

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

**May 25, 2022**

**TRAINING MATERIALS AVAILABLE:** The Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Updated Guidance Virtual Training Program – Prerecorded Training Videos

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing a virtual training program that will review the updated guidance for the IRF Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) 4.0 and the LTCH Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS 5.0) for providers in the IRF and LTCH settings.

**The Part 1 training videos of the Virtual Training Event are now available to view on YouTube.**

For more information, please visit the [IRF Quality Reporting Program \(QRP\) Training](#) page.

**April 28, 2022**

**Care Compare April Refresh of IRF QRP Data – Now Available**

The April 2022 refresh of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) data is now available on [Care Compare](#) and [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#).

For more information, please visit the [IRF QRP Public Reporting](#) website.

**April 27, 2022**

**Attention IRF Providers!**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has identified a calculation error within the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Preview Reports issued on April 13, 2022, related to the June 2022 refresh of IRF

quality data on CMS Care Compare. CMS has corrected the error and has re-released the IRF Preview Reports.

For more information, please visit the [IRF QRP Public Reporting](#) website.

### **April 25, 2022**

**REGISTRATION OPEN:** The Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Updated Guidance Virtual Training Program

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For more information and to register for the event, please visit the [IRF Quality Reporting Program \(QRP\) Training](#) page.

### **April 14, 2022**

#### **IRF-PAI Data Submission Specifications**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) publishes data submission specifications for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI). The FINAL version of the data submission specifications can be found on the [Data Specifications](#) page of the IRF PPS website. This page can also be accessed from the [IRF Quality Reporting Technical Information](#) webpage under related links.

### **April 13, 2022**

#### **IRF Provider Preview Reports – Now Available**

The Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Provider Preview Reports have been updated and are now available. These reports contain provider performance scores for quality measures, which will be published on [Care Compare](#) and [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#) during the **June 2022** refresh.

For more information, please visit the [CMS IRF QRP Public Reporting](#) website.

### **April 1, 2022**

## **CMS IRF-PAI Version 4.1**

The new and modified sections of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI), effective October 1, 2023 proposed for the IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 IRF Prospective Payment System (PPS) Proposed Rule (CMS-1767-P), can be found in the **Downloads** section on the [IRF-PAI and IRF-PAI Manual](#) webpage.

**April 1, 2022**

## **CMS IRF-PAI Manual Version 4.0**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) Manual, Version 4.0, effective October 1, 2022. A Change Table outlining the revisions to the CMS IRF-PAI Manual Version 4.0 is also published.

The Manual and Change Table can be accessed via the **Downloads** section of the [IRF-PAI and IRF QRP Manual](#) webpage.

**March 31, 2022**

## **IRF PPS for Federal FY 2023 and Updates to the IRF QRP (CMS-1767-P)**

On March 31, 2022 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-1767-P) that provides updates to and proposals for the fiscal year (FY) 2023 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program (IRF QRP). This rule includes one new proposal: Quality Data Reporting on Patients for the IRF QRP Regardless of Payer. In addition, this proposed rule includes three Requests for Information (RFI) which include: future measure concepts for the IRF QRP; inclusion of a new National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Healthcare-associated Clostridioides difficile Infection Outcome Measure in the IRF QRP; and Overarching Principles for Measuring Equity and Healthcare Quality Disparities across CMS Quality Programs. The proposed rule went on display at the Federal Register and will be available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>

**March 30, 2022**

## **Updates to IRF Provider Threshold Report Now Available**

An updated version of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Provider Threshold Report (PTR) is now available. The PTR is a user-requested, on demand report which enables users to obtain the status of their data submission completeness related to the compliance threshold required for the IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP).

This report is available in the Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) Reports.

Updates to the PTR include:

- **Addition of the new measure: HCP COVID-19 Vaccine.** This measure is presented under the category “CDC Measures”. Information on this measure is displayed based upon the data collection calendar year and quarter.
- **Addition of a new report disclaimer:** “The IRF Provider Threshold Report is available for the convenience of the provider. Extension and exceptions approved according to CMS policy have not been applied in the score calculations. The score in this report is considered preliminary, and is not the final CMS calculation of IRF compliance with the requirements set out in 42 CFR § 412.634.”

**For questions related to accessing your facility’s PTR, please reach out to the iQIES helpdesk at [iqies@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:iqies@cms.hhs.gov) or call 1-877-201-4721.**

**March 16, 2022**

### **IRF-PAI Quarterly Q&As, March 2022, Consolidated June 2020 to March 2022**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) Quarterly Q&As, March 2022, Consolidated June 2020 to March 2022 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 **Downloads** section of the [IRF-PAI and IRF QRP Manual](#) webpage.

**March 7, 2022**

**Attention IRF Providers! IRF Provider Preview Reports Related to the March 2022 Care Compare Refresh have been Reissued and are Now Available!**

Due to an error identified within the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Provider Preview Reports, previously issued on January 26, 2022, related to the March 2022 refresh of Care Compare, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is reissuing the reports.

For further information please visit the [IRF QRP Public Reporting webpage](#).

**March 1, 2022**

**Updated Quick Reference Guide Available**

An updated Quick Reference Guide is now available in the **Downloads** section of the [IRF Quality Reporting Data Submission Deadlines webpage](#). The Quick Reference Guide provides high-level information on the IRF Quality Reporting Program, including frequently asked questions and helpful links.