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SECTION 1

CROSS-SETTING MEASURES DEVELOPMENT WORK: AN INTRODUCTION

The Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014 (IMPACT Act), enacted Oct. 6, 2014, directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to “specify quality measures on which Post-Acute Care (PAC) providers are required under the applicable reporting provisions to submit standardized patient assessment data” in several domains, including medication reconciliation and resource use measures, including Medicare spending per beneficiary, discharge to community and all-condition risk-adjusted potentially preventable readmission rates. The IMPACT Act requires the implementation of measures in home health agencies (HHAs), skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), long-term care hospitals (LTCHs), and inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs).

The IMPACT Act also requires, to the extent possible, the submission of such quality measure data through the use of a PAC assessment instrument and the modification of such instrument as necessary to enable such use. For LTCHs, the LTCH Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation Data Set (LTCH CARE Data Set) will be used.

For more information on the IMPACT Act as it pertains to the selection and proposal of measures for the LTCH QRP, please refer to the FY 2016 IPPS/LTCH PPS final rule at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-17/pdf/2015-19049.pdf>. More information on the IMPACT Act is available at <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/hr4994>.

In this document, we present specifications for the following three (3) measures adopted into the LTCH QRP through the FY 2017 IPPS/LTCH PPS final rule:

1. Discharge to Community- Post Acute Care (PAC) Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP);
2. Potentially Preventable 30-Days Post-Discharge Readmission Measure for Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP);
3. Drug Regimen Review Conducted with Follow-Up for Identified Issues- Post Acute Care (PAC) Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP).

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SECTION 2 MEASURES AFFECTING THE FY 2018 PAYMENT DETERMINATION AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS

2.1 Discharge to Community-PAC LTCH QRP

2.1.1 Measure Description

This claims-based outcome measure assesses successful discharge to the community from a PAC setting, with successful discharge to the community including no unplanned rehospitalizations and no death in the 31 days following discharge. Specifically, this measure reports an LTCH's risk-standardized rate of Medicare FFS patients who are discharged to the community following an LTCH stay, and do not have an unplanned readmission to an acute care hospital or LTCH in the 31 days following discharge to community, and who remain alive during the 31 days following discharge to community. Community, for this measure, is defined as home or self care, with or without home health services, based on Patient Discharge Status Codes 01, 06, 81, and 86 on the Medicare FFS claim.^{1,2}

Three claims-based discharge to community outcome measures have been developed for the IRF, SNF, and LTCH settings, respectively. These measures were developed to address the resource use and other measures domain as mandated by the IMPACT Act. These measures are conceptualized uniformly across the PAC settings, in terms of the definition of the discharge to community outcome, the approach to risk adjustment, and the measure calculation.

2.1.2 Purpose/Rationale for the Measure

Discharge to a community setting is an important health care outcome for many patients/residents for whom the overall goals of post-acute care include optimizing functional improvement, returning to a previous level of independence, and avoiding institutionalization. Returning to the community is also an important outcome for many patients/residents who are not expected to make functional improvement during their PAC stay, and for patients/residents who may be expected to decline functionally due to their medical condition. The discharge to community outcome offers a multi-dimensional view of preparation for community life,

¹ National Uniform Billing Committee Official UB-04 Data Specifications Manual 2017, Version 11, July 2016, Copyright 2016, American Hospital Association.

² This measure only captures discharges to home and community based settings, not to institutional settings, and is consistent with both Medicaid regulations requiring home and community based settings to support integration, and also with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This definition is not intended to suggest that board and care homes, assisted living facilities, or other settings included in the definition of "community" for the purpose of this measure are the most integrated setting for any particular individual or group of individuals under the ADA and Section 504.

including the cognitive, physical, and psychosocial elements involved in a discharge to the community.^{3,4}

In addition to being an important outcome from a patient/resident and family perspective, patients/residents discharged to community settings, on average, incur lower costs over the recovery episode, compared with those discharged to institutional settings.^{5,6} Given the high costs of care in institutional settings, encouraging PACs to prepare patients for discharge to community, when clinically appropriate, may have cost-saving implications for the Medicare program.⁷ Also, providers have found that successful discharge to community was a major driver of their ability to achieve savings, where capitated payments for post-acute care were in place.⁸ For patients/residents who require long-term care due to persistent disability, discharge to community could result in lower long-term care costs for Medicaid and for patients'/residents' out-of-pocket expenditures.⁹

Analyses conducted for the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) on PAC episodes, using a 5 percent sample of 2006 Medicare claims, revealed that relatively high average, unadjusted Medicare payments are associated with discharge to institutional settings from IRFs, SNFs, LTCHs or HHAs, as compared with payments associated with discharge to community settings.¹⁰ Average, unadjusted Medicare payments associated with discharge to community settings ranged from \$0 to \$4,017 for IRF discharges, \$0 to \$3,544 for SNF discharges, \$0 to \$4,706 for LTCH discharges, and \$0 to \$992 for HHA discharges. In contrast, payments associated with discharge to non-community settings were considerably higher, ranging from \$11,847 to \$25,364 for IRF discharges, \$9,305 to \$29,118 for SNF discharges, \$12,465 to \$18,205 for LTCH discharges, and \$7,981 to \$35,192 for HHA discharges.¹¹

Measuring and comparing facility-level discharge to community rates is expected to help differentiate among facilities with varying performance in this important domain, and to help avoid disparities in care across patient/resident groups. Variation in discharge to community

³ El-Solh AA, Saltzman SK, Ramadan FH, Naughton BJ. Validity of an artificial neural network in predicting discharge destination from a postacute geriatric rehabilitation unit. *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation*. 2000;81(10):1388-1393.

⁴ Tanwir S, Montgomery K, Chari V, Nesathurai S. Stroke rehabilitation: availability of a family member as caregiver and discharge destination. *European journal of physical and rehabilitation medicine*. 2014;50(3):355-362.

⁵ Dobrez D, Heinemann AW, Deutsch A, Manheim L, Mallinson T. Impact of Medicare's prospective payment system for inpatient rehabilitation facilities on stroke patient outcomes. *American journal of physical medicine & rehabilitation / Association of Academic Physiatrists*. 2010;89(3):198-204.

⁶ Gage B, Morley M, Spain P, Ingber M. Examining Post Acute Care Relationships in an Integrated Hospital System. Final Report. RTI International;2009.

⁷ *Ibid.*

⁸ Doran JP, Zabinski SJ. Bundled payment initiatives for Medicare and non-Medicare total joint arthroplasty patients at a community hospital: bundles in the real world. *The Journal of arthroplasty*. 2015;30(3):353-355.

⁹ Newcomer RJ, Ko M, Kang T, Harrington C, Hulett D, Bindman AB. Health Care Expenditures After Initiating Long-term Services and Supports in the Community Versus in a Nursing Facility. *Med Care*. 2016 Jan 12. *Epub ahead of print*.

¹⁰ Gage B, Morley M, Spain P, Ingber M. Examining Post Acute Care Relationships in an Integrated Hospital System. Final Report. RTI International;2009.

¹¹ *Ibid.*

rates has been reported within and across post-acute settings; across a variety of facility-level characteristics, such as geographic location (for example, regional location, urban or rural location), ownership (for example, for-profit or nonprofit), and freestanding or hospital-based units; and across patient-level characteristics, such as race and gender.^{12,13,14,15,16,17} Discharge to community rates in the IRF setting have been reported to range from about 60 to 80 percent.^{18,19,20,21,22,23} Longer-term studies show that rates of discharge to community from IRFs have decreased over time as IRF length of stay has decreased.^{24,25} Greater variation in discharge

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- ¹² Reistetter TA, Karmarkar AM, Graham JE, et al. Regional variation in stroke rehabilitation outcomes. *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation*. 2014;95(1):29-38.
 - ¹³ El-Solh AA, Saltzman SK, Ramadan FH, Naughton BJ. Validity of an artificial neural network in predicting discharge destination from a postacute geriatric rehabilitation unit. *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation*. 2000;81(10):1388-1393.
 - ¹⁴ March 2015 Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy. Medicare Payment Advisory Commission;2015.
 - ¹⁵ Bhandari VK, Kushel M, Price L, Schillinger D. Racial disparities in outcomes of inpatient stroke rehabilitation. *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation*. 2005;86(11):2081-2086.
 - ¹⁶ Chang PF, Ostir GV, Kuo YF, Granger CV, Ottenbacher KJ. Ethnic differences in discharge destination among older patients with traumatic brain injury. *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation*. 2008;89(2):231-236.
 - ¹⁷ Berges IM, Kuo YF, Ostir GV, Granger CV, Graham JE, Ottenbacher KJ. Gender and ethnic differences in rehabilitation outcomes after hip-replacement surgery. *American journal of physical medicine & rehabilitation / Association of Academic Physiatrists*. 2008;87(7):567-572.
 - ¹⁸ Galloway RV, Granger CV, Karmarkar AM, et al. The Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation: report of patients with debility discharged from inpatient rehabilitation programs in 2000-2010. *American journal of physical medicine & rehabilitation / Association of Academic Physiatrists*. 2013;92(1):14-27.
 - ¹⁹ Morley MA, Coats LA, Forgues AL, Gage BJ. Inpatient rehabilitation utilization for Medicare beneficiaries with multiple sclerosis. *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation*. 2012;93(8):1377-1383.
 - ²⁰ Reistetter TA, Graham JE, Deutsch A, Granger CV, Markello S, Ottenbacher KJ. Utility of functional status for classifying community versus institutional discharges after inpatient rehabilitation for stroke. *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation*. 2010;91(3):345-350.
 - ²¹ Gagnon D, Nadeau S, Tam V. Clinical and administrative outcomes during publicly-funded inpatient stroke rehabilitation based on a case-mix group classification model. *Journal of rehabilitation medicine*. 2005;37(1):45-52.
 - ²² DaVanzo J, El-Gamil A, Li J, Shimer M, Manolov N, Dobson A. *Assessment of patient outcomes of rehabilitative care provided in inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs) and after discharge*. Vienna, VA: Dobson DaVanzo & Associates, LLC;2014.
 - ²³ Kushner DS, Peters KM, Johnson-Greene D. Evaluating Siebens Domain Management Model for Inpatient Rehabilitation to Increase Functional Independence and Discharge Rate to Home in Geriatric Patients. *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation*. 2015;96(7):1310-1318.
 - ²⁴ Galloway RV, Granger CV, Karmarkar AM, et al. The Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation: report of patients with debility discharged from inpatient rehabilitation programs in 2000-2010. *American journal of physical medicine & rehabilitation / Association of Academic Physiatrists*. 2013;92(1):14-27.
 - ²⁵ Mallinson T, Deutsch A, Bateman J, et al. Comparison of discharge functional status after rehabilitation in skilled nursing, home health, and medical rehabilitation settings for patients after hip fracture repair. *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation*. 2014;95(2):209-217.

