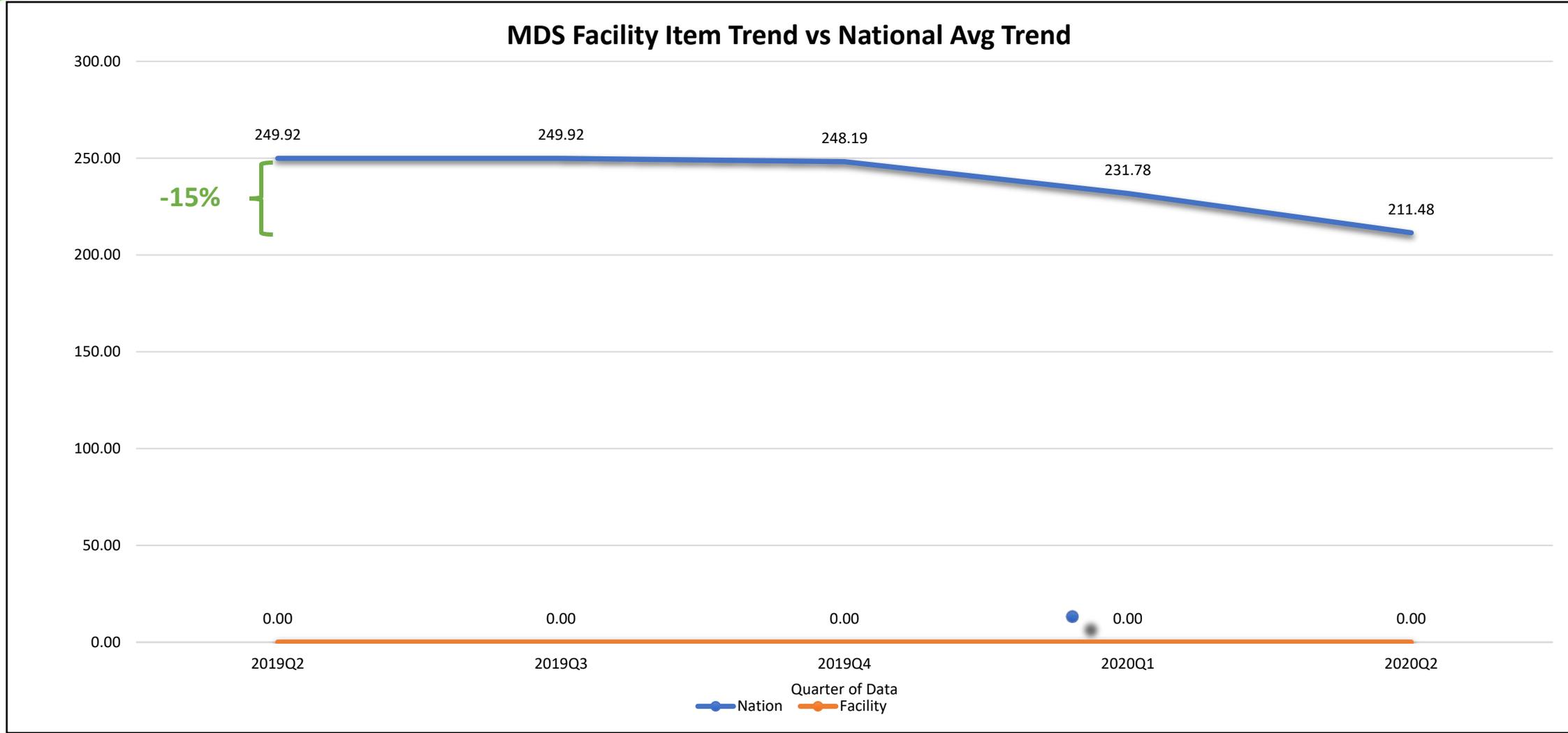


# 00400B – OT Minutes/5-Day Assessment





