

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

October 26, 2021

NEW UPDATED TRAINING AVAILABLE: Section GG 3-Course Training Series

New updated training available for Section GG 3-Course Training Series. Please find details at the [Long-Term Care Hospital \(LTCH\) Quality Reporting Program \(QRP\) Training & Education Library](#).

October 15, 2021

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 December 2021 refresh.

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

September 30, 2021

LTCH Care Compare Refresh with Revised DTC Measure Data

The Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) refresh with revised Discharge to Community (DTC) measure data is now available. Please visit the Long-term care hospitals web page within [Care Compare](#) and [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#) to view the updated quality data.

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

September 15, 2021

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

August 16, 2021

LTCH QRP Risk Adjustment Appendix File and ICD-10 HCC Crosswalks are now available.

An update to the Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program (LTCH QRP) Risk Adjustment Appendix File is now available. This document has been updated to reflect the risk adjustment coefficients for quality

measure calculation to be used in conjunction with the LTCH QRP Measure Calculations and Reporting User's Manual (Version 3.1) and its corresponding addendum (Version 3.1.2). Additionally, the updated Risk Adjustment Appendix file for the LTCH QRP Measure Calculations and Reporting User's Manual V3.1.2 is included and replaces the Risk Adjustment Appendix file for the LTCH QRP Measure Calculations and Reporting User's Manual V3.1.1. These files can be accessed on the [LTCH Quality Reporting Measures Information](#) webpage.

August 11, 2021

Q&A Basics for IRF and LTCH

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering an instructional resource for providers on how to access and use CMS Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Quarterly Question and Answer (Q&A) documents. This resource addresses the purpose and benefit of Q&A, including identifying where to find setting-specific Q&A documents and the frequency of the release of Q&A. This resource is intended for providers in the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) care settings.

The Q&A Basics for IRF and LTCH training is available in the **Downloads** section on the [LTCH QRP Training](#) webpage.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding the logistics of this training, please email the PAC Training mailbox at PACTraining@econometricainc.com.

August 10, 2021

LTCH QRP Annual Update Table for Reporting Assessment-Based QM and standardized patient assessment data elements Affecting FY 2023 posted

An update to the Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program (LTCH QRP) Annual Update (i.e. 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 data elements required to meet the APU minimum data completion threshold for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. Additionally, an update to the LTCH QRP Data Collection and Final Submission Deadlines for the FY 2023 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 2023.

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

August 4, 2021

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 CY 2021 are due with this submission deadline.

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

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](#)

CMS 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.

August 2, 2021

PPS for LTCHs; Updates to the QRP for Federal FY 2022 CMS-1752-F

On August 2, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule, CMS-1752-F (Prospective Payment System [PPS] for Long-Term Care Hospitals [LTCHs]; Updates to the Quality Reporting Program [QRP] for Federal Fiscal Year [FY] 2022) that provides updates to and finalized proposals for the FY 2022 LTCH QRP. This rule includes one new finalized measure, the COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Measure, as well as updates to the specifications for the Transfer of Health (TOH) Information to the Patient-Post-Acute Care Quality Measure and announces the public reporting of the LTCH Ventilator Liberation Rate and Spontaneous Breathing Trial measures for the LTCH QRP. In addition, CMS finalized a modification to public reporting for the LTCH QRP quality measures in order to accommodate the exception of 2020 Q1 and Q2 data.

The final rule went on display at the Federal Register and will be available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection2>