to community rates is seen in the SNF setting, with rates ranging from 31 to 65 percent.^{26,27,28,29} A multi-center study of 23 LTCHs demonstrated that 28.8 percent of 1,061 patients who were ventilator-dependent on admission were discharged to home.³⁰ A single-center study found that 31 percent of LTCH hemodialysis patients were discharged to home.³¹ In the LTCH Medicare FFS population, using CY 2012-2013 national data, we found that approximately 25 percent of patients were discharged to the community. One study noted that 64 percent of beneficiaries who were discharged from the home health episode did not use any other acute or post-acute services paid by Medicare in the 30 days after discharge.³² However, significant numbers of patients were admitted to hospitals (29 percent) and lesser numbers to skilled nursing facilities (7.6 percent), inpatient rehabilitation facilities (1.5 percent), home health (7.2 percent) or hospice (3.3 percent).³³

Discharge to community is an actionable health care outcome, as targeted interventions have been shown to successfully increase discharge to community rates in a variety of post-acute settings.^{34,35,36,37} Many of these interventions involve discharge planning or specific rehabilitation strategies, such as addressing discharge barriers and improving medical and

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- ²⁶ El-Solh AA, Saltzman SK, Ramadan FH, Naughton BJ. Validity of an artificial neural network in predicting discharge destination from a postacute geriatric rehabilitation unit. *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation*. 2000;81(10):1388-1393.
- ²⁷ Hall RK, Toles M, Massing M, et al. Utilization of acute care among patients with ESRD discharged home from skilled nursing facilities. *Clinical journal of the American Society of Nephrology: CJASN*. 2015;10(3):428-434.
- ²⁸ Stearns SC, Dalton K, Holmes GM, Seagrave SM. Using propensity stratification to compare patient outcomes in hospital-based versus freestanding skilled-nursing facilities. *Medical care research and review : MCRR*. 2006;63(5):599-622.
- ²⁹ Wodchis WP, Teare GF, Naglie G, et al. Skilled nursing facility rehabilitation and discharge to home after stroke. *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation*. 2005;86(3):442-448.
- ³⁰ Scheinhorn DJ, Hassenpflug MS, Votto JJ, et al. Post-ICU mechanical ventilation at 23 long-term care hospitals: a multicenter outcomes study. *Chest*. 2007;131(1):85-93.
- ³¹ Thakar CV, Quate-Operacz M, Leonard AC, Eckman MH. Outcomes of hemodialysis patients in a long-term care hospital setting: a single-center study. *American journal of kidney diseases: the official journal of the National Kidney Foundation*. 2010;55(2):300-306.
- ³² Wolff JL, Meadow A, Weiss CO, Boyd CM, Leff B. Medicare home health patients' transitions through acute and post-acute care settings. *Medical care*. 2008;46(11):1188-1193.
- ³³ *Ibid*.
- ³⁴ Kushner DS, Peters KM, Johnson-Greene D. Evaluating Siebens Domain Management Model for Inpatient Rehabilitation to Increase Functional Independence and Discharge Rate to Home in Geriatric Patients. *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation*. 2015;96(7):1310-1318.
- ³⁵ Wodchis WP, Teare GF, Naglie G, et al. Skilled nursing facility rehabilitation and discharge to home after stroke. *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation*. 2005;86(3):442-448.
- ³⁶ Berkowitz RE, Jones RN, Rieder R, et al. Improving disposition outcomes for patients in a geriatric skilled nursing facility. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. 2011;59(6):1130-1136.
- ³⁷ Kushner DS, Peters KM, Johnson-Greene D. Evaluating use of the Siebens Domain Management Model during inpatient rehabilitation to increase functional independence and discharge rate to home in stroke patients. *PM & R : the journal of injury, function, and rehabilitation*. 2015;7(4):354-364.

functional status.^{38,39,40,41} The effectiveness of these interventions suggests that improvement in discharge to community rates among post-acute care patients/residents is possible through modifying provider-led processes and interventions.

2.1.3 Denominator

The denominator for the discharge to community measure is the risk-adjusted expected number of discharges to community. This estimate includes risk adjustment for patient/resident characteristics with the facility effect removed. The “expected” number of discharges to community is the predicted number of risk-adjusted discharges to community if the same patients/residents were treated at the average facility appropriate to the measure.

The regression model used to calculate the denominator is developed using all non-excluded facility stays in the national data. The denominator is computed in the same way as the numerator, but the facility effect is set at the average. The descriptions of the discharge to community outcome, patient/resident stays included in the measure, and numerator calculation are provided below.

2.1.4 Numerator

The measure does not have a simple form for the numerator and denominator—that is, the risk adjustment method does not make the *observed* number of community discharges the numerator, and a *predicted* number the denominator. The measure numerator is the *risk-adjusted estimate* of the number of patients/residents who are discharged to the community, do not have an unplanned readmission to an acute care hospital or LTCH in the 31-day post-discharge observation window, and who remain alive during the post-discharge observation window. This estimate starts with the observed discharges to community, and is risk-adjusted for patient/resident characteristics and a statistical estimate of the facility effect beyond case mix.

The numerator uses a model estimated on full national data specific to the post-acute setting; it is applied to the facility’s patient/resident stays included in the measure, and includes the estimated effect of that facility. The prediction equation is based on a logistic statistical model with a two-level hierarchical structure. The patient/resident stays in the model have an indicator of the facility they are discharged from; the effect of the facility is measured as a positive or negative shift in the intercept term of the equation. The facility effects are modeled as belonging to a normal (Gaussian) distribution centered at 0, and are estimated along with the effects of patient/resident characteristics in the model. Numerator details are provided below.

³⁸ Kushner DS, Peters KM, Johnson-Greene D. Evaluating Siebens Domain Management Model for Inpatient Rehabilitation to Increase Functional Independence and Discharge Rate to Home in Geriatric Patients. *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation*. 2015;96(7):1310-1318.

³⁹ Wodchis WP, Teare GF, Naglie G, et al. Skilled nursing facility rehabilitation and discharge to home after stroke. *Archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation*. 2005;86(3):442-448.

⁴⁰ Berkowitz RE, Jones RN, Rieder R, et al. Improving disposition outcomes for patients in a geriatric skilled nursing facility. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. 2011;59(6):1130-1136.

⁴¹ Kushner DS, Peters KM, Johnson-Greene D. Evaluating use of the Siebens Domain Management Model during inpatient rehabilitation to increase functional independence and discharge rate to home in stroke patients. *PM & R : the journal of injury, function, and rehabilitation*. 2015;7(4):354-364.

Numerator Details: Discharge to Community

Discharge to community is determined based on the “Patient Discharge Status Code” from the PAC claim. Discharge to community is defined as discharge to home or self care with or without home health services.⁴² Table 1 below lists the Patient Discharge Status Codes used to define community.

Table 1
Patient Discharge Status Codes Used to Determine Discharge to Community

Discharge Status Codes Indicating Community Discharge	
01	Discharged to home or self care (routine discharge)
06	Discharged/transferred to home under care of organized home health service organization
81	Discharged to home or self care with a planned acute care hospital readmission
86	Discharged/transferred to home under care of organized home health service organization with a planned acute care hospital inpatient readmission

Numerator Details: Unplanned Readmissions in the 31-Day Post-Discharge Observation Window

A patient/resident who is discharged to the community is considered to have an unfavorable outcome if they have a subsequent unplanned readmission to an acute care hospital or LTCH in the post-discharge observation window, which includes the day of discharge and the 31 days following day of discharge. We identify unplanned readmissions based on the planned readmissions algorithm used in the following post-acute care readmission measures, endorsed by the National Quality Forum (NQF): (i) Skilled Nursing Facility 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Measure (SNFRM) (NQF #2510); (ii) All-Cause Unplanned Readmission Measure for 30 Days Post Discharge from Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (NQF #2502); (iii) All-Cause Unplanned Readmission Measure for 30 Days Post Discharge from Long Term Care Hospitals (NQF #2512); and (iv) Rehospitalization During the First 30 Days of Home Health (NQF #2380).^{43,44,45,46} These readmission measures are based on the Hospital-Wide All-Cause

⁴² National Uniform Billing Committee Official UB-04 Data Specifications Manual 2017, Version 11, July 2016, Copyright 2016, American Hospital Association.

