

2018-2019 IRF Quality Reporting Training Archives

September 26, 2019

Refresher Webinars on Reporting Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Summary Data

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) invites staff from inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs) to participate in live training webinars. The webinars will cover reporting healthcare personnel (HCP) influenza vaccination summary data to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).

These are refresher trainings, as the reporting requirements have not changed from last year's influenza season. The trainings will review topics such as requirements for collecting HCP influenza vaccination summary data and entering data into NHSN.

The webinars will be presented at the dates and times listed below:

Training Webinars for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities

1. Tuesday, October 1, 2019 from 2-3 PM ET
2. Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM ET

Facilities can register for a webinar using this link: <https://www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/nhsn/registration/>.

For questions on HCP influenza vaccination summary data reporting, please send an e-mail to: NHSN@cdc.gov and include "HPS Flu Summary" and your facility type in the subject line.

August 05, 2019

August 15 and 16 IRF QRP Pre-Training Materials Are Now Available

Training materials for the upcoming 2-day Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Provider Training event on Thursday, August 15, and Friday, August 16, at the Four Seasons Hotel, 200 International Drive, Baltimore, MD 21202, are now available under the Downloads section at the bottom of this webpage.

Training materials include PowerPoint presentations and related materials to complete exercises that will be used during the event. Paper copies of presentations will not be available at the training, so it is recommended that you download and/or print the training materials if you would like to reference them during the training.

Registration for this training event is still open.

[CLICK HERE to register.](#)

Training will start at 8:30 a.m. EDT and end at 4:00 p.m. EDT on August 15 and start at 8:30 a.m. EDT and end at 3:45 p.m. EDT on August 16. Following the training on August 15, there will be an optional "We Want to Hear From You" session from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. EDT.

Instructions for participating via webcast will be emailed from the PACTraining mailbox to those who have registered for the training later this week.

**** Requests for reasonable accommodations must be received at least 5 days prior to the beginning of the event (no later than Thursday, August 8, 2019) and can be emailed to Chandler Bishop at PACTraining@Econometricalnc.com with a copy to Stacy.Cole@cms.hhs.gov.****

If you have questions or need additional information regarding the logistics of this training session, please email the PAC Training mailbox at PACTraining@econometricainc.com.

July 11, 2019

Post-training materials from the **May 2019 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Provider Training** held in Kansas City, MO, on May 9 and 10, 2019, are now available in the Downloads section at the bottom of this webpage.

Please note: Post-training materials include answers to knowledge checks and interactive sessions. Additionally, the Section GG presentation has been updated to include links to videos shown during the training.

Please [click here to access video recordings of presentations](#).

July 03, 2019

REGISTRATION OPEN – IRF QRP Provider In-Person Training Event, August 15 and 16, 2019

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be hosting a 2-day Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) in-person 'Train the Trainer' event for providers on August 15 and 16, 2019 at the Four Seasons Hotel, 200 International Drive, Baltimore, MD 21202. This event will be open to all IRF providers, associations, and organizations.

Like the May 2019 IRF QRP Provider Training, the primary focus of this 'Train-the-Trainer' event will be to provide those responsible for training staff at IRFs with information about IRF QRP changes and updates to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility-Patient Assessment Instrument (IRFPAI) v. 3.00, which will become effective October 1, 2019. Topics will include:

- An overview of the changes between the IRF-PAI v. 2.00 and v. 3.0.
- Updated training materials for Section GG, including videos of patient scenarios to be used in coding exercises.
- An interactive session on the use of reports to identify opportunities for process improvement and utilize information contained in reports available via the Certification And Survey Provider Enhanced Reports (CASPER) system to develop quality improvement plans.

During this event, presenters will incorporate additional information into their presentations based on questions received from participants during the May training.

A full agenda can be accessed in the downloads section at the bottom of this webpage.

