EQUIP, a Minimum Data Set (MDS) analytics tool, was developed in 1998 through various grants by researchers at NYAHSA to give long term care providers an evidence-based informatics tool to help them improve outcomes and quality of care.

In 1999, EQUIP became a program that was used nationally for nursing facilities to access the Quality Indicator measures in an easy-to-use, readily available format. Over time, EQUIP grew rapidly based primarily on "word of mouth" from satisfied users. It expanded from a single tool to offering the many valuable products and services available today.

Today, EQUIP 3.0 is a secure, web-based analytics software program that translates MDS 3.0 data into knowledge-based information presented in interactive, easy-to-read reports and is used by hundreds of nursing homes nationwide.

Designed to support continuing care professionals, EQUIP is a collaborative effort among RNs experienced in long term care, software developers, research analysts and statisticians.

Key features include:

- The MDS Accuracy Audit which runs the MDS data through a series of logic checks, allowing staff to check for inconsistencies in the data and to see if the potential inaccuracies could affect reimbursement.   If necessary, changes can be made prior to submission to CMS.
- The ability to generate specialized EQUIP benchmarks for unique populations including Green Houses, Veterans Homes, and dementia residents.
- Customizable reports that can be easily exported to Excel.
- Quality monitoring during the CMS "black-out" period.
- Interview indicators that allow you to quickly review if you are truly capturing the "voice of the resident".
- Access to experienced long-term nurse care nurses to answer your technical and clinical questions.