

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

May 10, 2022

Reminder of Upcoming Data Submission Deadline

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All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 16, 2022.

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 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](#)

Swingtech 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.

May 9, 2022

NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE: The Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Updated Guidance Virtual Training Program – Part 1

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.

Part 1 of the Virtual Training Program is now available.

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

February 25, 2022

CMS IRF-PAI Version 4.0

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) Version 4.0. The IRF-PAI Version 4.0 will be effective October 1, 2022.

The IRF-PAI Version 4.0 item set can be accessed via the **Downloads** section of the [IRF-PAI and IRF QRP Manual](#) webpage.

February 11, 2022

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All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on February 15, 2022.

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January 26, 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 **March 2022** refresh of the websites.

The data contained within the Preview Reports are based on quality assessment data submitted by IRFs from **Quarter 3, 2020 through Quarter 2, 2021 (4 quarters)**. Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) measures reflect data from **Quarter 2, 2019 through Quarter 4, 2019 and Quarter 3, 2020 (4 quarters)** for the **Clostridium Difficile Infection (CDI) and Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) measures, as well as Quarter 4, 2018 through Quarter 1, 2019 (2 quarters)** for the Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Influenza measure. The data for the claims-based measures will continue to display **Quarter 4, 2017 through Quarter 3, 2019** data for this refresh while the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) performs additional measure analyses.

Providers have until **February 25, 2022** to review their performance data. Corrections to the underlying data will not be permitted during this time. However, providers can request CMS review of their data during the preview period if they believe the quality measure scores that are displayed within their Preview Reports are inaccurate.

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

December 22, 2021

IRF QRP FAQs for FY 2022

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) 2022 and includes other useful resources available to providers.

The FAQ document can be accessed via the [IRF Quality Reporting FAQs](#) webpage.

December 15, 2021

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

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) Quarterly Q&As, December 2021, Consolidated June 2020 to December 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&A document can be accessed via the [IRF-PAI and IRF QRP Manual](#) webpage.

November 10, 2021

Reminder of Upcoming Data Submission Deadline

The submission deadline for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) is approaching. Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) assessment data and data submitted via the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for April 1 – June 30 (Q2) of Calendar Year (CY) 2021 are due with this submission deadline.

All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on November 15, 2021.

It is recommended that the applicable Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) reports and National Healthcare Safety Network (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 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Certification Number (CCN) and facility name.

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November 10, 2021

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE: Job Aids – GG0130A. Eating, GG0130B. Oral Hygiene, GG0130C. Toileting Hygiene, GG0130E. Shower/Bathe Self, GG0130F. Upper Body Dressing, GG0130G. Lower Body Dressing, and GG0130H. Putting On/Taking Off Footwear

These resources can be accessed through the [Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility \(IRF\) Quality Reporting Program \(QRP\) Training](#) webpage.

November 10, 2021

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE: Quick Assessment Reference Pocket Guides / Badge Buddies for Coding

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November 9, 2021

IRF QRP AIF Table for Reporting Assessment-Based QM and Standardized Patient Assessment Data Elements and Data Collection and Final Submission Deadlines Affecting FY 2024 posted

An update to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Annual Increase Factor (AIF) Table for Reporting

Assessment-Based quality measures (QMs) and standardized patient assessment data elements to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is now available. This document has been updated to reflect the change in compliance date for the collection of data that was finalized in the Calendar Year (CY) 2022 Home Health Final Rule and will be required to meet the AIF minimum data completion threshold for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. This document has been updated to reflect the data collection and final submission deadlines required to meet the AIF minimum data completion threshold for FY 2024.

The IRF QRP AIF Table can be accessed via the [IRF QRP Measures Information](#) webpage. The IRF QRP Data Collection and Final Submission Deadlines can be accessed via the [IRF QRP Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

November 4, 2021

Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) displayed the Interim final rule with comment period. The emergency regulation is effective as of November 5, 2021.

SUMMARY: This interim final rule with comment period revises the requirements that most Medicare- and Medicaid-certified providers and suppliers must meet to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. These changes are necessary to help protect the health and safety of residents, clients, patients, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) participants, and staff, and reflect lessons learned to date as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The revisions to the requirements establish COVID-19 vaccination requirements for staff at the included Medicare- and Medicaid certified providers and suppliers.

Stakeholders have 60 days to submit formal comment on the emergency regulation. It is important to note that since this is an emergency regulation, the requirements will go into effect immediately and before any additional response is provided on the comments by CMS. The comment period officially closes on January 4, 2022.

The interim final rule went on display at the Federal Register's Public Inspection Desk and will be available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2021-23831/medicare->

[and-medicaid-programs-omnibus-covid-19-health-care-staff-vaccination](#) To view a list of frequently asked questions, visit: www.cms.gov/files/document/cms-omnibus-staff-vax-requirements-2021.pdf (PDF)

November 2, 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-F

On November 2, 2021 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule (CMS-1747-F) which, included updates to and finalized proposals for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program (IRF QRP). These updates include a change in the compliance date for the collection of the Transfer of Health Information to Provider-Post-Acute Care (PAC) Quality Measure, the Transfer of Health Information to Patient-PAC Quality Measure, and certain standardized patient assessment data elements to begin October 1, 2022.

The 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>.