

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

August 4, 2021

Reminder of Upcoming Data Submission Deadline

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 January 1 – March 31 (Q1) of Calendar Year (CY) 2021 are due with this submission deadline.

Assessment data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on August 16, 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 in the Downloads section on the [IRF Quality Reporting Data Submission Deadlines](#) 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.

July 29, 2021

PPS for IRFs; Updates to the QRP for Federal FY 2022 CMS-1748-F

On July 29, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule, CMS-1748-F Prospective Payment System (PPS) for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs); Updates to the Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, that provides updates to and finalized proposals for the FY 2022 IRF QRP. This rule includes one new finalized measure, 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 finalized a modification to public reporting for the IRF QRP quality measures in order to accommodate the exception of 2020 Q1 and Q2 data.

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

July 20, 2021

IRF Care Compare Refresh with Revised DTC Measure Data

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) discovered an error in measure calculations for the Discharge to Community (DTC)-Post Acute Care (PAC) Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities Quality Reporting Program (IRF QRP) measure and are re-releasing the corrected measure data in a refresh scheduled for **September 29, 2021**. The data are based on Medicare claims data submitted to CMS for the fiscal year **(FY) 2018-2019 reporting period (01/01/2017-09/30/2019)**.

The provider preview reports for this refresh will be released on **July 20, 2021**, and the review period will run from **July 20, 2021, through August 19, 2021**. For any questions, please reach out to IRFPRQuestions@cms.hhs.gov.

July 14, 2021

IRF QRP: Non-Compliance Notifications

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notifications to Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs) that were determined to be out of compliance with IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) requirements for calendar year (CY) 2020, which will affect their fiscal year (FY) 2022 Annual Increase Factor (AIF). Non-compliance notifications will be distributed by the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and will be placed into facilities' My Reports folders in the Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) on July 14, 2021. Facilities that receive a letter of non-compliance may submit a request for reconsideration to CMS **via email no later than 11:59 pm, August 13, 2021**. If you receive a notice of non-compliance and would like to request a reconsideration, see the instructions in your notification letter and on the [IRF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) webpage.

Please note: Any reconsideration containing protected health information (PHI) will not be processed. All PHI must be removed in order for a reconsideration to be reviewed.