⁴³ Skilled Nursing Facility 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Measure (SNFRM) (NQF #2510). <http://www.qualityforum.org/QPS/2510>

⁴⁴ All-Cause Unplanned Readmission Measure for 30 Days Post Discharge from Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (NQF #2502). <http://www.qualityforum.org/QPS/2502>

⁴⁵ All-Cause Unplanned Readmission Measure for 30 Days Post Discharge from Long Term Care Hospitals (NQF #2512). <http://www.qualityforum.org/QPS/2512>

⁴⁶ Rehospitalization During the First 30 Days of Home Health (NQF #2380). <http://www.qualityforum.org/QPS/2380>

Readmission Measure (HWR) (CMS/Yale) (NQF #1789),⁴⁷ with some additions made for post-acute settings. The planned readmission definition is based on the claim from the readmission having a code for a procedure that is frequently planned; however, if a principal diagnosis in a specified list of acute diagnoses is present, the readmission is reclassified as unplanned. Readmissions to psychiatric hospitals or units are classified as planned readmissions.

Please note that this measure has been developed with ICD-9 procedure and diagnosis codes. The measure will be transitioned using the ICD-9 to ICD-10 cross-walk.

Numerator Details: Death in the 31-Day Post-Discharge Observation Window

Patients/residents who are discharged to the community are also considered to have an unfavorable outcome if they die in the post-discharge window, which includes the day of discharge and the 31 days following day of discharge. Death in the post-discharge window is identified based on date of death from Medicare eligibility files.

2.1.5 Target Population and Measure Exclusions

The target population for the measure is the group of Medicare FFS patients/residents who are not excluded for the reasons listed below.

Measure Exclusions

Exclusions for the discharge to community measure are listed below, along with the rationale for each exclusion. The measure exclusion criteria are determined by processing Medicare claims and eligibility data to determine whether the individual exclusion criteria are met. All measure exclusion criteria are based on administrative data. Only PAC stays that are preceded by a short-term acute care stay in the 30 days prior to the PAC admission date are included in the measure. Stays ending in transfers to the same level of care are excluded.

1) Age under 18 years

Rationale:

- a. There is limited literature on discharge destination outcomes in this age group;
- b. Patients/residents in this age group represent a different cohort, likely living with their parents, and may be expected to have higher discharge to community rates compared with the rest of the Medicare population; and
- c. Patients/residents in this age group represent a small proportion of the post-acute Medicare FFS population.

⁴⁷ Hospital-Wide All-Cause Readmission Measure (HWR) (CMS/Yale) (NQF #1789).
www.qualityforum.org/QPS/1789

- 2) *No short-term acute care stay within the 30 days preceding an IRF, SNF, or LTCH admission*

Rationale: Acute care claims from the 30 days prior to IRF, SNF, or LTCH admission provide the principal diagnosis and other important patient/resident data for risk adjustment. In IRF, SNF, and LTCH settings, patients/residents without a short-term acute care discharge within the 30 days prior to PAC admission will be excluded from the measure, because important risk adjustment data will be missing.

- 3) *Discharges to psychiatric hospital*

Rationale: Patients/residents discharged to psychiatric hospital are excluded from the measure because community living at the time of discharge may be potentially inappropriate or unsafe for them due to their mental health or psychiatric condition.

- 4) *Discharges against medical advice*

Rationale: Patients/residents who discharge themselves against medical advice are excluded because their care plan may not have been fully implemented, and the discharge destination may not reflect the facility's discharge recommendation. Additionally, patients/residents discharged against medical advice may potentially be at higher risk of post-discharge readmissions or death, depending on their medical condition, or due to potential non-adherence or non-compliance with care recommendations.

- 5) *Discharges to disaster alternative care sites or federal hospitals*

Rationale: Patients/residents discharged to disaster alternative care sites are excluded because these discharges are likely influenced by external emergency conditions, and may not represent discretionary discharges by the PAC provider. Discharges to federal hospitals are excluded because we will not have inpatient claims to determine whether the hospitalization was planned or unplanned.

- 6) *Discharges to court/law enforcement*

Rationale: Patients/residents who are discharged to court or law enforcement are likely ineligible for discharge to the community due to legal restrictions.

- 7) *Patients/residents discharged to hospice and those with a hospice benefit in the post-discharge observation window*

Rationale:

- a. Patients/residents discharged to hospice care and those with a hospice benefit in the post-discharge observation window are terminally ill, and have very different goals of care compared with non-hospice patients/residents. For non-hospice patients/residents, the primary goal of post-acute care is to return to baseline, independent living in the community; death is an undesirable outcome in the

non-hospice population. For hospice patients/residents, the goal is to provide them the opportunity to die comfortably, at home or in a facility.

- b. A large proportion of hospice patients/residents die in the 31-day window following discharge from the post-acute setting.
 - c. The hospice agency, not the post-acute care setting, makes the final decision of discharge to hospice-home or hospice-facility.
- 8) *Patients/residents not continuously enrolled in Part A FFS Medicare for the 12 months prior to the post-acute admission date, and at least 31 days after post-acute discharge date*

Rationale: Patients/residents not continuously enrolled in Part A FFS Medicare for the 12 months prior to the PAC admission date are excluded because risk adjustment for certain comorbidities requires information on acute inpatient bills for one year prior to post-acute admission. Patients/residents not continuously enrolled in Part A FFS Medicare for at least 31 days after post-acute discharge are excluded because readmissions and death must be observable in the 31-day post-discharge period. Patients/residents without Part A coverage or those who are enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans will not have complete inpatient claims in the system.

- 9) *Patients/residents whose prior short-term acute care stay was for non-surgical treatment of cancer*

Rationale: Patients/residents whose prior short-term acute care stay was for non-surgical treatment of cancer are excluded because they have a different trajectory for recovery after discharge, with a high mortality rate. Exclusion of these patients/residents is consistent with the hospital-wide⁴⁸ and post-acute readmission measures.

- 10) *Post-acute stays that end in transfer to the same level of care*

Rationale: Post-acute stays that end in transfer to the same level of care (e.g., LTCH to LTCH transfer) are excluded from the measure because their post-acute episode has not ended. For a post-acute episode that involves transfer to the same level of care, only the final post-acute provider is included in the measure. (Note that this exclusion does not apply to transitions across different levels of post-acute care (e.g., LTCH to SNF)).

- 11) *Post-acute stays with claims data that are problematic (e.g., anomalous records for stays that overlap wholly or in part, or are otherwise erroneous or contradictory)*

Rationale: This measure requires accurate information from the post-acute stay and prior short-term acute care stay in the elements used for risk adjustment. No-pay post-acute stays involving exhaustion of Part A benefits are also excluded.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*

12) *Planned discharges to an acute or LTCH setting*

Rationale: For the IRF and SNF settings, planned discharges to an acute care hospital or LTCH will be excluded. For the LTCH setting, planned discharges to an acute care hospital will be excluded. (Note that, in the LTCH setting, transfer to another LTCH is excluded because it represents a transfer to the same level of care).

13) *Medicare Part A benefits exhausted*

Rationale: Patients/residents who have exhausted their Medicare Part A coverage during the PAC stay are excluded because the discharge destination decision may be related to exhaustion of benefits.

14) *Patients/residents who received care from a facility located outside of the United States, Puerto Rico or a U.S. territory*

Rationale: Patients/residents who received care from foreign facilities may not have complete inpatient claims in the system, and these facilities may not be subject to policy decisions related to this quality measure.

15) *Swing Bed Stays in Critical Access Hospitals (SNF setting only)*

Rationale: Critical access hospital (CAH) swing bed stays are excluded from the SNF setting measure. This is because CAH swing bed facilities are not required to submit quality data under the SNF QRP, and are exempt from the SNF Prospective Payment System (PPS). Note that non-CAH swing bed stays are included in the measure, because non-CAH swing bed facilities are required to submit quality data under the SNF QRP and are subject to the SNF PPS.

2.1.6 Data Sources

This measure is based on Medicare FFS administrative claims, and uses data in the Medicare eligibility files and inpatient claims. The eligibility files provide information such as date of birth, date of death, sex, reasons for Medicare eligibility, periods of Part A coverage, and periods in the Medicare FFS program. The data elements from the Medicare FFS claims are those basic to the operation of the Medicare payment systems and include data such as date of admission, date of discharge, diagnoses, procedures, indicators for use of dialysis services, and indicators of whether the Part A benefit was exhausted. The inpatient claims data files contain patient/resident-level PAC and other hospital records. No data beyond the bills submitted in the normal course of business are required from providers for the calculation of this measure.

IRF & LTCH Measure Data Sources

The following are the specific files used for the IRF and LTCH measures and links to their documentation:

- *Medicare Inpatient claims (Standard Analytical Files), Index PAC claims*

Documentation for the Medicare claims data is provided online by the CMS contractor, Research Data Assistance Center (ResDAC), at the University of Minnesota. The following web page includes data dictionaries for the Standard analytical files (Inpatient RIF): <http://www.resdac.org/cms-data/files/ip-rif/data-documentation>

- *Medicare Enrollment Database:*

Information about the Enrollment Database may be found at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/datacncl/datadir/cms.htm>

- *Medicare Denominator files:*

Documentation available at: <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Files-for-Order/IdentifiableDataFiles/DenominatorFile.html>

SNF Measure Data Sources

The following are the specific files used for the SNF measure and links to their documentation:

- *Medicare Inpatient Claims (MedPAR RIF), Index SNF Claims:*

Documentation for the Medicare claims data is provided online by ResDAC. The following web page includes data dictionaries for the MedPAR RIF: <http://www.resdac.org/cms-data/files/medpar-rif>

- *Medicare Enrollment Database:*

Information about the Enrollment Database may be found at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/datacncl/datadir/cms.htm>

- *Medicare Denominator files:*

Documentation available at: <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Files-for-Order/IdentifiableDataFiles/DenominatorFile.html>

2.1.7 Measure Time Window

Time windows vary across settings due to variation in facility sizes across settings. The measure time window is two years in IRF and LTCH settings, and one year in the SNF setting. Specific measure time window descriptions for each setting are provided below.