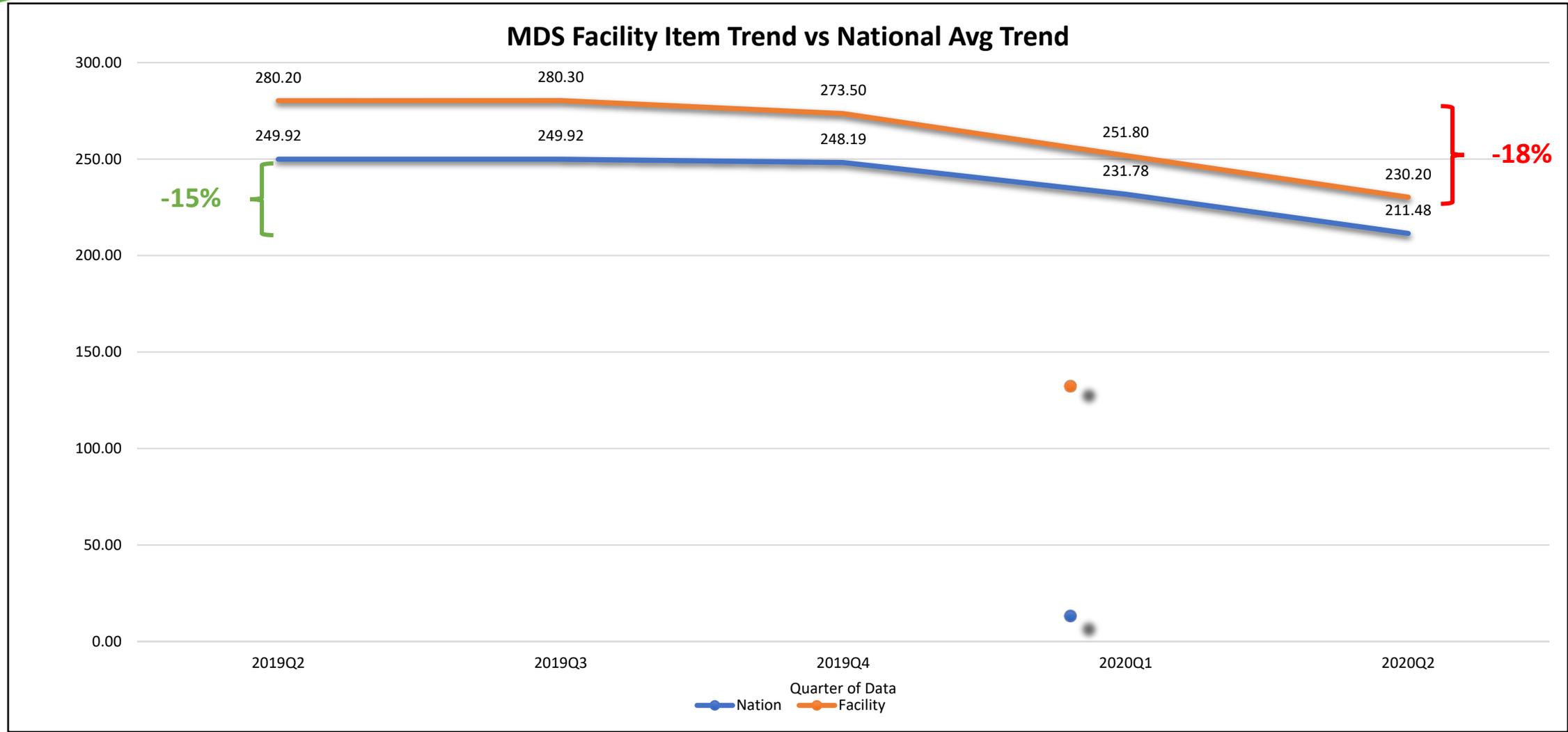
# 00400C – PT Minutes/5-Day Assessment





# O0400C – PT Minutes/5-Day