Training will start at 8:30 a.m. EDT and end at 4:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, August 15. Following the training on August 15, there will be an optional "We Want to Hear From You" session from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. EDT. On Friday, August 16, training will start at 8:30 a.m. EDT and end at 3:45 p.m. EDT.

Registration for this in-person training is limited to 250 people on a first-come, first-serve basis. CMS has negotiated a discounted room rate of \$149 per night with the hotel for a limited number of rooms. To receive the room discount, you must reserve your sleeping room with the hotel no later than 6:00

p.m. EDT on July 22, 2019. Instructions to reserve a hotel room at the discounted rate will be sent to you in a confirmation email once you register for the training.

When registering, please enter your name as you would like it to appear on your name tag and completion certificate.

For those not able to attend in person, a URL to access the webcast will be provided prior to the event.

Whether you participate in-person or via the webcast, we ask that you register for this event.

[CLICK HERE to register.](#)

**** Requests for reasonable accommodations must be received at least 5 business days prior to the beginning of the event (no later than Thursday, August 8, 2019) and can be emailed to Chandler Bishop at PACTraining@Econometricalnc.com with a copy to Stacy.Cole@cms.hhs.gov.**

**** If you have questions or need additional information regarding the logistics of this training session, please email the PAC Training mailbox at PACTraining@econometricainc.com.**

June 26, 2019

NEW TRAINING EVENT — Updated Section GG Web-based Training Course

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a web-based training course on how to properly code of Section GG. This 45-minute course is intended for providers in the following care settings: Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), and Home Health Agencies (HHAs); and is designed to be used on demand anywhere you can access a browser. The course is divided into the following four lessons and includes interactive exercises that allow you to test your knowledge in real life scenarios:

- Lesson 1: Importance of Section GG for Post-Acute Care
- Lesson 2: Section GG Assessment and Coding Principles
- Lesson 3: Coding GG0130.Self-Care Items
- Lesson 4: Coding GG0170.Mobility Items

[Click here to access the training.](#)

If you have technical questions or feedback regarding the training, please email the [PAC Training mailbox](#). Content-related questions should be submitted to the Quality Reporting Program Help Desk for your care setting.

May 03, 2019

May 9 and 10 IRF QRP Pre-Training Materials Are Now Available

Training materials for the upcoming 2-day Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Provider Training event on Thursday, May 9, and Friday, May 10, at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center, 2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, MO 64108, are now available under the Downloads section at the bottom of this webpage. Training materials include PowerPoint presentations and related materials to complete exercises that will be used during the event. Paper copies of presentations will not be available at the

training, so it is recommended that you download and/or print the training materials if you would like to reference them during the training.

Training will start at 8:30 a.m. CDT and end at 3:30 p.m. CDT on May 9. An optional “We Want to Hear From You” session will follow from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Training on May 10 will start at 8:30 a.m. CDT and end at 4:00 p.m. CDT. **Instructions for participating via webcast will be emailed from the PACTraining mailbox to those who have registered for the training later this week.**

**** Requests for reasonable accommodations must be received at least 5 days prior to the beginning of the event (no later than Thursday, May 2, 2019) and can be emailed to Chandler Bishop at PACTraining@EconometricInc.com with a copy to Stacy.Cole@cms.hhs.gov.****

If you have questions or need additional information regarding the logistics of this training session, please email the PAC Training mailbox at PACTraining@econometricinc.com.

March 20, 2019

REGISTRATION OPEN – IRF QRP Provider In-Person Training Event, May 9 and 10, 2019

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be hosting a 2-day Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) in-person ‘Train the Trainer’ event for providers on May 9 and 10, 2019, at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center, 2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, MO 64108. This event will be open to all IRF providers, associations, and organizations.

