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Overview of Changes to the IRF-PAI v1.4

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Implementing IRF-PAI v1.4 on October 1, 2016

- All patients discharged on October 1, 2016 and beyond will need to submit the revised IRF-PAI version 1.4.

- Completion of the IRF-PAI is required for Medicare Part A fee-for-service patients and Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage) patients, and Medicare secondary patients (if the IRF anticipates reimbursement from Medicare).

- Determine which clinicians will be responsible for coding the new items.

- Begin training staff immediately.

- Recommend you begin to collect the data as soon as possible, so you can evaluate your plan and modify as needed.

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Key Differences

The key differences for the new items include:

1. Data collection and associated data collection instructions.

2. Rating scales used to score a patient's level of independence.

3. Item definitions.

Terminology

- **"Coding":**
  - The term used to respond to assessment items on the on the IRF-PAI.
  - Completion of the coding is not done by a coder, such as a medical records coder.

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Thought of the Day

"Embrace change. True success can be defined by your ability to adapt to changing circumstances."

—Connie Sky

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Create an Environment of Success

- Set the example.
- Break it up into bite-sized pieces.
- Recruit key members of your team.
- Begin training early.
- Identify how you will use the data.
- Practice, practice, practice.

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Action Plans

- Each training session will focus on a section that is new.

- Use the Action Plan to write down issues you will need to address at your facility to operationalize the new items and associated data collection in time to report effective October 1, 2016.

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Action Plans

Section/Topic	To do:	Any process changes to consider?	Coordinate with/who can help?	Timeline
Section B: Hearing, Speech, and Vision	• *Evaluate current documentation to ensure terminology aligns with items in the IRF-PAI v1.4.* • *Determine where in your medical record the information will be captured.* • *Identify who on your team will be completing Section B.* • *Practice coding a variety of scenarios with staff.*	• *Current nursing assessment process/ documentation.* • *Current therapy assessment process.*	• *Nurse educator, unit-based nursing leaders.* • *Therapy leads.*	• *Meet with team by June 1, 2016.* • *Evaluate needs by June 15, 2016.* • *Train staff on new changes by August 1, 2016.* • *Practice coding different scenarios in August.* • *Institute documentation changes needed no later than September 1, 2016.*