Assessment

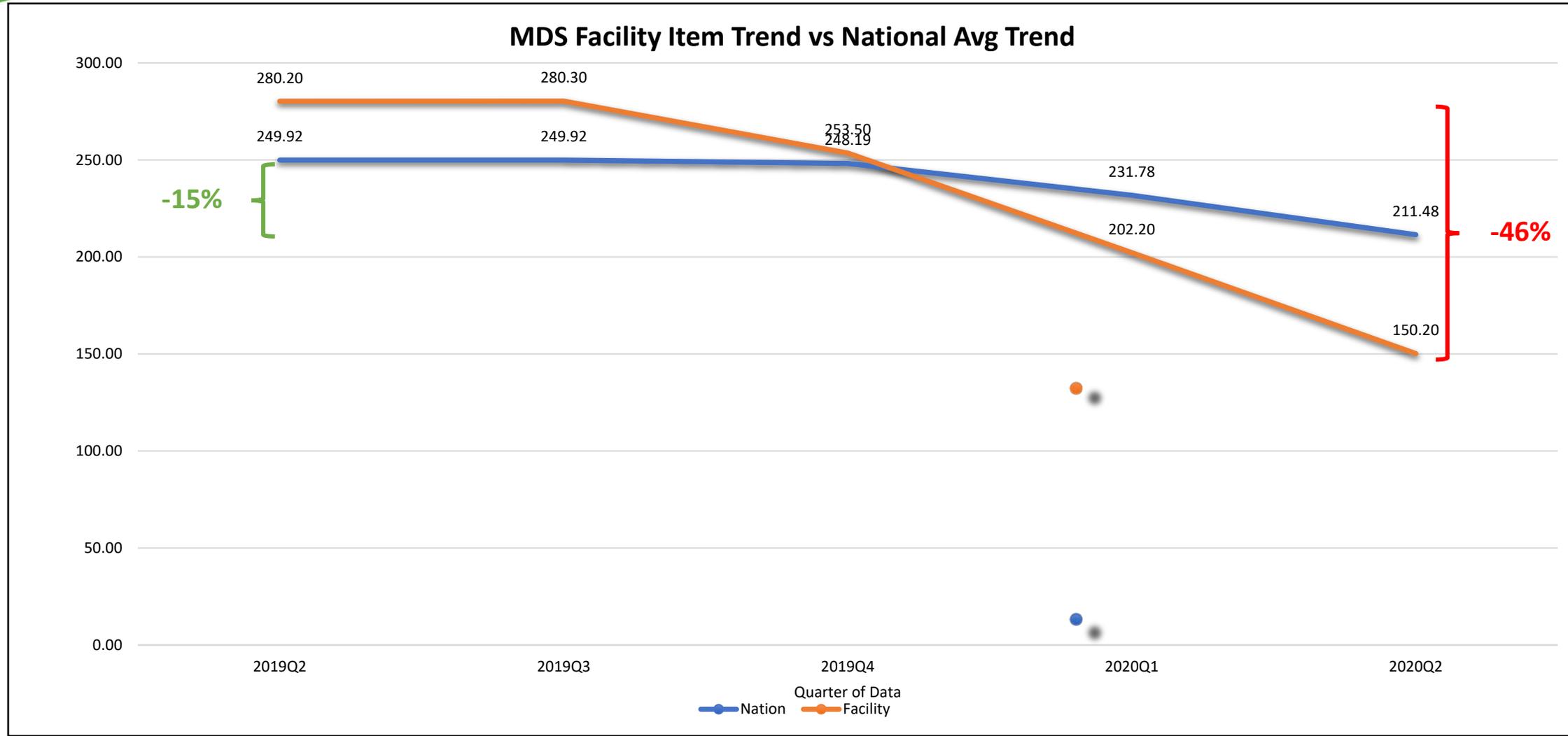
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