

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

July 18, 2022

POST-EVENT TRAINING MATERIALS AVAILABLE: IRF and LTCH
Updated Guidance Virtual Training Program

Recorded Training Webinars, Workshop Sessions, and additional Post-Event Materials are now available.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a virtual training program that provides instruction on the updated guidance for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) 4.0 and the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) 5.0 for providers in the IRF and LTCH settings.

For more information, please visit the [LTCH Quality Reporting Program \(QRP\) Training](#) page.

July 14, 2022

Care Compare July Refresh of LTCH QRP Data – Now Available

The July 2022 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.

July 13, 2022

LTCH QRP: Non-Compliance Notifications

CMS is providing notifications to Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs) that were determined to be out of compliance with LTCH Quality Reporting Program (QRP) requirements for calendar year (CY) 2021, which will affect their fiscal year (FY) 2023 Annual Payment Update (APU). Non-compliance notifications will be distributed by the Medicare Administrative Contractors

(MACs) and will be placed into facilities' My Reports folders in iQIES on **July 13, 2022**. Facilities that receive a letter of non-compliance may submit a request for reconsideration to CMS **via email no later than 11:59 pm, August 11, 2022**. If you receive a notice of non-compliance and would like to request a reconsideration, see the instructions in your notification letter and on the [LTCH Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) webpage.

***Please note:** Any reconsideration containing protected health information (PHI) will not be processed. All PHI must be removed in order for a reconsideration to be reviewed.*

June 15, 2022

CMS LCDS Quarterly Q&As, June 2022, Consolidated September 2020 to June 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, June 2022, Consolidated September 2020 to June 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 **Downloads** section of the [LTCH CARE Data Set and LCDS Manual](#) webpage.

June 15, 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 **September 2022** release.

Please note that historically, in any given calendar year the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) performs the annual update to all LTCH claims-based quality measures during the September refresh of the Care Compare/Provider Data Catalog sites. Because CMS only recently resumed public reporting of LTCH claims-based measures during the June 2022

refresh, we will not be performing the normal annual update in September, as the data will not change enough to be meaningful. CMS will next update these LTCH measures during the September 2023 update, after which we will resume our normal cadence of annual updates.

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

June 14, 2022

CMS LCDS Manual Version 5.0 Errata

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing an errata to the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) Manual, Version 5.0, effective October 1, 2022. This errata is being issued to clarify guidance in Chapter 2 Section D and its accompanying supplement.

The Errata Documents can be accessed via the **Downloads** section of the [LTCH CARE Data Set and LCDS Manual](#) webpage.