IRF and LTCH Time Windows: In the IRF and LTCH settings, the measure is calculated using two years of data. All IRF and LTCH stays during the two-year time window, except those that meet the exclusion criteria, are included in the measure. For patients with multiple stays during the two-year time window, each stay is eligible for inclusion in the measure.

SNF Time Window: In the SNF setting, the measure is calculated using one year of data. All SNF stays during the one-year time window, except those that meet the exclusion criteria, are included in the measure. For SNF residents with multiple SNF stays during the one year window, each stay is eligible for inclusion in the measure.

2.1.8 Statistical Risk Model and Risk Adjustment Covariates

We used a hierarchical logistic regression method to predict the probability of discharge to community. Patient/resident characteristics related to discharge and a marker for the specific discharging facility are included in the equation. The equation is hierarchical in that both individual patient/resident characteristics are accounted for, as well as the clustering of patient/resident characteristics by facility. The statistical model estimates both the average predictive effect of the patient/resident characteristics across all facilities, and the degree to which each facility has an effect on discharge to community that differs from that of the average facility. The facility effects are assumed to be randomly distributed around the average (according to a normal distribution). When computing the facility effect, hierarchical modeling accounts for the known predictors of discharge to community, on average, such as patient/resident characteristics, the observed facility rate, and the number of facility stays eligible for inclusion in the measure. The estimated facility effect is determined mostly by the facility's own data if the number of patient/resident discharges is relatively large (as the estimate would be relatively precise), but is adjusted toward the average if the number of patient/resident discharges is small (as that would yield a less precise estimate).

We used the following model:

Let Y_{ij} , denote the outcome (equal to 1 if patient/resident i is discharged to community, 0 otherwise) for a patient/resident i at facility j ; Z_{ij} denotes a set of risk adjustment variables. We assume the outcome is related to the risk adjusters via a logit function with dispersion:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{logit}(\text{Prob}(Y_{ij}=1)) &= \alpha_j + \beta * Z_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ij} \\ \alpha_j &= \mu + \omega_j; \omega_j \sim N(0, \tau^2) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where $Z_{ij} = (Z_{1j}, Z_{2j}, \dots, Z_{kj})$ is a set of k patient/resident-level risk adjustment variables; α_j represents the facility-specific intercept; μ is the adjusted average outcome across all facilities; τ^2 is the between-facility variance component; and $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ is the error term. The hierarchical logistic regression model is estimated using SAS software (PROC GLIMMIX: SAS/STAT User's Guide, SAS Institute Inc.).

The estimated equation is used twice in the measure. The sum of the probabilities of discharge to community of all patients/residents in the facility measure, including both the effects of patient/resident characteristics and the facility, is the "predicted number" of discharges to community after adjusting for the facility's case mix. The same equation is used without the facility effect to compute the "expected number" of discharges to community for the same patients/residents at the average facility. The ratio of the predicted-to-expected number of discharges to community is a measure of the degree to which discharges to community are higher or lower than what would otherwise be expected. This standardized risk ratio is then multiplied by the mean discharge to community rate for all facility stays for the measure,

yielding the risk-standardized discharge to community rate for each facility. Please note that the estimation procedure is recalculated for each measurement period. Re-estimating the models for each measurement period allows the estimated effects of the patient/resident characteristics to vary over time as patient/resident case-mix and medical treatment patterns change.

Risk adjustment variables include demographic and eligibility characteristics; principal diagnoses; types of surgery or procedures from the prior short-term acute care stay; comorbidities; length of stay and intensive care utilization from the prior short-term acute care stay; dialysis in the prior acute stay; and number of prior hospitalizations in the year preceding the PAC admission. The measure has been developed with ICD-9 procedure and diagnosis codes. See Appendix Table 1-1 for the full list of variables in the risk adjustment models.

Risk adjustment variables and the variable descriptions are provided below.

- 1) Age and sex groups.
- 2) End stage renal disease (ESRD) or disability as original reason for entitlement.
- 3) Principal diagnosis (Clinical Classifications Software (CCS) groups) from the prior acute stay in the past 30 days. The ICD-9 codes from the prior acute claim are grouped clinically using the CCS for ICD-9 diagnoses developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).⁴⁹
- 4) Case-Mix Groups (in the IRF model).
- 5) Surgical procedure categories (if present) based on the prior acute stay in the past 30 days, as defined in the Hospital-Wide All-Cause Unplanned Readmission measure. The procedures are grouped using the CCS classes for ICD-9 procedures developed by AHRQ.⁵⁰
- 6) Dialysis in prior acute stay where ESRD not indicated.
- 7) Indicator for ESRD status.
- 8) Length of prior acute hospital stay in days, for patients/residents whose prior acute stay was in a non-psychiatric hospital (categorical variables are used to account for nonlinearity); indicator of prior psychiatric hospital stay for patients/residents whose prior acute stay was in a psychiatric hospital.
- 9) Number of intensive/cardiac care days during the prior acute stay (in the LTCH model).
- 10) Ventilator use during the post-acute stay (in the LTCH and SNF models).

⁴⁹ AHRQ CCS groupings of ICD-9 codes - Documentation available at: <http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/toolssoftware/ccs/ccs.jsp>

⁵⁰ These were developed for the Hospital-Wide All-Cause Unplanned Readmission measure and are available in SAS programs that are maintained and available upon request.

- 11) Comorbidities (Hierarchical Condition Categories) (based on prior acute stay in the past 30 days or based on a one year look back, depending on the specific comorbidity). Comorbidities are based on secondary diagnoses in claims and are clustered using the Hierarchical Condition Categories [HCC] groups used by CMS. This measure was developed using Version 21 of the HCCs; when the measure is calculated using data post ICD-10 transition, we intend to use Version 22 of the HCCs.
- 12) Number of prior acute hospital discharges in the past year, not including the hospitalization in the 30 days prior to the post-acute stay.

2.1.9 Measure Calculation Algorithm

The following steps describe the calculation algorithm/measure logic for the discharge to community measures:

- Step 1:* Identify patients/residents meeting the criteria for the target population, after applying measure exclusions.
- Step 2:* Identify patients/residents meeting the discharge to community criteria, i.e., discharge to community, no unplanned readmissions on the day of discharge or in the 31 days following discharge, and no death on the day of discharge or in the 31 days following discharge.
- Step 3:* Identify presence or absence of risk adjustment variables for each patient/resident.
- Step 4:* Calculate the predicted and expected number of discharges to community for each facility using the hierarchical logistic regression model.

The predicted number of discharges to community for each facility is calculated as the sum of the predicted probability of discharge to community for each patient/resident discharged from the facility and included in the measure, including the facility-specific effect.

To calculate the predicted number of discharges to community, $pred_j$, for index facility stays at facility_j, we used the following equation:

$$pred_j = \sum \text{logit}^{-1}(\mu + \omega_i + \beta * Z_{ij}) \quad (2)$$

where the sum is over all stays in facility_j, and ω_i is the random intercept.

To calculate the expected number exp_j , we used the following equation:

$$exp_j = \sum \text{logit}^{-1}(\mu + \beta * Z_{ij}) \quad (3)$$

- Step 5:* Calculate the standardized risk ratio for each facility, as the ratio of the predicted to expected number of discharges to community.

To calculate the facility-wide standardized risk ratio, SRR_j , we used the following equation:

$$SRR_j = \text{pred}_j / \text{exp}_j \quad (4)$$

Step 6: Calculate the risk-standardized discharge to community rate for each facility.

To aid interpretation, the facility-wide standardized risk ratio, SRR_j , obtained from equation (4) is then multiplied by the overall national raw discharge to community rate for all facility stays, \bar{Y} , to produce the facility-wide risk-standardized discharge to community rate (RSR_j).

To calculate the risk-standardized discharge to community rate for each facility, we used the following equation:

$$RSR_j = SRR_j * \bar{Y} \quad (5)$$

NOTE: Because the statistic described in Step 6 is a complex function of parameter estimates, re-sampling and simulation techniques (e.g., bootstrapping) may be necessary to derive a confidence interval estimate for the final risk-standardized rate, to characterize the uncertainty of the estimate. It is important to clarify that each measure is specific to a single PAC provider type; we do not pool PAC patients across settings in the measure calculation.

See **Appendix 1, Table 1-1** for risk adjustment model results. Distribution of facility-level discharge to community rates is provided in **Appendix 1, Table 1-2 and Appendix 1, Figure 1-1**.

2.2 Potentially Preventable 30-Day Post-Discharge Readmission Measure for Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP)

2.2.1 Measure Description

This set of potentially preventable readmission (PPR) measures for post-acute care (PAC) estimates the risk-standardized rate of unplanned, potentially preventable readmissions for patients (Medicare fee-for-service [FFS] beneficiaries) who receive services in one of the following post-acute care provider types: skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs), and long-term care hospitals (LTCH). This measure is conceptualized uniformly across the PAC settings, in terms of the definition of the PPR outcome, the approach to risk adjustment, and the measure calculation.

These outcome measures reflect readmission rates for patients who are readmitted to a short-stay acute-care hospital or an LTCH with a principal diagnosis considered to be unplanned and *potentially preventable*.

Four PPR PAC measures were developed.

- 1) Potentially Preventable 30-Day Post-Discharge Readmission Measure for Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (IMPACT Act)

- 2) Potentially Preventable 30-Day Post-Discharge Readmission Measure for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program (IMPACT Act)
- 3) Potentially Preventable 30-Day Post-Discharge Readmission Measure for Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program (IMPACT Act)
- 4) Potentially Preventable Within Stay Readmission Measure for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities. Note: This measure was not developed to meet IMPACT Act requirements; however, it was developed for the IRF QRP.

Three of these measures assess PPR within a 30-day window following discharge from PAC—one measure for each PAC setting (i.e. SNF, IRF, and LTCH)—and were developed to meet the resource use and other measures domain as mandated by the IMPACT Act. An additional IRF measure assesses PPR during the IRF stay (referred to as the within-stay window), and was developed for use in the IRF QRP. There is also a related SNF measure of potentially preventable hospital readmissions, which was developed along with the measures cited above in order to meet the requirements of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014; this measure is detailed in a separate document.

