

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Spotlights & Announcements

June 28, 2021

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2022 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update; Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model Requirements and Proposed Model Expansion; Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements; Home Infusion Therapy Services Requirements; Survey and Enforcement Requirements for Hospice Programs; Medicare Provider Enrollment Requirements; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program Requirements; and Long-term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program Requirements CMS 1747-P

On June 28, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-1747-P) that provides updates to and proposals for calendar year (CY) 2022 Home Health Quality Reporting Program (HH QRP). This rule includes a proposal for revisions to compliance dates for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) and Long-term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Programs.

The proposed rule went on display at the Federal Register's Public Inspection Desk and will be available under "Special Filings," at <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>.

June 16, 2021

IRF-PAI Quarterly Q&A, June 2021, Consolidated June 2020 to June 2021

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) Quarterly Question and Answers (Q&As), June 2021, Consolidated June 2020 to June 2021 document so that all IRF providers have the benefit of the clarifications to existing guidance. Through inquiries to the IRF Post-Acute Care (PAC) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Help Desk, CMS identifies the opportunity to clarify or refine guidance.

The Quarterly Q&As document can be accessed via the [IRF-PAI and IRF QRP Manual](#) webpage.

May 5, 2021

REGISTRATION OPEN – IRF QRP: Achieving a Full AIF Webinar

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a webinar on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET. The purpose of the webinar is to educate Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs) regarding the Annual Increase Factor (AIF) process. This webinar will discuss the relationship between the AIF and the IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP), associated data submission requirements, and the reconsideration process for facilities identified as being noncompliant.

Please register only if you know you will be able to attend the webinar, as space is limited. If you would like your name placed on a list to receive an email notification when the recorded version of the webinar is available, please [CLICK HERE to be placed on an email notification list](#).

[CLICK HERE to register for the IRF QRP: Achieving a Full AIF Webinar.](#)

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.

May 4, 2021

Submission Deadline for IRF QRP

The submission deadline for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) is approaching. IRF-Patient Assessment Instrument (PAI) assessment data and data submitted via the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for October 1 – December 31 (Q4) of calendar year (CY) 2020 are due with this submission deadline. The annual NHSN measure Influenza Vaccination among Healthcare Personnel is also due with this deadline.

All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2021.

It is recommended that the applicable Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) reports and NHSN analysis reports are run prior to each quarterly reporting deadline to ensure that all required data were submitted. We encourage you to verify all facility information prior to submission, including the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Certification Number (CCN) and facility name.

View the list of measures required for this deadline on the [IRF QRP Measures Information](#) webpage.

For submission information, visit:

- [iQIES Reference & Manuals](#)
- [CMS Resources for NHSN Users](#)

CMS sends informational messages to IRFs that are not meeting Annual Increase Factor (AIF) thresholds on a quarterly basis ahead of each submission deadline. If you need to add or change the email addresses to which these messages are sent, please email QRPHelp@swingtech.com and be sure to include your facility name and CCN along with any requested email updates.

April 7, 2021

FY 2022 IRF PPS Proposed Rule CMS-1748-P

On April 7, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-1748-P) that provides updates to and proposals for the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program (IRF QRP). This rule includes a proposal for the adoption of the COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Measure as well as an update to the specifications for the Transfer of Health (TOH) Information to the Patient-Post-Acute Care (PAC) Quality Measure. In addition, CMS is proposing a modification to public reporting for the IRF quality measures in order to accommodate the exception of 2020 Q1 and Q2 QRP data reporting. Lastly, this proposed rule includes two Requests for Information (RFI) related to the use of Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) in support of Digital Quality Measurement (dQM) in PAC QRPs as well as Closing the Health Equity Gap.

The proposed rule went on display at the Federal Register and will be available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>.

April 6, 2021

NEW TRAINING AVAILABLE – Assessment of Cognitive Function for IRF Providers Web-Based Training

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering web-based training that provides an overview of the general and key clinical considerations important for conducting standardized cognitive function assessments. The training can be accessed via the [IRF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage.

March 18, 2021

IRF-PAI Quarterly Q&A, March 2021, Consolidated June 2020 to March 2021

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March 1, 2021

An update to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document is now available. This document has been updated to reflect the finalized policies for the IRF QRP in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 and other useful resources available to providers.

The FAQ document is available on the [IRF Quality Reporting FAQs](#) webpage.

February 26, 2021

NEW TRAINING AVAILABLE – Section J: Health Conditions: Coding the Standardized Patient Assessment Data Elements Related to Falls

This training on coding the standardized patient assessment data elements in Section J: Health Conditions can be accessed via the [IRF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage.

February 12, 2021

NEW TRAINING EVENT – Section N: Medications – Drug Regimen Review Web-Based Training

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a web-based training course that provides an overview of the assessment and coding of the Drug Regimen Review standardized patient assessment data elements found in Quality Indicators of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI). This training can be accessed via the [IRF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage.

February 1, 2021

Reminder of Upcoming Data Submission Deadline

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Assessment data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on February 16, 2021.

Note: The submission deadline for CDC's NHSN data for IRFs has been extended to March 18, 2021.

It is recommended that the applicable Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) reports and NHSN analysis reports are run prior to each quarterly reporting deadline to ensure that all required data were submitted. We encourage you to verify all facility information prior to submission, including CMS Certification Number (CCN) and facility name.

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