

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

June 28, 2021

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; 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-P

On June 28, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-1747-P) that provides updates to and proposals for calendar year (CY) 2022 Home Health Quality Reporting Program (HH QRP). This rule includes a proposal for revisions to compliance dates for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) and Long-term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Programs.

The proposed 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>.

June 16, 2021

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

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Continuity Assessment Records and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) Quarterly Question and Answers (Q&As), June 2021, Consolidated September 2020 to June 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.

May 13, 2021

REGISTRATION OPEN – LTCH QRP: Achieving a Full APU Webinar

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a webinar on Thursday, May 27, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET. The purpose of the webinar is to educate Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCH) about the Annual Payment Update (APU) process and achieving a full APU. This webinar will cover the relationship between the APU and the LTCH Quality Reporting Program (QRP), associated data submission requirements, and the reconsideration process for providers who are identified as being noncompliant. **Please register only if you know you will be able to attend the webinar, as space is limited. If you would like to receive an email notification when the recorded version of the webinar is available, please [CLICK HERE to add your name to the email notification list](#).**

[CLICK HERE to register for the LTCH QRP: Achieving a Full APU webinar.](#)

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

May 4, 2021

Submission Deadline for LTCH QRP

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) 2020 are due with this submission deadline. The annual NHSN measure Influenza Vaccination among Healthcare Personnel is also due with this deadline.

All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2021.

It is recommended that the applicable 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 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Certification Number (CCN) and facility name.

View the list of measures required for this deadline on the [LTCH Quality Reporting Measures Information](#) 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.

April 27, 2021

FY 2022 LTCH PPS Proposed Rule CMS-1752-P

On April 27, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-1752-P) that provides updates to and proposals for the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program (LTCH QRP). This rule includes a proposal for the adoption of the COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Measure as well as an update to the specifications for the Transfer of Health (TOH) Information to the Patient-Post-Acute Care (PAC) Quality Measure. We are proposing to publicly report the LTCH Ventilator Liberation Rate and Spontaneous Breathing Trial quality measures in FY 2022, or as soon as technically feasible. In addition, CMS is proposing a modification to public reporting for the LTCH quality measures in order to accommodate the exception of 2020 Q1 and Q2 QRP data reporting. Lastly, this proposed rule includes two Requests for Information (RFI) related to the use of Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) in support of Digital Quality Measurement (dQM) in PAC QRPs as well as Closing the Health Equity Gap.

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

March 18, 2021

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

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February 26, 2021

NEW TRAINING AVAILABLE – Section J: Health Conditions: Coding the Standardized Patient Assessment Data Elements Related to Falls

This training on coding the standardized patient assessment data elements in Section J: Health Conditions can be accessed via the [LTCH Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage.

February 12, 2021

NEW TRAINING EVENT – Section N: Medications – Drug Regimen Review Web-Based Training

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a web-based training course that provides an overview of the assessment and coding of the Drug Regimen Review standardized patient assessment data elements found in the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS). This training can be accessed via the [LTCH Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage.

February 10, 2021

LTCH QRP FAQs - February 2021 are Now Available:

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) 2021 and other useful resources available to providers.

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

February 1, 2021

Reminder of Upcoming Data Submission Deadline

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

Note: The submission deadline for CDC's NHSN data for LTCHs has been extended to March 18, 2021.

It is recommended that the applicable 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.

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