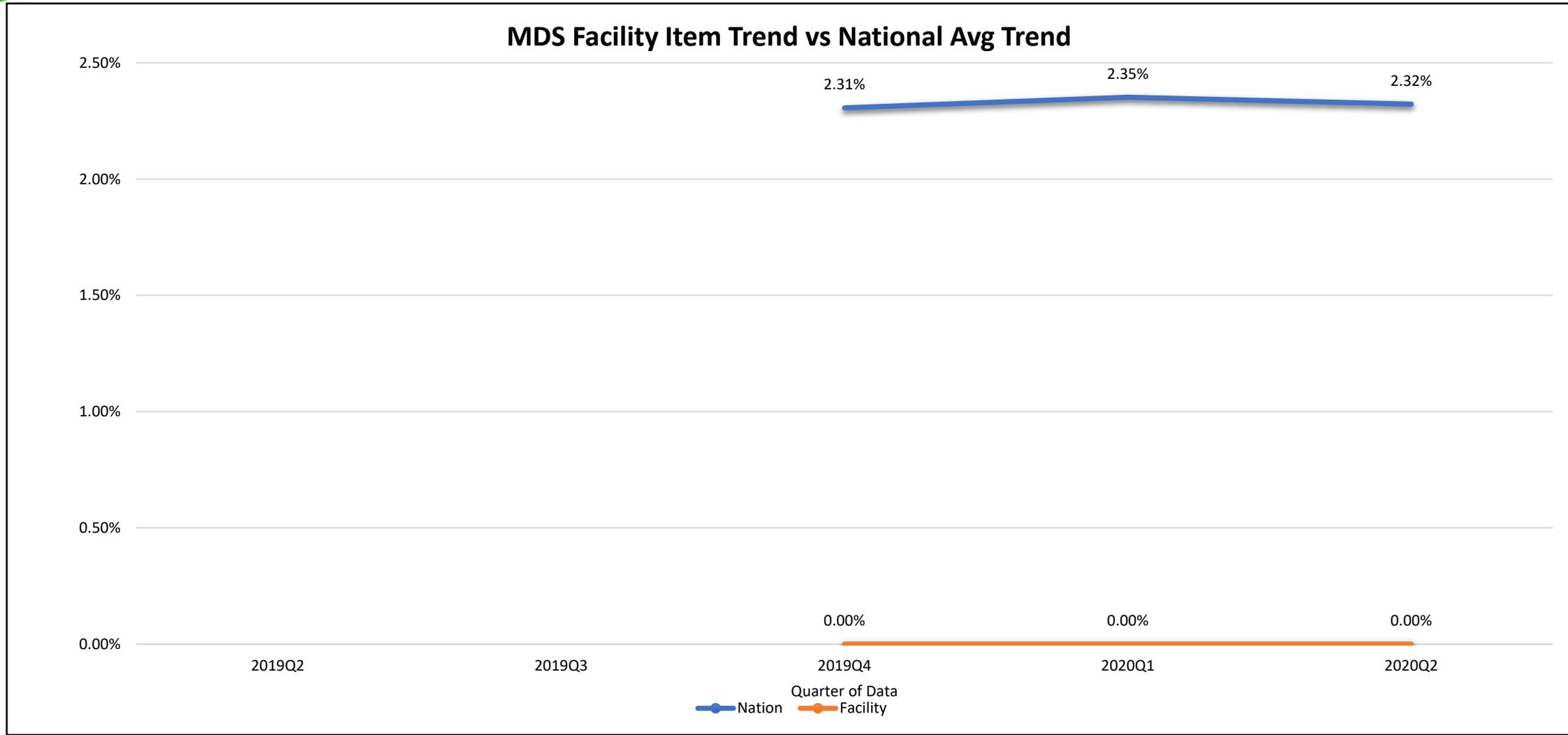
# 00400C – PT Minutes/5-Day Assessment

