September 26, 2012

Attention all LTCHs! Please make sure that your facility has registered with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Health Safety Network (NHSN) system, and that you have completed the requisite online trainings related to submitting data through the NHSN. You must register with NHSN in order to submit the required quality data related to the CAUTI and CLABSI measures as outlined in the CMS FY 2013 IPPS/LTCH PPS Final Rule. LTCHs can find additional information, including important CDC links and contact information in Chapter 5 of the LTCH QRP Manual, which is accessible by selecting the link titled **"LTCH QRP Manual 1.1 [ZIP, 3MB]"** under the **Downloads** section of this web page.

The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document used during the LTCH Special Open Door Forum held on Thursday, September 20, 2012 is now posted. The document contains FAQ's received through the LTCHQualityQuestions mailbox as well as questions raised during previous LTCH open door forums. The document is accessible by selecting the link titled **"FAQ September 26, 2012"** under the Downloads section of this web page. The transcript and the audio file (MP3) from the September 20, 2012 LTCH SODF will be made available on the LTCH QRP website as well as the CMS Special Open Door Forum website in the near future. CMS has additionally posted a Q & A document related to the QIES ASAP system, submissions, and processes which can be found at www.qtso.com/vendor.html (under LTCH Q & A).

CMS has made a slight revision to Appendix E of the LTCH QR Program Manual in order to provide clarification. CMS has replaced the previous version of Appendix E with the revised version of Appendix E in the LTCH QR Program manual. In addition to this, we have posted an errata sheet outlining the changes made to Appendix E. The errata sheet is accessible by selecting the link titled **"Appendix E Errata Sheet – September 26, 2012"** under the **Downloads** section of this webpage. The revised version of Appendix E is available by downloading the LTCH QRP Manual v1.1, which is accessible by selecting the link of the same name under the **Downloads** section of this web page.

The LTCH QRP Manual 1.1 [ZIP, 3MB]

September 17, 2012

CMS RELEASE OF LASER – L̲TCH A̲ssessment S̲ubmission E̲ntry and R̲eporting

LASER (LTCH Assessment Submission Entry and Reporting) is a java based application that allows Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) providers to collect and submit the LTCH Continuity Assessment Record & Evaluation (CARE) Data Set to the CMS national repository. The software maintains facility, patient and assessment information. LASER is free software. Consult the LASER Installation Guide and LASER User Guide for further information. These guides are contained within the downloadable software and are additionally available at www.qtso.com . The **LASER** software is accessible by selecting the link titled "**LTCH Assessment Submission Entry & Reporting (LASER) Software"** under the **Related Links** section of this web page below. For further information on WebEx trainings related to LASER, please go to the LTCH QRP Technical web page, which is accessible by selecting the link of the same name in the upper left hand corner of this web page. Links to the LTCH Technical helpdesk mailbox are also located on the LTCH QRP Technical web page.

The audio file (MP3 format) from the August 30, 2012 LTCH SODF is now available on the LTCH QRP webpage as well as the CMS Special Open Door Forum Web page. The audio file is accessible by selecting the link titled "**LTCH SODF Audio – August 30, 2012"** under the **Related Links** section of this web page below.

LTCH SODF Slides – August 30, 2012 [ZIP, 429KB

September 10, 2012

The CMS **LASER** (LTCH Assessment Submission Entry Reporting) software will be posted in the very near future. Please continue to monitor the LTCH QRP website frequently for the posting of this downloadable software.

The slides used during the August 30, 2012 LTCH Special Open Door Forum (SODF), during which we reviewed section M of the LTCH QRP Manual, as well as FAQs, are now available for download. These slides contain the presentation used during the SODF as well as the most frequently asked questions (FAQs) that are submitted to the LTCH QRP help desk mailbox. Please use this slide deck as a resource to review the FAQs associated with the LTCH QR Program. Additional FAQs will be posted on the CMS LTCH QR Program web page in the near future. The transcript of this SODF will be posted on the CMS LTCH QRP web page as well as the CMS Special Open Door Forums web page in the near future. The audio file from this LTCH SODF has now been made available. It is accessible by going to the CMS Special Open Door Forums Web Page (http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/OpenDoorForums/index.html?redirect=/opendoorforums).