The primary focus of this ‘Train-the-Trainer’ event will be to provide those responsible for training staff at IRFs with information about IRF QRP changes and updates to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility-Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) v. 3.00, which will become effective October 1, 2019. Topics will include:

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 - - An overview of the changes between the IRF-PAI v. 2.00 and v. 3.0.
 - Updated training materials for Section GG, including videos of patient scenarios to be used in coding exercises.
 - An interactive session on the use of reports to identify opportunities for process improvement and utilize information contained in reports available via the Certification And Survey Provider Enhanced Reports (CASPER) system to develop quality improvement plans.

A full agenda can be accessed in the downloads section at the bottom of this webpage.

Training will start at 8:30 a.m. CDT and end at 3:30 p.m. CDT on Thursday, May 9. Following the training on May 9, there will be an optional “We Want to Hear From You” session from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. CDT. On Friday, May 10, training will start at 8:30 a.m. CDT and end at 4:00 p.m. CDT.

Registration for this in-person training is limited to 250 people on a first-come, first-serve basis. CMS has negotiated a discounted room rate of \$125 per night with the hotel for a limited number of rooms. To receive the room discount, you must reserve your sleeping room with the hotel no later than 5:00 p.m. CDT on April 15. Instructions to reserve a hotel room at the discounted rate will be sent to you in a confirmation email once you register for the training.

When registering, please enter your name as you would like it to appear on your name tag and completion certificate.

For those not able to attend in person, a URL to access the webcast will be provided prior to the event. **Please note: Certificates of completion will only be available for those who attend the training in person.**

Whether you participate in-person or via the webcast, we ask that you register for this event.

[CLICK HERE to register.](#)

**** Requests for reasonable accommodations must be received at least 5 business days prior to the beginning of the event (no later than Thursday, May 2, 2019) and can be emailed to Chandler Bishop at PACTraining@Econometricalnc.com with a copy to Jennifer.Robinson@cms.hhs.gov.****

If you have questions or need additional information regarding the logistics of this training session, please email the PAC Training mailbox at PACTraining@econometricainc.com.

November 27, 2018

Post-Training Materials Available – September 2018 IRF and LTCH Section N: Medications Webinar

Post-training materials (includes answers to knowledge checks) from the **Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Section N: Medications Webinar** held September 17, 2018, are available under the Downloads section at the bottom of this webpage.

[Please click here to access a video recording of the webinar.](#)

October 11, 2018

Post-Training Materials for September 2018 IRF and LTCH QRP Section M Webinar Are Now Available

[Please click here to access a video recording of the webinar.](#)

Post-training materials (includes answers to knowledge checks) from the **Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Section M: Skin Conditions (Pressure Ulcer/Injury) Webinar** held September 4, 2018, are available under the Downloads section at the bottom of this webpage.

September 12, 2018

IRF and LTCH Section N Follow-Up Webinar Rescheduled for Monday, September 17, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

The Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Section N Follow-Up Webinar originally held on Wednesday, August 29, 2018, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. has been rescheduled due to technical difficulties experienced during the webinar.

If you had previously registered for the August 29 webinar, you will not need to do anything to register for the new date Monday, September 17, 2018, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Everyone registered for the August 29 webinar will automatically be registered for the September 17 webinar and will receive a confirmation email from webinars@confertel.net. The confirmation email will include a weblink, phone number and passcode along with an option to put the webinar on their calendar.

If you previously registered for the August 29 webinar and the September 17 re-schedule date does not work for you, please email webinars@confertel.net to cancel your reservation. A video recording of the event will be posted shortly after the event and those who registered for the training will be notified by email when it is available.

[If you would still like to register for the webinar, PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)

For questions or additional information, please email the PAC Training mailbox at PACTraining@econometricainc.com.

August 27, 2018

Pre-Training Materials Now Available for the Upcoming IRF and LTCH Webinars (August 29 and September 4, 2018) Related to Changes Associated with Coding Sections N and M of the LTCH CARE Data Set and the IRF-PAI

The training materials for the upcoming Section N: Medications webinar, scheduled for Wednesday, August 29, 2018, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. EDT and Section M: Skin Conditions (Pressure Ulcer/Injury) webinar scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2018, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. EDT are now available under the Downloads section below.