Each measure calculates a risk-adjusted PPR rate for each PAC provider. This is derived by first calculating a standardized risk ratio -- the predicted number of readmissions at the PAC provider (facility) divided by the expected number of readmissions for the same patients if treated at the average PAC provider. The standardized risk ratio is then multiplied by the mean readmission rate in the population (i.e., all Medicare FFS patients included in the measure) to generate the PAC provider-level standardized readmission rate of potentially preventable readmissions.

For these PPR measures, readmissions that are usually for planned procedures are not counted as being potentially preventable (see details below).

2.2.2 Purpose/Rationale for the Measure

Hospital readmissions among the Medicare population are common, costly, and often preventable.^{51,52} The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) and a study by Jencks et al. estimated that 17-20 percent of Medicare beneficiaries discharged from the hospital were readmitted within 30 days. Among these hospital readmissions, MedPAC has estimated that 76 percent were considered potentially avoidable--associated with \$12 billion in Medicare expenditures.^{53,54}

⁵¹ Friedman, B. and J. Basu, *The rate and cost of hospital readmissions for preventable conditions*. Med Care Res Rev, 2004. **61**(2): p. 225-40.

⁵² Jencks, S.F., M.V. Williams, and E.A. Coleman, *Rehospitalizations among Patients in the Medicare Fee-for-Service Program*. New England Journal of Medicine, 2009. **360**(14): p. 1418-1428.

⁵³ *Ibid.*

⁵⁴ MedPAC, *Payment policy for inpatient readmissions*, in *Report to the Congress: Promoting Greater Efficiency in Medicare*. 2007: Washington D.C. p. 103-120.

CMS has addressed the high rates of hospital readmissions for the acute care hospital setting and more recently, among post-acute care providers. For example, CMS developed the following all-cause readmission measures: All-Cause Unplanned Readmission Measure for 30 days Post Discharge from Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), All-Cause Unplanned Readmission Measure for 30 days Post Discharge from Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs), and the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Measure (NQF #2502, #2512, and #2510, respectively).⁵⁵ These measures were endorsed by the National Quality Forum (NQF). The IRF and LTCH measures were adopted for their respective quality reporting programs for public reporting, and the SNF measure was adopted for value-based purchasing. The NQF-endorsed measures focus on all-cause readmissions and are not cross-setting in that the specifications differ by measure.

Current work is focused on the development of potentially preventable hospital readmission measures for post-acute care, as directed by Congress through the *Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014* (IMPACT Act). The IMPACT Act requires the development and submission of standardized data from post-acute care settings with the intent for cross-setting quality comparison to promote patient-centeredness.⁵⁶ This includes the requirement to develop and implement measures to reflect all-condition risk-adjusted potentially preventable hospital readmission rates.

2.2.3 Denominator

The denominator for the PPR measures is computed the same way as the numerator, but the facility effect is set at the average. The details of the readmission types counted in the numerator and the patients who are included in the measures are below.

For the eligible PAC stays at each facility, the measure denominator is the risk-adjusted expected number of readmissions. This estimate includes risk adjustment for patient characteristics with the facility effect removed. The “expected” number of readmissions is the predicted number of risk-adjusted readmissions if the same patients were treated at the average PAC provider appropriate to the measure.

This population, like that of the numerator, is the group of Medicare FFS PAC patients who are not excluded for the reasons below. Patients who expire during the readmission window are not excluded from the measures.

Denominator Exclusions: SNF, IRF, and LTCH Post-Discharge Measures

The post-PAC discharge PPR measures are based on Medicare FFS claims data and include PAC discharges to non-hospital post-acute levels of care or to the community. The observation window is 30-days after discharge from a PAC facility; this window of observation excludes the day of discharge and the day thereafter (i.e. the 30 days starts 2 days after the discharge date). Stays ending in transfers to the same level of care or acute hospitals are excluded. Only PAC stays where patients/residents had a short-term acute care stay within 30 days prior to the PAC admission date are included in the measures. Prior proximal hospital stays

⁵⁵ National Quality Forum., *All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions Measures*. April 2015. p. 1-319.

⁵⁶ United States Congress., H.R. 4994. *IMPACT Act of 2014*. 2014: United States of America. p. 1-19

include an inpatient admission to an acute care hospital (including IPPS, CAH, or a psychiatric hospital).

- 1) *Patients/residents who died during the SNF/IRF/LTCH stay.*

Rationale: The PPR measures are not relevant for patients who died during their PAC stay because there is no post-PAC discharge period to observe.

- 2) *Patients/residents less than 18 years old.*

Rationale: Patients under 18 years old are not included in the target population for this measure. Pediatric patients/residents are relatively few and may have different patterns of care than adults.

- 3) *Patients/residents who were transferred at the end of a stay to another SNF/IRF/LTCH or short-term acute care hospital.*

Rationale: SNF, IRF, or LTCH patients/residents who were transferred to another SNF/IRF/LTCH or short-term acute-care hospital are excluded from this measure because the transfer suggests that either their SNF/IRF/LTCH treatment has not been completed or that their condition worsened, requiring a transfer (i.e. readmission) back to the acute care setting. The intent of these measures is to follow patients/residents deemed well enough to be discharged to a less intensive care setting (i.e., discharged to less intense levels of care or to the community).

- 4) *Patients/residents who were not continuously enrolled in Part A FFS Medicare for the 12 months prior to the SNF/IRF/LTCH admission date, and at least 30 days after SNF/IRF/LTCH discharge date.*

Rationale: The adjustment for certain comorbid conditions in the measures requires information on acute inpatient claims for one year prior to the SNF/IRF/LTCH admission, and readmissions must be observable in the observation window following discharge. Patients/residents without Part A coverage or who are enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans will not have complete inpatient claims in the system.

- 5) *Patients/residents who did not have a short-term acute-care stay within 30 days prior to a SNF/IRF/LTCH admission date.*

Rationale: These measures require information from the prior short-term acute-care stay in the elements used for risk adjustment.

- 6) *Patients/residents discharged against medical advice (AMA).*

Rationale: Patients discharged AMA are excluded because these patients have not completed their full course of treatment in the opinion of the facility.

- 7) *Patients/residents for whom the prior short-term acute-care stay was for nonsurgical treatment of cancer.*

Rationale: Consistent with the Hospital Wide Readmission (HWR) Measure (NQF #1789), patients/residents for whom the prior short-term acute-care stay was for nonsurgical treatment of cancer are excluded because these patients were identified as following a very different trajectory after discharge, with a particularly high mortality rate.

- 8) *Patients/residents who were transferred to a federal hospital from the PAC facility.*

Rationale: Patients/residents who are transferred to federal hospitals will not have complete inpatient claims in the system.

- 9) *Patients/residents who received care from a provider located outside of the United States, Puerto Rico, or a U.S. territory.*

Rationale: Patients/residents who received care from foreign providers may not have complete inpatient claims in the system, and these providers may not be subject to the same policy decisions related to readmissions.

- 10) *SNF/IRF/LTCH stays with data that are problematic (e.g., anomalous records for hospital stays that overlap wholly or in part, or are otherwise erroneous or contradictory). This also includes SNF stays for patients who exhausted their Medicare benefits for SNF coverage.*

Rationale: This measure requires accurate information from the SNF/IRF/LTCH stay and prior short-term acute-care stays, for the elements used in risk adjustment. No-pay PAC stays involving exhaustion of Part A benefits are also excluded.

- 11) *SNF stays in which the prior proximal hospitalization was for pregnancy.*

Rationale: This is a very atypical reason for beneficiaries to be admitted to SNFs.

2.2.4 Numerator

As described, the index PAC admission must have occurred within up to 30 days of discharge from a prior proximal hospital stay (including IPPS, CAH, or a psychiatric hospital). Hospital readmissions include readmissions to a short-stay acute-care hospital or an LTCH, with a diagnosis considered to be unplanned and potentially preventable. Note: Readmissions to inpatient psychiatric facilities are considered planned and not counted for the purposes of this measure.

The numerators of these measures are mathematically related to the number of patients/residents in the target population who have the event of a potentially preventable, unplanned readmission (PPR definitions and planned readmissions are further described below) during the specific readmission window (i.e. 30-day post-PAC discharge). Each measure includes only one readmission window, as described above.

The measures do not have a simple form for the numerator and denominator—that is, the risk adjustment method does not make the observed number of readmissions the numerator, and

a predicted number the denominator. Instead, the numerator is the risk-adjusted estimate of the number of unplanned readmissions that occurred within 30 days of PAC discharge. This estimate starts with the observed readmissions, and is then risk-adjusted for patient characteristics and a statistical estimate of the PAC provider's effect, beyond patient case mix.

The prediction equations are based on a logistic statistical model with a 2-level hierarchical structure. The patient/residents stays in the model have an indicator as to which PAC provider they are discharged from and the effect of the provider is measured as a positive or negative shift in the intercept term of the equation. The facility effects are modeled as belonging to a normal (Gaussian) distribution centered at 0, and are estimated along with the effects of patient characteristics in the model.

The data are from Medicare FFS inpatient claims, and eligibility and enrollment data. Because this measure is claims-based, there is no additional data collection or submission burden for providers.

See below for more details on the data sources.