An updated version of the CMS LTCH QRP manual will be posted quarterly on the CMS LTCH QRP website. In order to inform providers of errors or changes to the content of the manual prior to those quarterly manual postings, we will periodically be posting an errata sheet that outlines corrections or updated language. The first of these errata sheets is now available for download on this web page. You can access the errata document by selecting the link under the **Downloads** section of this web page titled "LTCH QRP Manual Errata Sheet – Sept 2012". Any questions pertaining to the changes outlined in the errata document should be forwarded to www.LTCHQualityQuestions.com.

August 24, 2012:

- **Please note updates to the technical trainings** related to the LTCH CARE Data Submission and LASER that are available for downloading on www.qtso.com. (Information provided on this page)

- The LTCH QRP Manual 1.1 has been updated:

  The LTCH CARE Data Set with the new OMB Control number of **0938-1163** **will replace** **Appendix C** of the V 1.1 of the Manual posted on August 10, 2012. The only change that was made to these data sets was to replace the old OMB Control number (0938-1037) with the new OMB Control number. These changes appear as follows:

  1. On page 13 of the Admission (LTCH CARE Data Set)

  2. On page 12 of Planned Discharge (LTCH CARE Data Set)

  3. On page 12 of Unplanned Discharge (LTCH CARE Data Set)

  4. On page 5 of Expired (LTCH CARE Data Set)

  The LTCH Quality Reporting Manual file titled **LTCH QRP Manual Version 1.1** zip file has been replaced with the LTCH Quality Reporting Manual file titled **LTCHQRP_Manual_V1.1_August_22_2012** so as to include the updated Appendix C.

  No other changes were made to this file. This file can be found under downloads below.

- **On August 1, 2012: the National Quality Forum expanded the endorsement of the measure:** *Percent of Residents with Pressure Ulcers that are New or Worsened*, **to the LTCH setting.**

August 10, 2012

Please note that the "March 8 2012 LTCH Guidance" document previously available on this website is now included in the manual as an Appendix F. Additionally, the specifications for the measure "Percent of Pressure Ulcers That are New or Have Worsened" are also included in the manual on the last page of Appendix F.

Providers will be notified of any subsequent changes to the LTCH QRP Manual through the posting of an errata notice on the LTCH QRP Website and we will include these changes in our revisions to the manual. We intend post the manual's revisions in a cyclical manner. Please note that CMS will post an announcement related to any "high priority" changes that are included in the errata notice, and subsequently made to the LTCH QRP Manual.

July 18, 2012

The LTCH CARE Data Submission Specifications have been updated and posted. The new version is V1.00.3. This version addresses all of the issues that were addressed in the errata document that was posted in June, 2012. These data specifications are effective for October, 2012 and are located on the LTCH Quality Reporting Technical Information page (https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/LTCHTechnicalInformation.html). You can also access The LTCH Technical web page is accessible by selecting the link of the same name in the upper left hand corner of this web page.   Additional information pertaining to the submission specifications is found on the **LTCH Quality Reporting Technical Information** page. LTCH software developers/vendors are encouraged to review specifications and submit questions specific to the LTCH CARE October, 2012 release to the LTCH Tech Issues mailbox (LTCHTechIssues@cms.hhs.gov).

LTCH Quality Reporting Program Training:

- The power point slide training materials from the May 1 & 2, 2012, National Train-the-Trainer Conference are now posted and are located under downloads. Video footage will be provided in the near future as well.

  The following Power Point Slide files are provided in the two Zip Files located in Downloads:

  - LTCH Quality Reporting Program Overview
  - LTCH CARE Data Set Sections A, B, GG, H, K, I, M, B, Z
  - LTCH ASAP Submission Process Overview
  - CDC Training: CAUTI and CLABSI NHSN Process

- ○ LASER Overview

- ○ Division of National Systems and LTCH

- ○ DNS and QIES Overview

- **LTCH CARE Data Submission and LASER Trainings:**

   Training related obtaining user identification, data submission, data submission reports as well as the LASER tool is now being posted. CMS wants to ensure that LTCHs are aware of the following technical trainings related to the LTCH CARE Data Submission and LASER that are available for downloading on Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (QIES) Technical Support Office (QTSO) website (www.qtso.com):

   a.   Data Submission Trainings:

   1. **CMSNet and QIES User ID Registration Training** – Recorded WebEx is **now** posted
   2. **LTCH Assessment Submission Process** – Recorded WebEx to be posted week of 8/27/12
   3. **LTCH Assessment and Validation Reports** – Recorded WebEx to be posted week of 8/27/12

   b.   The LASER trainings are as follows, and will also be available on QTSO.com:

   1. LASER Login Process – Recorded WebEx posted by the week of 8/20/12
   2. LASER Patient and Assessment Entry – Recorded WebEx posted by the week of 8/20/12
   3. LASER Import and Export Process – Recorded WebEx posted by the week of 8/20/12
   4. LASER Reports – Recorded WebEx posted by the week of 8/20/12
   5. LASER Demonstration Version of the tool posted by the week of 8/20/12

LTCH Quality Reporting Data Submission Details

Percent of Residents with Pressure Ulcers That Are New or Worsened

Providers can find specifics related to the submission of the LTCH Quality Reporting Program's quality measures in the LTCH Quality Reporting Program Manual. This document is available below, under the Downloads section of this page. Details in this download include important information related to submission timing and deadlines for all three required quality measures. Additionally, this document includes the measure specifications for the measure titled **Percent of Residents with Pressure Ulcers That Are New or Worsened**.

HAI EVENT PERPORTING TO THE CDC VIA THE NHSN:

Urinary Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI)

Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI)

In order to access details regarding data submission and reporting requirements for the two required Healthcare-Acquired Infection (HAI) measures, Urinary Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) and Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI), please access the CDC-NHSN link below, under **Related Links**. The CDC will be ready to appropriately enroll LTCHs in NHSN, and provide the correct annual facility survey for completion and specific locations for setup, beginning on Monday, February 6, 2012. Further guidance can be found on the NHSN website link below, under **Related Links**.

If you have feedback, comments or questions, regarding quality measurement for the long term care hospital, inpatient rehabilitation hospitals or hospice programs, please send your comments to our staffed email at **LTCHQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov**. Please note that this email has changed. In an attempt to better serve the public, CMS has created a separate web page for each of the quality reporting programs. Comments and questions can also be submitted by selecting the link titled Submit Feedback at the bottom of this page. LTCH-IRF-Hospice-Quality-ReportingComments@cms.hhs.gov.

If you would like sign up to receive listserv notices, please follow the link below, under **Related Links**, titled '**All Open Door Forum Mailing List Sign-up**'.

Downloads

LTCH QR Program Manual v2.0 DRAFT [ZIP, 3MB]

LTCH Readmissions Measure Specifications [PDF, 331KB]

Appendix E version 1.1 December 21, 2012 [PDF, 342KB]

FAQs - LTCH QR version 3.0 December 21, 2012 [PDF, 427KB]

October 18, 2012 LTCH SODF Transcript [PDF, 383KB]

October 18, 2012 SODF Slide Deck [PDF, 335KB]

September 20, 2012 SODF Transcript [PDF, 153KB]

Appendix E Errata Sheet - September 26, 2012 [PDF, 111KB]

LTCH SODF Slides – August 30, 2012 [ZIP, 429KB]

LTCH QRP Manual Errata Sheet – Sept 2012 [PDF, 167KB]

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LTCH Vendor Call on June 28, 2012 [PDF, 20KB]

September 21 LTCH SODF [ZIP, 127KB]

LTCH Training Slide Decks_Part1 [ZIP, 6MB]

LTCH Training Slide Decks_Part2 [ZIP, 14MB]

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QIES Technical Support Office (Quality Improvement and Evaluation System(QIES) Technical Support Office website) - Opens in a new window

Email: LTCHQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov - Opens in a new window

Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995

All Open Door Forum Mailing List Sign-Up (Receive notices for all ODFs) - Opens in a new window

FY 2012 IPPS Proposed Rule Home Page

Special Open Door Forums

http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/LTC/ltc-welcome.html - Opens in a new window