



Improving Medicare Post Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014



Special Open Door Forum

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Welcome

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services,
along with its contractor,
RAND Corporation,
Welcomes You To
This Special Open Door Forum

Focus of this Special Open Door Forum

- The IMPACT Act: Standardized Data Elements for PAC (RAND Contract)
 - Update on National Beta Test activities
 - Plans for ongoing stakeholder engagement

Overview of the RAND Contract

- Project goal is to develop, implement, and maintain standardized PAC patient assessment data
- Project phases:
 1. Information Gathering: Sep 2015 – Apr 2016
 2. Pilot Testing (Alpha 1 and Alpha 2): Aug 2016 – July 2017
 3. National Beta Testing: Begins Fall 2017
- Focus on clinical categories outlined in IMPACT Act

Upcoming Project Activities

- National field test of all data elements being considered for standardization (in progress)
- Information gathering and consensus building activities for data elements being tested
 - Survey, and focus groups with facility staff and administrators participating in beta field test to better understand workflow issues, ways to mitigate burden, and patient assessment experience
 - Targeted outreach to professional and provider associations and PAC providers to hear concerns and discuss ideas
 - Ongoing project updates (SODFs, website, Forum)

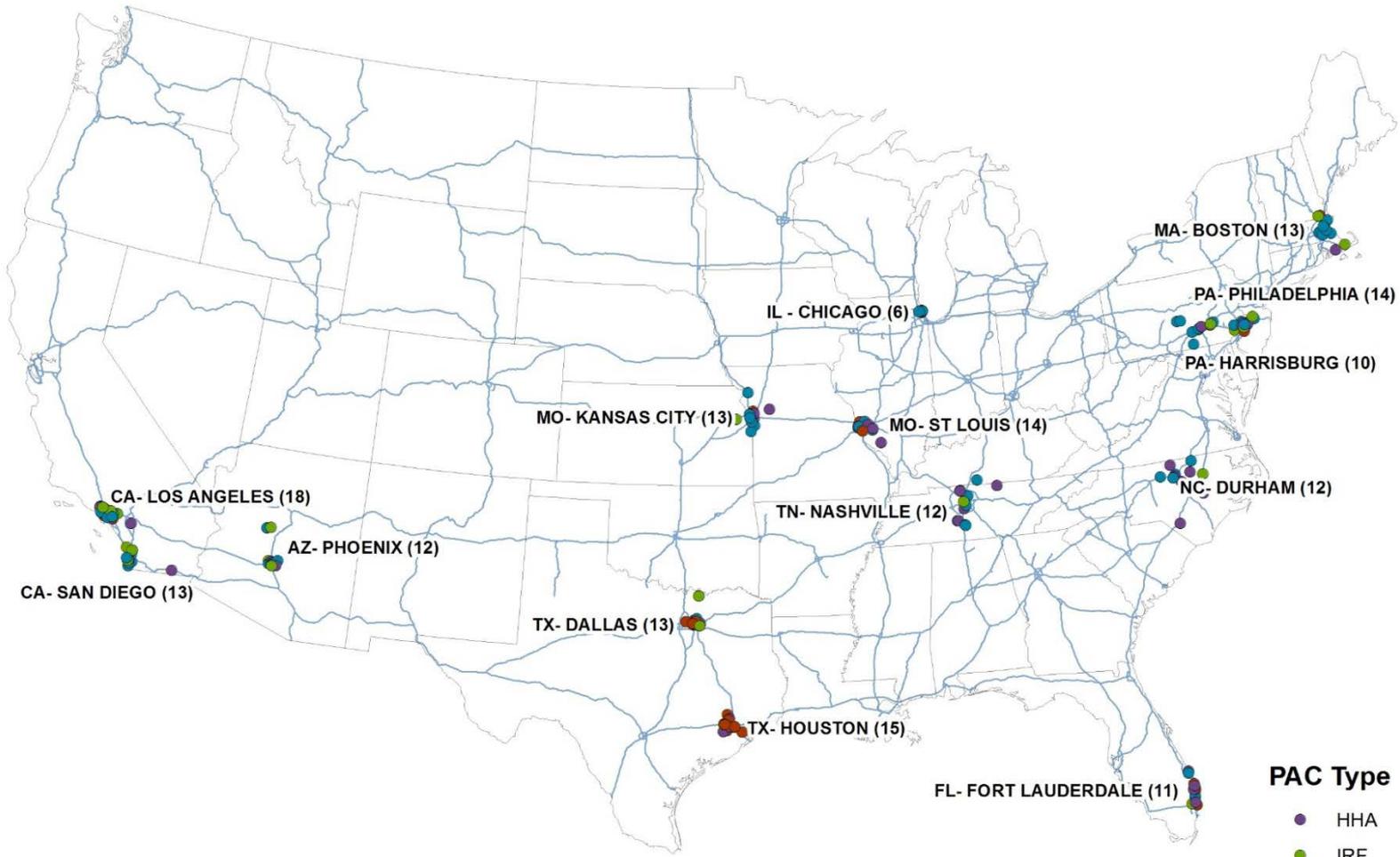
National Beta Test

- Goal is to test reliability and validity of candidate data elements and identify best, most feasible subset for standardization to meet requirements of IMPACT Act
- Field test will take place over a span of six months starting in November 2017
- 14 geographic/metropolitan areas were randomly selected and eligible providers have been randomly selected from within these 14 areas