Note: These measures were developed with ICD-9 procedure and diagnosis codes. ICD-10 was implemented on October 1, 2015; when we calculate this measure using data from calendar year 2015, we will use ICD-10 codes. A preliminary list of the PPR definition using ICD-10 codes can be found in **Appendix 2, Table 2-2**. Provisional ICD-10 mappings of the PAC additions to the CMS Planned Readmission Algorithm for NQF #2512 can be found here (see Appendix A6): <http://www.qualityforum.org/ProjectMeasures.aspx?projectID=73619>

Numerator Details: Readmissions Counted in Measures

PPR Definitions:

Some general methods and algorithms have been developed to assess potentially avoidable or preventable hospitalizations and readmissions for the general Medicare population, such as the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) Prevention Quality Indicators (PQI), approaches developed by and for MedPAC, and proprietary approaches, such as the 3M™ algorithm for Potentially Preventable Readmissions.^{57,58,59} However, there is no consensus on how to define potentially avoidable or preventable readmissions, especially among Medicare beneficiaries who utilize PAC services including SNF, IRF, and LTCH. Recent work led by Kramer et al. for MedPAC identified 13 conditions that were deemed potentially

⁵⁷ Goldfield, N.M., Elizabeth; Hughes, John; Tang, Ana; Eastman, Beth; Rawlins, Lisa; Averill, Richard, *Identifying Potentially Preventable Readmissions*. Health Care Financing Review, 2008. **30**(1): p. 75-91.

⁵⁸ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality., *Prevention Quality Indicators Overview*. 2008.

⁵⁹ MedPAC, *Online Appendix C: Medicare Ambulatory Care Indicators for the Elderly*, in *Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy*. 2011. p. 7-11.

preventable among the SNF and IRF populations;^{60,61} however, these conditions did not differ by PAC setting or readmission window (i.e., during the PAC stay or post-PAC discharge). To support the development of potentially preventable hospital readmission measures among patients/residents who use PAC, measure development contractors (RTI International and Abt Associates) have developed an approach to define potentially preventable readmissions, building on existing research in this area, and developed measures to address this high priority area.

The literature shows that some hospital readmissions can be prevented, and that many of these readmissions occur in the context of PAC, including SNF, IRF, and LTCH.^{62,63} For certain diagnoses, proper care and management of patients' conditions (in the facility or by primary care following discharge) along with appropriate, clearly explained and implemented discharge instructions and referrals, can often prevent a patient's readmission to the hospital. Identifying these PPR conditions will assist healthcare providers' efforts to improve quality of care and coordination across the care continuum.

In order to develop PPR definitions for PAC, we conducted a comprehensive environmental scan to identify studies and previously published methodologies related to potentially preventable hospitalizations and hospital readmissions. The evidence specific to PAC is limited, and we found substantial variation across methodologies for defining potentially preventable hospitalizations or readmissions. Based on this scan, we compiled a list of all PPR conditions described in the literature. This list had considerable overlap with the Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions (ACSC) / PQI, developed by the AHRQ.

We used the ACSC approach as the starting point for this work. Given clinical evidence that these conditions can be avoided with appropriate access to high quality ambulatory care, we found that a majority of these conditions reflect reasons for readmissions that would be considered potentially preventable.⁶⁴ We extended this logic to both the within-PAC stay readmission window and 30-day post-PAC discharge window.

In addition, this PPR definition was informed by empirical analyses. Specifically, we analyzed Medicare claims data to identify the most frequent diagnoses associated with hospital readmissions among patients/residents that received post-acute care. We evaluated whether these common causes for readmission could also be considered potentially preventable, by applying the working conceptual definition for PPR explained above, to each of the diagnoses found in the claims analysis. Some conditions such as pressure ulcers, were not on either the ACSC list or in

⁶⁰ Kramer, A.L., Michael; Fish, Ron; Min, Sung-Joon, *Development of Potentially Avoidable Readmission and Functional Outcome SNF Quality Measures*. 2014. p. 1-75.

⁶¹ Kramer, A.L., Michael; Fish, Ron; Min, Sung-joon, *Development of Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Measures: Potentially Avoidable Readmissions, Community Discharge, and Functional Improvement*. 2014. p. 1-42.

⁶² Vest, J.R., et al., *Determinants of preventable readmissions in the United States: a systematic review*. *Implement Sci*, 2010. **5**: p. 88.

⁶³ van Walraven, C., A. Jennings, and A.J. Forster, *A meta-analysis of hospital 30-day avoidable readmission rates*. *Journal of Evaluation in clinical practice*, 2012. **18**(6): p. 1211-1218.

⁶⁴ AHRQ Quality Indicators—Guide to Prevention Quality Indicators: Hospital Admission for Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions. Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2001. AHRQ Pub. No. 02-R0203.

the preliminary data analyses. However, the literature strongly suggests that readmissions for these conditions can be prevented with close monitoring from healthcare providers and under appropriate ambulatory care.

In developing these sets of PPR conditions, we grouped them based on clinical rationale, as follows:

- 1) Inadequate management of chronic conditions
- 2) Inadequate management of infections
- 3) Inadequate management of other unplanned events
- 4) Inadequate injury prevention

We sought technical expert and detailed clinical input on these definitions and overall approach. The Technical Expert Panel's (TEP) consensus was that it is feasible to develop uniform definitions that may be applied to all PAC providers. Based on TEP feedback, we substantially revised the definitions to remove several PPR conditions (for example, we excluded several chronic conditions included in the ACSC approach, such as readmissions for long-term complications of diabetes) and, in some cases, added new PPR conditions based on TEP input, such as influenza. In instances where no clear consensus was reached among TEP members (e.g., urinary tract infection, septicemia) we deferred to clinical expertise from the measure development team along with results from our environmental scan which suggested that these conditions were appropriate to consider as potentially preventable.

Appendix 2, Table 2-1 summarizes the set of conditions we considered potentially preventable for the 30-day post-PAC discharge readmission window based on TEP input. The list of PPR conditions is organized by the clinical rationale for each condition's inclusion on this list.

In order for a readmission to be considered potentially preventable, it must be coded as the principal diagnosis on the readmission claim. However, there are some exceptions based on the PQI specifications, as noted in the appendices (see acute bronchitis and dehydration conditions).

Planned Readmissions

These measures are focused on readmissions that are potentially preventable and *unplanned*. Thus, planned readmissions are not counted in the numerator—PPRs are only counted in the numerator if the readmission is considered unplanned. Planned readmissions are defined largely by the definition used for the HWR measure, and were revised to include additional procedures determined suitable for PAC, with input from a Technical Expert Panel convened by the CMS contractor, RTI International. Both are described in greater detail below. ICD-9 codes for these additional procedures were identified by a certified coder.

If a readmission claim contains a code for a procedure that is frequently a planned procedure, then that readmission is designated to be a planned readmission. However, the

readmission is reclassified as unplanned if the claim also contains a code indicating one or more acute diagnoses from a specified list, which can be found in **Appendix 2, Table 2-6**.

Appendix 2, Table 2-7 presents the list of codes for procedures identified as “planned” for PAC, which were not included in the CMS Planned Readmission Algorithm at the time of its development. These procedures and diagnoses are currently defined by ICD-9 procedure and diagnosis codes grouped by the Clinical Classification Software (CCS), developed by the AHRQ. They are included as full CCS classes where appropriate, or by individual codes, if necessary. Readmissions to psychiatric hospitals or units are also classified as planned readmissions.

The Appendix includes details on the planned readmission definitions, including the CMS Planned Readmission Algorithm version 3.0 (**Appendix 2, Figure 2-1 and Tables 2-3 to 2-6**) and a table summarizing the additional planned readmissions added for PAC (**Appendix 2, Table 2-7**). Note this approach is consistent with that used for the NQF-endorsed SNF, IRF, and LTCH all-cause readmission measures (NQF #2510, 2502, and 2512, respectively).

Readmission Time Frames

The conceptual definition for PPR hinges on the readmission window timeframe. We considered two readmission windows in this work: 1) within-PAC stay and 2) 30 days post-PAC discharge.

For the within-PAC stay window, potentially preventable readmissions should be avoidable with sufficient medical monitoring and appropriate patient treatment. For patients in the 30-day post-PAC discharge period, a potentially preventable readmission refers to a readmission that should be avoidable with adequately planned, explained, and implemented post discharge instructions, including the establishment of appropriate follow-up ambulatory care.

Table 2 below summarizes the specific readmission windows that were developed for each PAC potentially preventable hospital readmission measure. As noted, this reflects the current PPR measures under development; however additional measures may be considered in future work. At this time, CMS is only developing a PPR within stay measure for IRFs. Due to data limitations, specifically that claims are not generated for short program interruptions (<4 days) from LTCHs, CMS is unable to develop a PPR within-stay measure for LTCHs.

Table 2
PAC Readmission Windows for Potentially Preventable Hospital Readmission Measure Development

PAC	Within stay	30-days post PAC discharge (IMPACT Act Measures)
SNF		X
IRF	X	X
LTCH		X

Other Documentation

AHRQ CCS groupings of ICD-9 codes: Documentation available at: <http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/toolsoftware/ccs/ccs.jsp>

These measures were developed using version 21 of the HCCs; when the measure is calculated using data post ICD-10 transition, we intend to use Version 22 of the HCCs.

2.2.5 Data Sources

All measures are based on administrative claims data.