**\*Higher Audit Risk Simulation\***



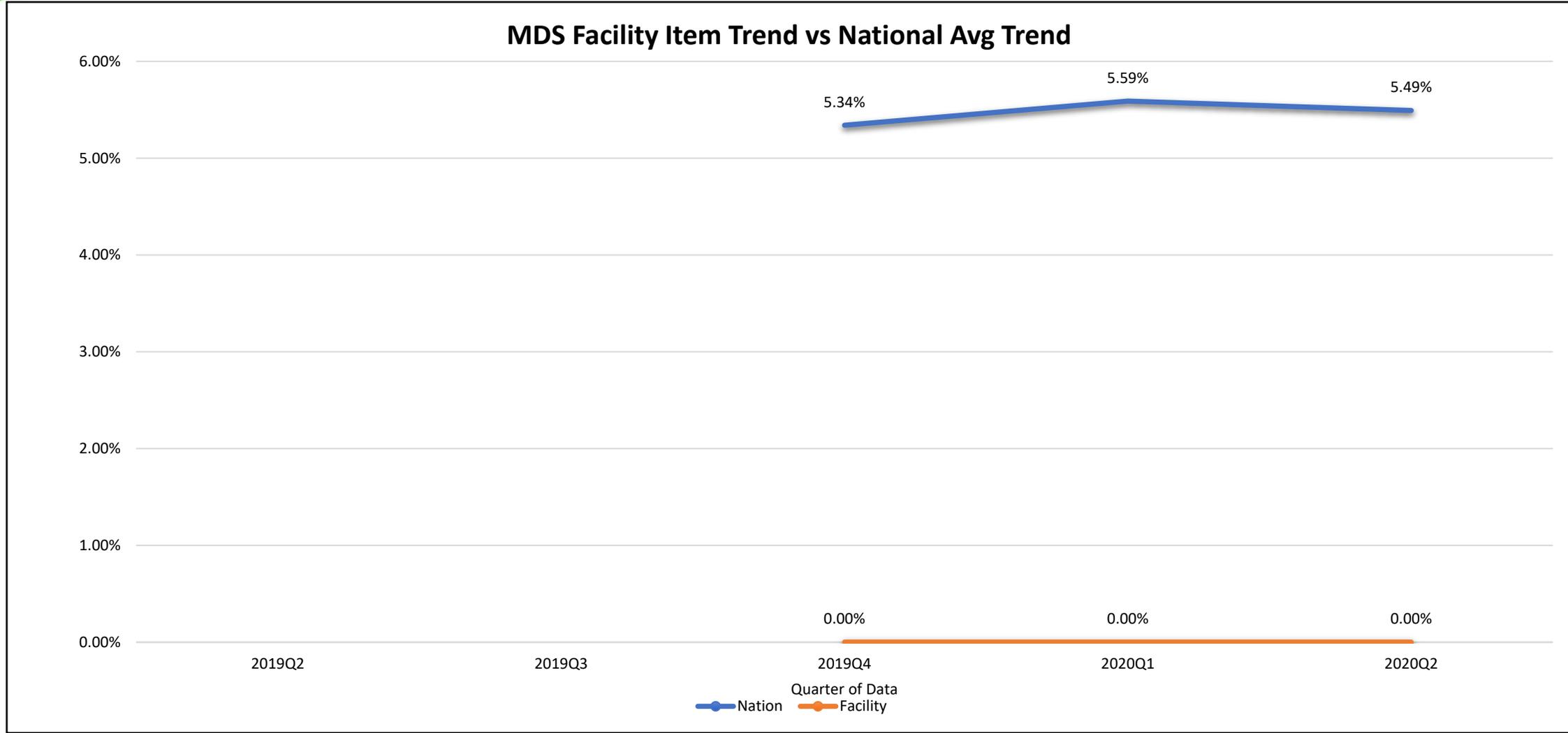


# Group/Concurrent D/C Assmt > 25% SLP



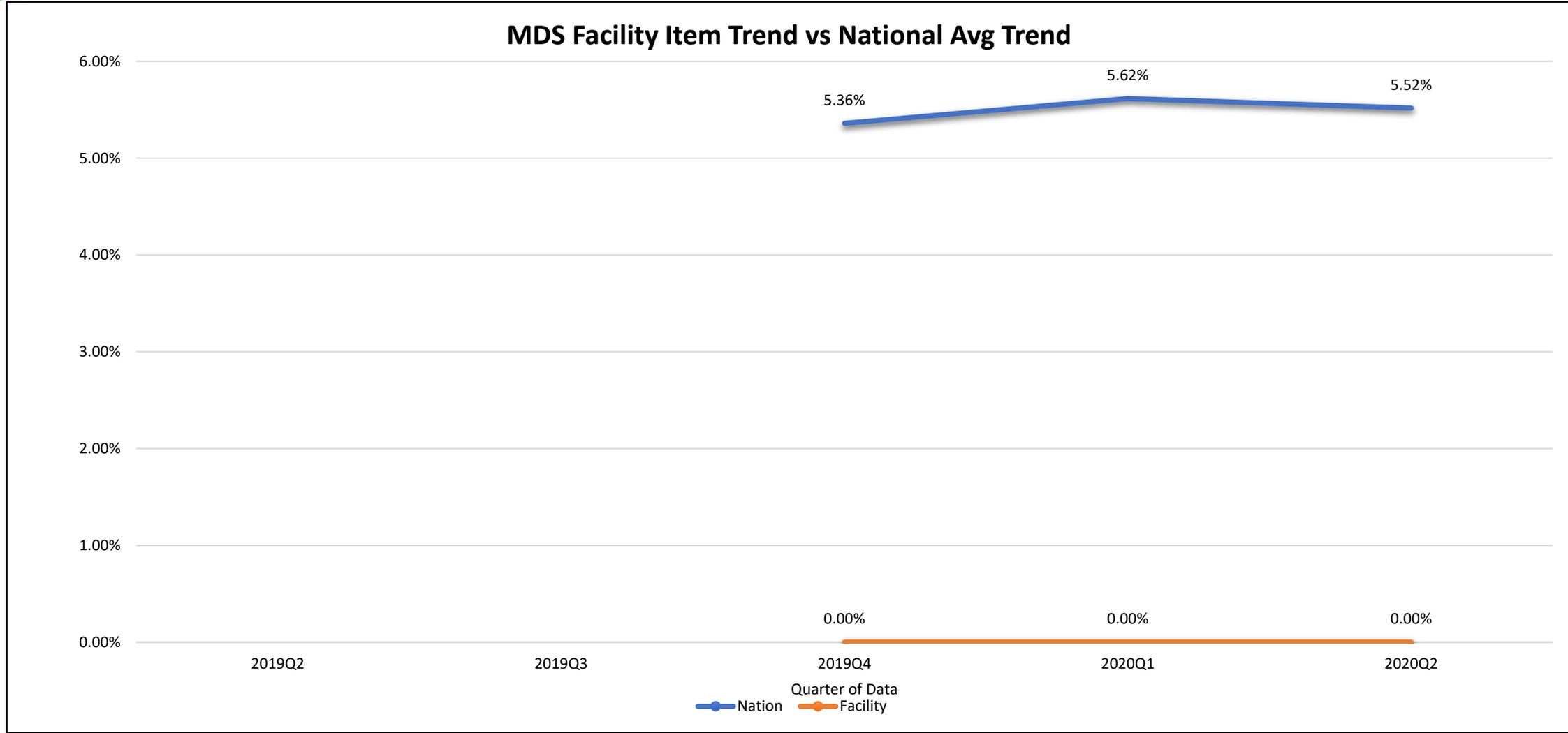


# Group/Concurrent D/C Assmt > 25% OT





# Group/Concurrent D/C Assmt > 25% PT





# PDPM Monitoring Resources Web Pages



# Public Health Emergency Extended

On July 23 HHS secretary Azar Renewed COVID-19 PHE through October 23, 2020

***“Renewal of Determination That A Public Health Emergency Exists***

*As a result of the continued consequences of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, on this date and after consultation with public health officials as necessary, I, Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of Health and Human Services, pursuant to the authority vested in me under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, do hereby renew, effective July 25, 2020, my January 31, 2020, determination that I previously renewed on April 21, 2020, that a public health emergency exists and has existed since January 27, 2020, nationwide.”*

