

**Centers for Medicare &
Medicaid Services (CMS)
Special Open Door Forum (SODF)**

**Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Section
3004: Quality Reporting Program for
Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs)**

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Overview

- Highlights
 - Program overview
 - Information on LTCH CARE Data Set
 - Available resources and whom to contact for help

LTCH Quality Reporting Overview

- Affordable Care Act Section 3004(a)
- 3 Quality Measures for reporting by LTCHs starting Oct. 1, 2012
 - CAUTI, CLABSI, Pressure Ulcer
- 2 Quality Measures for reporting by LTCHs starting Jan. 1, 2014
 - Percent of Patients or Residents Who Were Assessed and Appropriately Given the Seasonal Influenza Vaccine (Short Stay) and Influenza Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel

Affordable Care Act

Section 3004(a)

- Directs establishment of quality reporting program for LTCHs
- Requires providers to submit data on selected quality measures for FY 2014 payment determination and subsequent FY payment determinations
- Mandates 2% reduction in annual payment update (APU) for noncompliance

LTCH Quality Measures

CMS finalized 3 quality measures for data collection starting Oct. 1, 2012, for FY 2014 APU Determination:

- National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) Outcome Measure (NQF #0138)
- NHSN Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) Outcome Measure (NQF #0139)
- Percentage of patients or residents with pressure ulcers that are new or have worsened (short stay) (NQF #0678)

CAUTI and CLABSI Measures

- Data collection began Oct. 1, 2012
- Data collection by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) via NHSN: <http://www.cdc.gov/NHSN/>
- LTCHs must register with NHSN to submit required data for CAUTI and CLABSI measures.
- LTCHs can find more information, with important CDC links and contact information, in Chapter 5 of LTCHQR Program Manual available for download at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/Downloads/LTCHQRPMannual1-1.zip>.

Pressure Ulcer Measure

- Data collection using LTCH Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set V1.01 began Oct. 1, 2012.
- Items on LTCH CARE Data Set allow calculation of pressure ulcer measure.

Pressure Ulcer Measure

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- LTCHs can find current version of LTCH CARE Data Set in Appendix C of LTCHQR Program Manual, available for download at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/Downloads/LTCHQRPMannual1-1.zip>.
- Data submission via Quality Improvement Evaluation System (QIES) Assessment Submission and Processing (ASAP) system

Available Resources

- CMS LTCH Quality Reporting web site
- CMS LTCH Quality Reporting technical information web site
- LTCHQR Program Manual
- CMS LTCH quality questions mailbox
- CMS LTCH tech issues mailbox
- QIES Technical Support Office (QTSO) web site
- QTSO Help Desk
- CDC NHSN web site
- CDC NHSN Help Desk

Resources: CMS LTCH Quality Reporting Web Site

- CMS web site with information on Quality Reporting program:
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/index.html>
 - Background
 - Resources
 - Updates
 - Transcripts of CMS Special Open Door Forums

Resources: CMS LTCH Quality Reporting Technical Information Web Site

- CMS web site with information on Quality Reporting technical information:
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/LTCHTechnicalInformation.html>
 - LTCH CARE Data submission specifications
 - LTCH Assessment Submission Entry & Reporting (LASER) updates

Resources: LTCHQR Program Manual

- CMS LTCH Quality Reporting Program Manual is the primary source of information for completing the LTCH CARE Data Set.
- Chapter 3 contains detailed instructions for completing each included section of LTCH CARE Data Set.
- Available for download at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/Downloads/LTCHQRPMannual1-1.zip>

Resources: LTCHQR Program Manual (continued)

- Information for each LTCH CARE Data Set item
 - Intent/rationale
 - Item display
 - Assessment and coding tips
 - Coding instructions
 - Examples

Resources: CMS LTCH Quality Questions Mailbox

- CMS has also created an e-mail box: LTCHQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov.
- You are encouraged to submit quality questions and comments to this e-mail box.
- To receive mailing list notices, please submit your name, e-mail address, and organization.

Resources: CMS LTCH Tech Issues Mailbox

- CMS has also created an e-mail box: LTCHTechIssues@cms.hhs.gov.
- LTCH software developers, vendors, and providers are encouraged to submit technical questions (e.g., submission requirements, measure specifications) to this e-mail box.

Resources: QTSO Web Site

- QIES Technical Support Office (QTSO) web site with information on data submission: <https://www.qtso.com/ltch.html>
 - Background
 - Updates
 - Recorded training sessions
 - LASER downloads and documentation
 - LASER WebEx training videos

Resources: QTSO Help Desk

- QTSO has also created an e-mail box: help@qtso.com.
- LTCH software developers, vendors, and providers are encouraged to submit questions related to CMSNet, QIES User IDs, and LASER to this Help Desk.

Resources: CDC Web Site

- CDC web site with information on CAUTI and CLABSI measures:
<http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/LTACH/ltc-welcome.html>
 - Background
 - Enrollment information
 - Operational guidance

Resources: CDC NHSN Help Desk

- CDC NHSN has also created an e-mail box: nhsn@cdc.gov.
- LTCH providers are encouraged to submit questions related to the CLABSI and CAUTI measures to this Help Desk.

CMS Needs to Hear from You

CMS appreciates your continuing input to develop and implement the LTCH Quality Reporting Program.

