

IRF-PAI Data Specifications (Version 1.01A Revision 4) Effective on October 1, 2008

Section 4421 of The Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997, as amended by the Balanced Budget Refinement Act (BBRA) of 1999 and the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA) of 2000, authorizes the implementation of a per discharge prospective payment system (PPS) for inpatient rehabilitation hospitals and rehabilitation units – referred to as inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs). On August 7, 2001, a final rule was published in the Federal Register to implement the IRF PPS for cost reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2002 (a copy of this final rule can be found elsewhere on this website). Data from the IRF Patient Assessment Instrument (PAI) supports the establishment and administration of the IRF PPS. To implement and administer the PPS, IRFs are required to complete the IRF PAI for all Medicare patients at admission and at discharge. The IRF is required to encode the PAI information then must transmit this data in a file that conforms to the CMS IRF data specifications.

On August 1, 2008, a final rule was published in the Federal Register to implement FY 2009 IRF PPS final rule (a copy of this final rule can be found elsewhere on this website). This rule resulted in the implementation of a fifth version of the CMG classification system, version 2.30. CMG 2.30 grouper must be used to classify patients discharged on or after October 1, 2008. Detailed information about the CMG 2.30 Grouper can be found elsewhere on this website.

A revision to the IRF-PAI Data Specifications 1.01A is being implemented on October 1, 2008. This revision is to accommodate the new CMG classification system, version 2.30. The Version 1.01A Revision 4 Specifications will replace the Version 1.01A, Revision 3 Specifications on that date. As of October 1, 2008, all IRF-PAI transmissions must conform to the new Version 1.01A Revision 4 Specifications.

Providers are encouraged to obtain new versions of IRVEN or other vendor software for use on or after October 1, 2008. Regardless of whether old or new software is used, any records submitted after that date will be edited according to the new Version 1.01A Revision 4 Data Specifications. There are two changes to the specifications with version 1.01A Revision 4 that could cause records created with old versions of IRVEN or other vendor software to receive a non-fatal error (warning) when submitted. The specification changes are:

- If the discharge date (40) of the assessment is on or after October 1, 2007 and before October 1, 2008 then the submitted CMG version code should be 2.20. Failure to use 2.20 will result in a non-fatal error (warning)."
- If the discharge date (item 40) of the assessment is on or after October 1, 2008 then the submitted CMG Version Code should be 2.30. Failure to use 2.30 will result in a non-fatal error (warning).

This information is also specified in more technical terms in file "DS101A_Rev_4.PDF", one of the Version 1.01A Revision 4 files which can be downloaded.

Version 1.01A, Revision 4 Files Available for Downloading

IRFDS101A_Rev_4.pdf (19 KB) – this is a "readme" document which describes the 10 different documents available with Version 1.01A, Revision 4.

IRFPAI101A_Rev_4.zip (616 KB) – this is a zip file containing the detailed specification documents for the IRF Data Record for Version 1.01A, Revision 4. Contained in the zip file are the following documents:

- DS101A_Rev_4.pdf – the IRF-PAI Data Specification notes for Version 1.01A, Revision 4 (13 pages).
- HD101A.pdf – the detailed data specifications for the IRF-PAI header record (7 pages).
- HS101A.pdf – the abbreviated data specifications for the IRF-PAI header record (2 pages).
- BD101A_Rev_4.pdf – the detailed data specifications for the IRF-PAI body record for Version 1.01A, Revision 4 (89 pages).
- BS101A_Rev_4.pdf - the abbreviated data specifications for the IRF-PAI body record for Version 1.01A, Revision 4 (16 pages).
- ID101A.pdf – the detailed data specifications for the IRF-PAI inactivation record (5 pages).
- IS101A.pdf – the abbreviated data specifications for the IRF-PAI inactivation record (1 page).
- TD101A.pdf – the detailed data specifications for the IRF-PAI trailer record for (1 page).
- TS101A.pdf – the abbreviated data specifications for the IRF-PAI trailer record (1 page).
- AppendixA.pdf – the RIC codes and associated impairment groups (3 pages).

IRFPAIDB101A_Rev_4.zip (211 KB) - This zip file containing the Microsoft Access database named IRFPAIDB101A_Rev_4.zip. The database can be used to generate the detailed and abbreviated data specifications for the Header, Body, Trailer and Inactivation records for Version 1.01A, Revision 4.