SNF Measure Data Sources: This measure is for Medicare beneficiaries and uses the data in the Medicare eligibility files and inpatient claims data. The eligibility files provide information on date of birth, sex, reasons for Medicare eligibility, periods of Part A coverage, and periods in the fee-for-service program. The data elements from the Medicare FFS claims are those basic to the operation of the Medicare payment systems and include date of admission, date of discharge, diagnoses, procedures, indicators for use of dialysis services, and indicators of whether the Part A benefit was exhausted. The inpatient claims data files contain beneficiary-level SNF and other hospital records. No data beyond the bills submitted in the normal course of business are required from providers for the calculation of this measure. The following are the specific files and links to their documentation:

Medicare Inpatient Claims (MedPAR RIF), Index SNF Claims:

- Documentation for the Medicare claims data is provided online by the CMS contractor, Research Data Assistance Center (ResDAC) at the University of Minnesota. The following web page includes data dictionaries for the MedPAR RIF: <http://www.resdac.org/cms-data/files/medpar-rif>
- Medicare Denominator files - Documentation available at: <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Files-for-Order/IdentifiableDataFiles/DenominatorFile.html>

IRF & LTCH Measure Data Sources: The following are the specific files and links to their documentation:

Medicare Inpatient claims - standard analytical files, index PAC claims

- Documentation for the Medicare claims data is provided online by ResDAC. The following web page includes data dictionaries for these files: Standard analytical files (Inpatient RIF): <http://www.resdac.org/cms-data/files/ip-rif/data-documentation>
- Medicare Enrollment Database - Information about the Enrollment Database may be found here: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/datacncl/datadir/cms.htm>

- Medicare Denominator files - Documentation available at:
<http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Files-for-Order/IdentifiableDataFiles/DenominatorFile.html>

2.2.6 Measure Time Window

Time windows vary across settings due to variation in facility sizes across settings. The measure time window is two years in IRF and LTCH settings, and one year in the SNF setting. Specific measure time window descriptions for each setting are provided below.

SNF Time Window: In the SNF setting, the measure will be calculated using one year of data. All SNF stays during the one-year time window, except those that meet the exclusion criteria, will be included in the measure. For SNF residents with multiple SNF stays during the one year window, each stay is eligible for inclusion in the measure. Data from calendar year 2013 data was used to develop this PPR measure.

Rationale: Through the analytic work to develop this and an earlier SNF readmission measure (NQF #2510), we found one year of data to be sufficient to calculate this measure in a statistically reliable manner. This is because the reliability of a SNF's measure rate is related to the number of SNF stays included in the measure.

IRF and LTCH Time Windows: In the IRF and LTCH settings, the measure will be calculated using two years of data. All IRF and LTCH stays during the two-year time window, except those that meet the exclusion criteria, will be included in the measure. For patients with multiple stays during the two-year time window, each stay will be eligible for inclusion in the measure. Data from 2012-2013 were used for measure development.

Rationale: Through the analytic work to develop these and previously developed measures, we found that one year of claims data provided a somewhat limited sample size at the provider level. In order to have a more sufficient sample size, we expanded the data to include two consecutive years of claims data. In this way, the IRF and LTCH PPR measures diverge from the SNF measures which have substantially larger samples sizes compared to the IRF and LTCH settings. Pooling two years of data provides more reliable and stable estimates.

NOTE: For the purposes of public reporting, a minimum of 25 eligible stays is required.

2.2.7 Statistical Risk Model and Risk Adjustment Covariates

The statistical methods, including risk adjustment, were developed to harmonize with the HWR measure (NQF #1789) as well as the SNF, IRF, and LTCH all-cause readmission measures. The following section summarizes the risk adjustment approach for all PPR measures.

A hierarchical regression method using a logistic regression to predict the probability of a countable (potentially preventable, unplanned) readmission is used. The risk adjusters are predictor variables. The patient characteristics related to each discharge and a marker for the specific discharging PAC provider are included in the equation. The equation is hierarchical in that both individual patient characteristics are accounted for as well as the clustering of patients into PAC providers. The statistical model estimates both the average predictive effect of the

patient characteristics across all providers and the degree to which each provider has an effect on readmissions that differs from that of the average provider. The provider effects are assumed to be randomly distributed around the average (according to a normal distribution). When computing the facility effect, hierarchical modeling accounts for the known predictors of readmissions, on average, such as patient characteristics, the observed provider rate, and the number of provider stays eligible for the measure. The estimated provider effect is determined mostly by the provider's own data if the number of patient discharges is relatively large (as the estimate would be relatively precise), but is adjusted toward the average if the number of patient discharges is small (as that would yield an estimate of lower precision).

We used the following model:

Let Y_{ij} , denote the outcome (equal to 1 if patient i is readmitted within 30 days, zero otherwise) for a patient i at PAC j ; Z_{ij} denotes a set of risk factors. We assume the outcome is related linearly to the covariates via a logit function with dispersion:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{logit}(\text{Prob}(Y_{ij}=1)) &= \alpha_j + \beta * Z_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ij} \\ \alpha_j &= \mu + \omega_j; \omega_j \sim N(0, \tau^2) \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where $Z_{ij} = (Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_k)$ is a set of k patient-level covariates. α_j represents the PAC specific intercept; μ is the adjusted average outcome over all PAC providers; and τ^2 is the between PAC variance component and $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ is the error term. The hierarchical logistic regression model is estimated using SAS software (PROC GLIMMIX: SAS/STAT User's Guide, SAS Institute Inc.)

NOTE: The description above refers to the method used for each measure applied to each PAC provider type and readmission window.

The estimated equation is used twice in the measure. The sum of the probabilities of readmission of all patients in the measure, including both the effects of patient characteristics and the provider, is the "predicted number" of readmissions after adjusting for the provider's case mix. The same equation is used without the provider effect to compute the "expected number" of potentially preventable readmissions for the same patients at the average provider. The ratio of the predicted-to-expected number of readmissions is a measure of the degree to which the readmissions are higher or lower than what would otherwise be expected. This standardized risk ratio is then multiplied by the mean readmission rate for all provider stays for the measure, yielding the risk-standardized readmission rate for each provider. This estimation procedure is recalculated for each measurement period. Estimating the equations for each measurement period allows the estimated effects of the patient characteristics to vary over time as medical treatment patterns change.

Risk-adjustment variables include demographic and eligibility characteristics; principal diagnoses; types of surgery or procedure from the prior short-term stay; comorbidities; length of stay and ICU/CCU utilization from the immediately prior short-term stay; and number of admissions in the year preceding the PAC admission.

The risk adjustment variables include the following:

- 1) Age/sex categories
- 2) Original reason for Medicare entitlement (age, disability or ESRD)
- 3) Surgery category if present (e.g., cardiothoracic, orthopedic), defined as in the HWR model software; the procedures are grouped using the CCS classes for ICD-9 procedures developed by AHRQ⁶⁵
- 4) Receiving dialysis in prior short-term stay, defined by presence of revenue code
- 5) Principal diagnosis on prior short-term claim as in the HWR measure. The ICD-9 codes are grouped clinically using the CCS for ICD-9 diagnoses developed by AHRQ
- 6) Comorbidities from secondary diagnoses on the prior short-term claim and diagnoses from earlier short-term stays up to one year before PAC admission (these are clustered using the Hierarchical Condition Categories [HCC] groups used by CMS)

Prior Utilization Measures (vary by measure):

- 1) Length of stay in the prior short-term hospital stay (categorical to account for nonlinearity)
- 2) Prior acute ICU/CCU utilization (days) (categorical)
- 3) Count of prior short-term discharges in the prior year

PAC-Specific Risk Adjusters

- 1) IRF: Aggregates of the IRF Case-Mix Groups (CMGs) for IRF patients
- 2) LTCH: Ventilator Use — prolonged ventilation in LTCH (defined as ICD-9 procedure code on the index LTCH claim of 96.72, continuous invasive mechanical ventilation for 96 consecutive hours or more). We also intend to test multiple organ failure as a risk adjuster for the LTCH model

Risk Adjustment for Sociodemographic Status (SDS):

Based on recommendations of the Consensus Standards Approval Committee, the NQF has recently called for adjusting performance measures for sociodemographic status (SDS) when appropriate. CMS is currently conducting empirical testing under an NQF trial period to construct specific variables that capture aspects of SDS in order to account for this factor in the risk-adjustment models for the NQF-endorsed PAC readmission measures. This issue is also relevant for the potentially preventable hospital readmission measures that were developed. In

⁶⁵ These were developed for the HWR measure and are available in SAS programs that are maintained and available upon request.

addition, work being conducted by the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation on SDS risk adjustment per the IMPACT Act may provide additional direction on this issue.

2.2.8 Measure Calculation Algorithm

We developed 4 PPR measures; each is specific to a single PAC provider type and readmission window. Because the overall calculation algorithms and logic are aligned for the set of PPR PAC measures, we describe these technical details for all measures below, rather than duplicating similar information. It is important to clarify that each measure is specific to a single PAC provider type; we do not pool PAC patients across settings in the measure calculation.

The Medicare PAC claims are matched to prior acute hospital stays, hospital stays post-PAC discharge, and patient eligibility data to determine which stays remain in the measure (i.e. not excluded per the exclusions described above) and which have potentially preventable, unplanned readmissions.

The measures are calculated according to the following steps:

- Step 1:* Identify patients/residents meeting the denominator (measure inclusion) criteria.
- Step 2:* Identify patients/residents meeting the numerator (unplanned PPR) criteria taking into account the planned readmission algorithm.
- Step 3:* Identify presence or absence of risk adjustment variables for each patient/resident.
- Step 4:* Calculate the predicted and expected number of readmissions for each PAC provider using hierarchical logistic regression model.

The predicted number of readmissions for each PAC provider for each measure is calculated as the sum of the predicted probability of readmission for each patient included in the measure discharged from the provider, including the provider-specific effect. The model specific risk standardized readmission ratio for each PAC provider associated with each PPR measure is calculated as follows.

To calculate the predicted number of readmissions $pred_j$ for index PAC provider stays at provider_j, we used

$$pred_j = \sum \text{logit}^{-1}(\mu + \omega_i + \beta * Z_{ij}) \quad (7)$$

where the sum is over all stays in provider_j, and ω_i is the random intercept. To calculate the expected number exp_j use

$$exp_j = \sum \text{logit}^{-1}(\mu + \beta * Z_{ij}) \quad (8)$$

Then, as a measure of excess or reduced readmissions among index stays at PAC provider_j, calculate the provider-wide standardized risk ratio, SRR_j , as

$$SRR_j = \text{pred}_j / \text{exp}_j \quad (9)$$

Step 5: Calculate the risk-standardized PAC potentially preventable readmission rate.

