KEY INFORMATION – HOSPITAL READMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM

Readmission Measure Comparison

Program	AMI	COPD	HF	Pneumonia	Stroke	THA/TKA	(New in FY 2017) CABG	Hospital-Wide All Cause Readmission (HWR)
Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	X	N/A
Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Key Dates

Fiscal Year (FY)	Measures Included	Performance Period[1]	Claims data "Snapshot"[2]	Review and Corrections Period[3]	Payment Adjustment Dates[4]	Public Reporting on Hospital Compare
FY 2015	AMI, COPD, HF, PN, THA/TKA	7/01/2010 – 6/30/2013	9/27/2013[5]	7/21/2014 – 8/19/2014	10/01/2014 – 09/30/2015	October 2014
FY 2016	AMI, COPD, HF, PN, THA/TKA	7/01/2011 – 6/30/2014	9/26/2014	6/16/2015 – 7/16/2015	10/01/2015 – 9/30/2016	October 2015
FY 2017	AMI, COPD, HF, PN, THA/TKA, CABG	7/01/2012 – 6/30/2015	9/25/2015	5/19/2016 – 6/20/2016	10/01/2016 – 9/30/2017	October 2016

[1] The Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program performance measures are calculated from data from the Hospital IQR Program; see the IQR Important Dates and Deadlines document posted to the Quality Reporting Center at: http://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/IQR-FY-2017-Important-Dates-and-Deadlines-Final-7-31-2015508.pdf.

Although both programs use the same measure methodology and hospital discharge time period in a given reporting cycle, different hospital types are included in the calculations. The Hospital Readmission Reduction Program measure calculations include only subsection (d) hospitals and acute care hospitals in Maryland participating in the All-Payer Model, whereas the Hospital IQR Program also includes critical access hospitals, cancer hospitals, and hospitals located in the U.S. territories that are not subsection (d) hospitals. The majority of hospitals will have similar results in either program, however, results may vary due to the difference in the applicable hospitals used for each program's calculations.

[2] Once the "snapshot" is taken, additional claims and/or corrections to the claims used in the data extract are no longer accepted for the pertinent FY.

[3] CMS will notify hospitals of any changes to dates for the Review and Corrections period.

[4] Payment adjustment (reduction) is applied to all Medicare discharges during the applicable fiscal year, and occurs when the claim is paid. Hospital performance data can be found on the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program page of *Hospital Compare* (accessible from the Hospital Linking Quality to Payment section), and the supplemental data file for the FY 2016 Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program can be found under the *Downloads* section of the CMS Readmissions Reduction Program Web page.

[5] Due to a data error, CMS corrected approximately 67,000 claims, which were added to the existing data file; these claims were processed through a separate snapshot as of February 28, 2014.

Acronyms

AMI – acute myocardial infarction
CABG – coronary artery bypass graft surgery
COPD – chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
HF – heart failure
PN – pneumonia
THA/TKA – elective primary total hip arthroplasty and/or total knee arthroplasty