

Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Spotlights & Announcements – Archive

August 30, 2022

CMS Email Transition

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) email will be unavailable starting Friday, September 2 at 8 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST), and ending on Tuesday, September 6. To ensure your email is received, please refrain from sending any emails from September 2nd through September 6th.

August 9, 2022

Reminder of Upcoming Data Submission Deadline

The submission deadline for the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) is approaching. LTCH Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) 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) 2022 is due with this submission deadline.

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

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 on the [LTCH Quality Reporting Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

For submission information, visit:

- [iQIES Reference & Manuals](#)
- [CMS Resources for NHSN Users](#)

Swingtech sends informational messages to LTCHs that are not meeting Annual Payment Update (APU) 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 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 and to register for the event, please visit the [LTCH Quality Reporting Program \(QRP\) Training](#) page.

April 28, 2022

Care Compare April Release of LTCH QRP Data – Now Available

The April 2022 release of the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) data is now available on [Care Compare](#) and [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#).

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

April 27, 2022

Attention LTCH Providers!

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has identified a calculation error within the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Preview Reports

issued on April 13, 2022, related to the June 2022 refresh of LTCH quality data on CMS Care Compare. CMS has corrected the error and has re-released the LTCH Preview Reports.

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

April 18, 2022

Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Proposed Policy Changes and Fiscal Year 2023 Rates; Quality Programs and Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program Requirements for Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals; Costs Incurred for Qualified and Non-qualified Deferred Compensation Plans; and Changes to Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Conditions of Participation CMS-1771-P

On April 18, 2022 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-1771-P) that provides updates to the fiscal year (FY) 2023 Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program (LTCH QRP). This rule includes three Requests for Information (RFI) which include: future measure concepts for the LTCH QRP; inclusion of the new National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Healthcare-associated *Clostridioides difficile* Infection Outcome Measure in the LTCH 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>

April 13, 2022

LTCH Provider Preview Reports – Now Available

The Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) 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 LTCH QRP Public Reporting](#) website.

April 1, 2022

CMS LCDS Manual Version 5.0

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) Manual, Version 5.0, effective October 1, 2022. A Change Table outlining the revisions to the CMS LCDS Manual Version 5.0 is also published.

The Manual and Change Table can be accessed via the **Downloads** section of the [LTCH CARE Data Set and LTCH QRP Manual](#) webpage.

March 30, 2022

Updates to LTCH Provider Threshold Report Now Available

An updated version of the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) 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 LTCH 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 LTCH 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 LTCH compliance with the requirements set out in 42 CFR 412.560.”

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

March 16, 2022

LCDS Quarterly Q&As, March 2022, Consolidated September 2020 to March 2022

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) Quarterly Q&As, March 2022, Consolidated September 2020 to March 2022 document, so that all LTCH providers have the benefit of the clarifications to existing guidance. Through inquiries to the LTCH 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 [LTCH CARE Data Set and LTCH QRP Manual](#) webpage.

March 7, 2022

Attention LTCH Providers! LTCH 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 Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) 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 [LTCH 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 [Long-Term Care Hospital \(LTCH\) Quality Reporting Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage. The Quick Reference Guide provides high-level information on the LTCH Quality Reporting Program, including frequently asked questions and helpful links.