If you have not yet registered, please:

[CLICK HERE to register for the Section N: Medications webinar on Wednesday, August 29, 2018, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.](#)

[CLICK HERE to register for the Section M: Skin Conditions \(Pressure Ulcer/Injury\) webinar on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.](#)

Registration for these webinars is limited to 1,500 attendees per event on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding the logistics of these two webinars, please email the PAC Training mailbox at PACTraining@econometricainc.com.

August 10, 2018

May 9 and 10 IRF QRP Provider Training Q+A is Available

The question and answer (Q+A) for the **May 9 and 10, 2018 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training** is now available in the Downloads section below.

July 23, 2018

REGISTRATION OPEN – Upcoming IRF and LTCH QRP Webinars (August 29 and September 4, 2018) Related to Changes Associated with Coding Sections N and M of the LTCH CARE Data Set and the IRF-PAI

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be hosting two webinars for providers at Long-Term Care Hospitals and Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities to present information about proper coding of Sections M and N of the Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set Version 4.00 and the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility-Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) Version 2.00.

- The first webinar will occur on Wednesday, August 29, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. and focuses on new reporting requirements associated with Section N: Medications.
- The second webinar will occur on Tuesday, September 4, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. and focuses on changes impacting properly coding of Section M: Skin Conditions (Pressure Ulcer/Injury).

Registration for these webinars is limited to 1,500 attendees per event on a first-come, first-serve basis.

[CLICK HERE to register for the Section N: Medications webinar on Wednesday, August 29, 2018, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.](#)

[CLICK HERE to register for the Section M: Skin Conditions \(Pressure Ulcer/Injury\) webinar on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.](#)

If you have questions or need additional information regarding the logistics of these two webinars, please email the PAC Training mailbox at PACTraining@econometricainc.com.

June 22, 2018

May 2018 IRF QRP Post-Training Materials Are Now Available

[Please click here to access video recordings of presentations.](#)

Post-training materials (includes answers to knowledge checks) from the **May 2018 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Provider Training** held in Baltimore, MD, on May 9 and 10, 2018, are now available in the Downloads section below.

Please note: The Q&A document will be published shortly. An announcement will be posted when it is available.

May 04, 2018

Training Materials Available for IRF QRP Provider In-Person Training Event, May 9-10, 2018

Training materials for the upcoming 2-day Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Provider Training event on Wednesday, May 9, and Thursday, May 10, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel (20 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201), are now available under the Downloads section below. Training materials include PowerPoint presentations and related materials to complete exercises that will be used during the event. Paper copies of presentations will not be available at the training, so it is recommended that you download and/or print the training materials if you would like to reference them during the training.

This training will only be offered in-person. It will not be webcast. However, video recordings of the presentations will be available via the IRF QRP Training page shortly after the training.

[Click here to register for this event](#) if you have not already done so. When registering, please enter your name as you would like it to appear on your name tag and completion certificate.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding the logistics of this training session, please email the PAC Training mailbox at PACTraining@econometricainc.com.

December 20, 2017

NEW TRAINING EVENT — Section GG Web-based Training Module Now Available

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a web-based training module to address questions submitted by providers during trainings between November 2015 and August 2016 related to Section GG across the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF), and Home Health (HH) care settings. This training is designed to be used on demand anywhere you can access a browser and includes interactive exercises that allow you to test your knowledge in real life scenarios.

Specific topics for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities include:

- Lesson 1: Significance of Section GG for Post-Acute Care

- Lesson 2: Assessment and Response Coding Principles
- Lesson 3: Additional Section GG Response Coding Tips
- Lesson 4: Coding GG0130 Items for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities
- Lesson 5: Coding GG0170 Items for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities

[Click here to access the training.](#)

If you have technical questions or feedback regarding the training, please email the PAC Training mailbox. Other questions should be directed to the IRF QRP Help Desk.