Data Element Categories

- Assessment will focus on:
 - Cognitive status
 - Mental status
 - Pain
 - Impairments
 - Special services, treatments and interventions
 - Other categories
 - Care preferences
 - Global health
 - Medication reconciliation

Map of Recruited Providers (11.21.17)



* NOTE: Number in parenthesis is the count of facilities that are committed or has a fully executed agreement (potential and tentative interest facilities were excluded) as of 11/21/17

- PAC Type**
- HHA
 - IRF
 - LTCH
 - SNF

Recruitment update

- Have successfully recruited 172 facilities/agencies
- One last round of recruitment across all markets taking place now to offset early drop outs
- Final round of trainings (one per region) to be conducted January 31- February 1 2018

Beta Participants

- Beneficiaries selected will be Medicare only or dually eligible (Medicare-Medicaid) that are admitted to participating providers during the field period

PAC Setting	Target number of patients per facility / agency	Target number of facilities / agencies	Facilities / agencies recruited as of 11/29 (#)	Facilities / agencies recruited as of 11/29 (%)
LTCH	30	28	26	92.9%
IRF	30	28	28	100.0%
SNF	25	84	67	79.8%
HHA	25	70	51	72.9%
TOTAL	--	210	172	81.9%

Stakeholder Engagement Activities

- In the first half of 2018, CMS and RAND will engage with a broad range of associations and providers to hear concerns and ideas for data element standardization
 - Conference presentations
 - One-on-one interviews with purposive sample of organizations and providers
- RAND will also hold targeted webinars in mid-2018 on special populations (e.g., pediatric patients) to inform future PAC standardization efforts

Stakeholder Engagement Activities

- CMS and RAND will host a mini-conference on Data Element Standardization in PAC in late 2018 to discuss findings of testing and stakeholder engagement activities, answer questions, and hear feedback on candidate data elements
- Mini-conference will provide opportunity for open discussion of candidate data elements with CMS leadership

Stakeholder Engagement Activities

- RAND will leverage the experience of assessors from national beta test to understand workflow and other assessment challenges, and patients' experience with additional assessment items

Stakeholder Engagement Activities

- Survey of Beta assessors
 - All Beta assessors will complete a survey about their experience and opinions of the items (e.g., burden, clinical relevance, feasibility)
 - Beta assessors will be asked about the patient experience with the candidate data elements (e.g., burdensome, confusing)
- RAND will then conduct follow-up focus groups with groups of assessors on the leading concerns identified through the survey

National Data Element Testing Events and Dates

Target Date	Event
Nov 2017	Data collection begins (through May 2018)
Dec 2017	Data collection protocols published to CMS website
March 2018	Beta provider survey
June-July 2018	Beta provider focus groups
Winter 2018-2019	Summary report published to CMS website

Stakeholder Engagement Events and Dates

Target Date	Event
Dec 2017	Public Comment Report published to CMS website
Dec 12, 2017	December SODF
Jan - June 2018	Outreach to PAC stakeholders (associations, providers, patient representatives)
Winter 2018	Data Element Standardization FAQ page posted to CMS website
March 2018	March SODF
June 2018	June SODF
Summer 2018	Targeted webinars for special populations
Fall 2018	CMS Stakeholder Forum on PAC Data Element Standardization
Nov 2018	TEP Meeting

Milestones Timeline

Oct 2 - Oct 6 **Beta Research Nurse Training**

Oct 9 - Nov 30 **Field trainings in 14 markets**

Oct 23 - May 25 **Beta data collection**

Stakeholder outreach (e.g., conversations with associations and providers, feedback from Beta assessors)

Jan 1 - Dec 31

CMS/RAND Forum on Data Element Standardization (est.)

Oct 15

TEP (est.)

Nov 15

Final Beta data delivery

Jun 8

Start of OY2

Sep 24

2017

2018

Sep

Nov

Jan

Mar

May

Jul

Sep

Nov

2018

Dec 12

Dec SODF

Mar 15

Mar SODF (est.)

Sep 14

Sept SODF (est.)

Jul 13

June SODF (est.)

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