

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Special Open Door Forum

**Development of a CMS Quality Reporting Program for
Long Term Care Hospital,
Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospitals and
Hospice Programs***

Thursday, December 16, 2010 1:00-3:00 pm ET

***Affordable Care Act, Section 3004**

Affordable Care Act

Section 3004

- Requires CMS to establish quality reporting programs for LTCHs, IRFs and hospice programs:
 - Requires providers to submit data on selected quality measures to receive annual payment update for fiscal year 2014 and subsequent fiscal years.
 - Noncompliance will result in 2 percent reduction in annual payment update (APU).
 - Selected measures affecting APU to be published by CMS no later than October 1, 2012.
 - CMS directed to establish procedures (*no date specified*) to make data available to the public and allow providers to review data prior to publication.

Considerations for Quality Measures

Is the Quality Measure an important indicator of:

- Better care for individuals that is patient-centered and well coordinated.
- Better health for populations.
- Lower cost through improvement.

Quality Measures Focus

- High priority, site-specific and cross-setting quality
- Valid, meaningful, feasible to collect
- Address symptom management, patient preferences, and avoidable adverse events
- Can be generated from standards-based CARE data set

Stakeholder Involvement in the Quality Measure Development Process

- Stakeholder participation is key
- CMS' goal is to build on existing measures that are:
 - o Reliable measures of structure, process or outcomes
 - o Built on evidence-based measurement science
 - o Meet reasonable criteria for inclusion

Goals: Special Open Door Forum

CMS seeks to understand:

- What you think is important for measuring quality.
- How you are collecting quality data now.
- How you use the quality data you collect.

Questions for Special Open Door Forum

- Of the quality measures that you currently use in your settings, which would you suggest as meaningful to report?
- Are they process, structural, outcome or composite measures?

Questions for Special Open Door Forum

- Which measures would you suggest be reported to meet the requirements of Section 3004 and why?
- What are you measuring or monitoring that has been effective in improving the quality of care in your settings?

Questions for Special Open Door Forum

- To you and your organization, what are the key elements of a quality reporting program for LTCHs, IRFs, or Hospices?

Questions for Special Open Door Forum

- Do your measures meet the NQF rating criteria?
 - Important
 - Scientifically Acceptable
 - Useful
 - Feasible (particularly for e-reporting in 2014)

Questions for Special Open Door Forum

- Can you share the lessons you have learned from your quality measurement and improvement efforts?
- Do you have concerns or considerations that you would like to share with CMS regarding the development of a quality reporting program for these settings?

CMS Needs to Hear from You

- You are also encouraged to submit additional ideas or comments following the session to an email address established for this purpose:

LTCH-IRF-Hospice-Quality-ReportingComments@cms.hhs.gov

- To receive listserve notices please submit to the email address above your name, email address and organization.
- We are most interested in the work that you have been doing measuring and reporting on quality measures in your respective settings. CMS would appreciate your feedback to help inform our deliberations.

Special Forum Transcript

- An audio recording and transcript of this Special Forum will be posted to the Special Open Door Forum website http://www.cms.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp - a listserve notice will be sent when the transcript is available.
- For automatic emails of Open Door Forum schedule updates (E-Mailing list subscriptions) and to view Frequently Asked Questions please visit our website at <http://www.cms.gov/opendoorforums/>.

For Updates

- Website for Section 3004

http://www.cms.gov/QualityInitiativesGenInfo/03_NewQualityReportingProgramsSection3004.asp