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

May 10, 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 October 1 – December 31 (Q4) of Calendar Year (CY) 2021 are due with this submission deadline.

All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 16, 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](#)

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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 and to register for the event, please visit the [LTCH Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training](#) page.

April 25, 2022

REGISTRATION OPEN: The Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Updated Guidance Virtual Training Program

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be providing a virtual training program that will review the updated guidance for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility – 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.

For more information and to register for the event, please visit the [LTCH Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training](#) page.

February 25, 2022

CMS LCDS 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) Version 5.0. The LCDS Version 5.0 will be effective October 1, 2022.

The LCDS Version 5.0 item set can be accessed via the **Downloads** section of the [LTCH CARE Data Set and LTCH 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

NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE: Second Edition Long-Term Care Hospital QRP Public Reporting Tip Sheet

These resources can be accessed through the [Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training](#) page.

January 26, 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 **March 2022** refresh.

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

December 22, 2021

Care Compare December Refresh of LTCH QRP Data – Now Available

The December 2021 refresh 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.

December 17, 2021

LTCH QRP FAQs for FY 2022

An update to the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document is now available. This document has been updated to reflect the finalized policies for the LTCH QRP in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 and includes other useful resources available to providers.

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

December 15, 2021

LCDS Quarterly Q&As, December 2021, Consolidated September 2020 to December 2021

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, December 2021, Consolidated September 2020 to December 2021 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&A document can be accessed via the [LTCH CARE Data Set and LTCH QRP Manual](#) webpage.

November 10, 2021

LTCH QRP APU 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 Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Annual Payment Update (APU) 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 additional data elements finalized in the Calendar Year (CY) 2022 Home Health Final Rule that will be required to meet the APU minimum data completion threshold for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. Additionally, an update to the LTCH QRP Data Collection and Final Submission Deadlines for the FY 2024 LTCH QRP is available. This document has been updated to reflect the data collection and final submission deadlines required to meet the APU minimum data completion threshold for FY 2024.

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

November 10, 2021

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All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on February 16, 2021.

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November 10, 2021

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE: Job Aids – GG0130A. Eating, GG0130B. Oral Hygiene, and GG0130C. Toileting Hygiene

These resources can be accessed through the [Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training](#) page.

November 10, 2021

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

These resources can be accessed through the [Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training](#) page.

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; Calendar Year (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 Long-Term Care Hospitals Quality Reporting Program (LTCH 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.