

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

June 21, 2023

Care Compare June Refresh of IRF QRP Now Available

The June 2023 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.

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CMS IRF-PAI Quarterly Q&As, June 2023, Consolidated June 2020 to June 2023

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) Quarterly Q&As, in June of 2023. The document contains the consolidated Q&As from June 2020 to June 2023 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 **Downloads** section of the [IRF-PAI and IRF-PAI Manual](#) webpage.

June 15, 2023

IRF Provider Preview 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 **September 2023** refresh.

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

May 19, 2023

NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE: J0510-J0530 Pain Interview Explainer Video

A brief explainer video, **J0510-J0530 Pain Interview: Understanding How a Patient Communicates Pain** is now available for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) providers. This resource can be accessed through the [Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility \(IRF\) Quality Reporting Program \(QRP\) Training](#) page.

May 4, 2023

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 (IRF-PAI) assessment data and data submitted via the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for October December 31 (Q4) of calendar year (CY) 2022 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 15, 2023.

It is recommended that the applicable Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 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.

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 the Annual Increase Factor (AIF) threshold 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 3, 2023

IRF PPS for FY 2024; and Updates to the IRF QRP (CMS-1781-P)

On April 3, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-1781-P) that provides proposals for the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program (IRF QRP). This rule includes two new measure proposals, one measure modification proposal, and three measure removal proposals. The new measure proposals include the Discharge Function Score measure and the COVID-19 Vaccine: Percent of Patients/Residents Who Are Up to Date measure. CMS is also proposing to modify the COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) measure to report the number of HCP who are up to date with recommended COVID-19 vaccinations per the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance. In addition, CMS is proposing the removal of three measures including the Application of Percent of Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Patients with an Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan That Addresses Function; the IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Self-Care Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients; and the IRF Functional Outcome Measure: Change in Mobility Score for Medical Rehabilitation Patients. We are also proposing to begin the public reporting of the Transfer of Health Information to the Patient-Post-Acute Care (PAC) and Transfer of Health Information to the Provider-PAC measures. Finally, we are seeking information on principles for selecting and prioritizing IRF QRP quality measures and concepts and providing an update on p continued efforts to close 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>