Be on the lookout during October for any additional extensions of the waivers – or if some waivers are modified or removed at <https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/emergency-preparedness-response-operations/current-emergencies/coronavirus-waivers>



# CMS PDPM Monitoring Resource Links

- RAI User's Manual V1.17.1, [https://downloads.cms.gov/files/mds-3.0-rai-manual-v1.17.1 october 2019.pdf](https://downloads.cms.gov/files/mds-3.0-rai-manual-v1.17.1%20october%202019.pdf)
- SNF PPS Final Rule FY2020, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-08-07/pdf/2019-16485.pdf>
- CMS PDPM Resources Page
  - FY2021 PDPM ICD-10 Mappings File
  - Concurrent and Group Therapy Limit Fact Sheet
  - PDPM Functional and Cognitive Scoring Fact Sheet
  - PDPM Patient Classification Fact Sheet
  - NTA Comorbidity Score Fact Sheet
  - Variable Per Diem Adjustment Fact Sheet
  - <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPPS/PDPM>



# CMS PDPM Monitoring Resource Links

- SNF Quality Measures Technical Information Page  
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Skilled-Nursing-Facility-Quality-Reporting-Program/SNF-Quality-Reporting-Program-Measures-and-Technical-Information>
- SNF PEPPER Resources Page <https://pepper.cbrpepper.org/>
- CMS Care Compare 5-Star Public Reporting Page  
<https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/>



# AHCA PDPM Monitoring Resource Links

- AHCA PDPM Compliance Guide and Best Practice Model Policies Toolkit  
[https://educate.ahcancal.org/products/ahca-pdpm-compliance-guide-and-best-practice-model-policies-toolkit-pdpm-academy?packages%5B%5D=24596&in\\_package=24596&sort\\_by=package\\_order&ref=package&ref\\_id=24596#tab-product\\_tab\\_contents\\_3](https://educate.ahcancal.org/products/ahca-pdpm-compliance-guide-and-best-practice-model-policies-toolkit-pdpm-academy?packages%5B%5D=24596&in_package=24596&sort_by=package_order&ref=package&ref_id=24596#tab-product_tab_contents_3)
- LTC Trend Tracker:
  - Home page: [https://www.ahcancal.org/research\\_data/trendtracker/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.ahcancal.org/research_data/trendtracker/Pages/default.aspx)
  - Resources: [https://www.ahcancal.org/research\\_data/trendtracker/Pages/Resources.aspx](https://www.ahcancal.org/research_data/trendtracker/Pages/Resources.aspx)
  - Log-In: [ltctt.ahcancal.org](https://ltctt.ahcancal.org) (Same username and password as the ahcancal.org site and educate.ahcancal.org site)
  - Have Questions or Need Help Registering?: [help@ltctrendtracker.com](mailto:help@ltctrendtracker.com)
- PDPM Academy Help Desk: [pdpm@ahca.org](mailto:pdpm@ahca.org)



# Key CMS/AHCA COVID-19 Resources

AHCA COVID-19 page:

[https://www.ahcancal.org/facility\\_operations/disaster\\_planning/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx)

- AHCA COVID-19 email:

[COVID19@ahca.org](mailto:COVID19@ahca.org)

- CMS COVID-19 main page:

<https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/EPRO/Current-Emergencies/Current-Emergencies-page>

- CMS COVID:19 waivers page:

<https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/emergency-preparedness-response-operations/current-emergencies/coronavirus-waivers>

- CMS COVID-19 billing & coding guidance FAQs:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/03092020-covid-19-faqs-508.pdf>

- CDC COVID-19 guidance for healthcare facilities:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/us-healthcare-facilities.html>



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## Open Discussion Forum (ODF)

Please submit questions as described by our webinar moderator