The value obtained from equation (4) above, the SRR_j , is the PAC provider-wide standardized risk ratio for provider_j. To aid interpretation, the provider-wide standardized risk ratio, SRR_j , is then multiplied by the overall national raw readmission rate for all provider stays, \bar{Y} , to produce the provider-wide risk-standardized readmission rate ($RSRR_j$).

$$RSRR_j = SRR_j * \bar{Y} \quad (10)$$

2.2.9 Measure Results

We present measure results for this measure in **Appendix 2, Table 2-8 and Figures 2-2 and 2-3**. This appendix includes the full risk adjustment model results along with distributions of the unadjusted and risk-standardized PPR rates for facilities.

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SECTION 3
MEASURES AFFECTING THE FY 2020 PAYMENT DETERMINATION AND
SUBSEQUENT YEARS

3.1 Drug Regimen Review Conducted with Follow-Up for Identified Issues-Post Acute Care (PAC) Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP)

3.1.1 Measure Description

This patient assessment-based process quality measure evaluates whether PAC providers were responsive to potential or actual clinically significant medication issue(s) when such issues were identified.⁶⁶ Specifically, this process quality measure reports the percentage of patient/resident stays in which a drug regimen review was conducted at the time of admission and timely follow-up with a physician occurred each time potential clinically significant medication issues were identified throughout that stay.

Three process-based drug regimen review quality measures have been developed for the IRF, SNF, and LTCH settings, respectively. These measures were developed to meet the Medication Reconciliation domain as mandated by the IMPACT Act. For this quality measure: (1) medication reconciliation is a process that identifies the most accurate and current list of medications, particularly during transitions of care, it also includes the evaluation of the name, dosage, frequency, and route; (2) drug regimen review is defined as the review of all medications or drugs the patient/resident is taking to identify any potentially clinically significant medication issues; and (3) potential clinically significant medication issues are defined as those issues that, in the clinician's professional judgment, warrant interventions, such as alerting the physician and/or others, and the timely completion of any recommended actions (by midnight of the next calendar day) so as to avoid and mitigate any untoward or adverse outcomes. Medication reconciliation and drug regimen review are interrelated activities; this quality measure utilizes both the processes of medication reconciliation and a drug regimen review, in the event an actual or potential medication issue occurred. This measure is applied uniformly across the PAC settings.

This quality measure is calculated using data from the Long-Term Care Hospital Continuity Assessment Record & Evaluation Data Set (LTCH CARE Data Set) for LTCH patients. Data will be collected using standardized items that have been added to the LTCH CARE Data Set. Table 3-1 in Appendix 3 shows the standardized items that are used to calculate this quality measure. In LTCHs, this measure includes all patients.

3.1.2 Purpose/Rationale for the Quality Measure

The performance of timely medication reconciliation is valuable to the process of drug regimen review. Preventing and responding to ADEs is of critical importance as ADEs account

⁶⁶ Institute of Medicine. Preventing Medication Errors. Washington DC: National Academies Press; 2006.

for significant increases in health services utilization and costs,^{67, 68, 69} including subsequent emergency room visits and re-hospitalizations.⁷⁰ Annual health care costs in the United States from ADEs are estimated at \$3.5 billion, resulting in 7,000 deaths annually.^{71, 72}

Medication reconciliation and drug regimen review are interrelated activities; while medication reconciliation is a process that identifies the most accurate and current list of medications, particularly during transitions of care, it also includes the evaluation of the name, dosage, frequency, and route. Drug regimen review is a process that necessitates and includes the review of all medications for additional purposes such as the identification of potential adverse effects. The process of drug regimen review includes medication reconciliation at the time of patient/resident transitions and throughout the patient/resident's stay.

Medication reconciliation is a recognized process for reducing the occurrence of medication discrepancies that may lead to Adverse Drug Events (ADEs).⁷³ Medication discrepancies occur when there is conflicting information documented in the medical records. The World Health Organization regards medication reconciliation as a standard operating protocol necessary to reduce the potential for ADEs that cause harm to patients. Medication reconciliation is an important patient safety process that addresses medication accuracy during transitions in patient care and in identifying preventable ADEs.⁷⁴ The Joint Commission added medication reconciliation to its list of National Patient Safety Goals (2005), suggesting that medication reconciliation is an integral component of medication safety.⁷⁵ The Society of Hospital Medicine published a statement in agreement of the Joint Commission's emphasis and value of medication reconciliation as a patient safety goal.⁷⁶ There is universal agreement that

⁶⁷ Institute of Medicine. Preventing Medication Errors. Washington DC: National Academies Press; 2006.

⁶⁸ Jha AK, Kuperman GJ, Rittenberg E, et al. Identifying hospital admissions due to adverse drug events using a computer-based monitor. *Pharmacoepidemiol Drug Saf.* 2001;10(2):113-119.

⁶⁹ Hohl CM, Nosyk B, Kuramoto L, et al. Outcomes of emergency department patients presenting with adverse drug events. *Ann Emerg Med.* 2011;58:270-279.

⁷⁰ Kohn LT, Corrigan JM, Donaldson MS. *To Err Is Human: Building a Safer Health System* Washington, DC: National Academies Press; 1999.

⁷¹ Greenwald, J. L., Halasyamani, L., Greene, J., LaCivita, C., et al. (2010). Making inpatient medication reconciliation patient centered, clinically relevant and implementable: a consensus statement on key principles and necessary first steps. *Journal of Hospital Medicine*, 5(8), 477-485.

⁷² Phillips, David P.; Christenfeld, Nicholas; and Glynn, Laura M. Increase in US Medication-Error Deaths between 1983 and 1993. *The Lancet.* 351:643-644, 1998.

⁷³ Institute of Medicine. Preventing Medication Errors. Washington DC: National Academies Press; 2006.

⁷⁴ Leotsakos A., et al. Standardization in patient safety: the WHO High 5s project. *Int J Qual Health Care.* 2014;26(2):109-116.

⁷⁵ The Joint Commission. 2016 Long Term Care: National Patient Safety Goals Medicare/Medicaid Certification-based Option. (NPSG.03.06.01).

⁷⁶ Greenwald, J. L., Halasyamani, L., Greene, J., LaCivita, C., et al. (2010). Making inpatient medication reconciliation patient centered, clinically relevant and implementable: a consensus statement on key principles and necessary first steps. *Journal of Hospital Medicine*, 5(8), 477-485.

medication reconciliation directly addresses patient safety issues that can result from medication miscommunication and unavailable or incorrect information.^{77,78,79}

Medication errors include the duplication of medications, delivery of an incorrect drug, inappropriate drug omissions, or errors in the dosage, route, frequency, and duration of medications. Medication errors are one of the most common types of medical error and can occur at any point in the process of ordering and delivering a medication. Medication errors have the potential to result in an ADE.^{80,81,82,83,84,85} Inappropriately prescribed medications are also considered a major healthcare concern in the United States for the elderly population, with costs of roughly \$7.2 billion annually.⁸⁶

There is strong evidence that medication discrepancies occur during transfers from acute care facilities to post-acute care facilities. Discrepancies occur when there is conflicting information documented in the medical records. Almost one-third of medication discrepancies have the potential to cause patient harm.⁸⁷ An estimated fifty percent of patients experienced a clinically important medication error after hospital discharge in an analysis of two tertiary care academic hospitals.⁸⁸

Medication reconciliation has been identified as an area for improvement during transfer from the acute care facility to the receiving post-acute care facility. Post-acute care facilities report gaps in medication information between the acute care hospital and the receiving post-

⁷⁷ Leotsakos A., et al. Standardization in patient safety: the WHO High 5s project. *Int J Qual Health Care*. 2014;26(2):109-116.

⁷⁸ The Joint Commission. 2016 Long Term Care: National Patient Safety Goals Medicare/Medicaid Certification-based Option. (NPSG.03.06.01).

⁷⁹ IHI. Medication Reconciliation to Prevent Adverse Drug Events [Internet]. Cambridge, MA: Institute for Healthcare Improvement; [cited 2016 Jan 11]. Available from: <http://www.ihl.org/topics/adesmedicationreconciliation/Pages/default.aspx>.

⁸⁰ Institute of Medicine. To err is human: building a safer health system. Washington, DC: National Academies Press; 2000.

⁸¹ Lesar TS, Briceland L, Stein DS. Factors related to errors in medication prescribing. *JAMA*. 1997;277(4): 312-317.

⁸² Bond CA, Raehl CL, & Franke T. Clinical pharmacy services, hospital pharmacy staffing, and medication errors in United States hospitals. *Pharmacotherapy*. 2002;22(2): 134-147.

⁸³ Bates DW, Cullen DJ, Laird N, Petersen LA, Small SD, et al. Incidence of adverse drug events and potential adverse drug events. Implications for prevention. *JAMA*. 1995;274(1): 29-34.

⁸⁴ Barker KN, Flynn EA, Pepper GA, Bates DW, & Mikeal RL. Medication errors observed in 36 health care facilities. *JAMA*. 2002; 162(16):1897-1903.

⁸⁵ Bates DW, Boyle DL, Vander Vliet MB, Schneider J, & Leape L. Relationship between medication errors and adverse drug events. *J Gen Intern Med*. 1995;10(4): 199-205.

⁸⁶ Fu, Alex Z., et al. "Potentially inappropriate medication use and healthcare expenditures in the US community-dwelling elderly." *Medical care* 45.5 (2007): 472-476.

⁸⁷ Wong, Jacqueline D., et al. "Medication reconciliation at hospital discharge: evaluating discrepancies." *Annals of Pharmacotherapy* 42.10 (2008): 1373-1379.

⁸⁸ Kripalani S, Roumie CL, Dalal AK, et al. Effect of a pharmacist intervention on clinically important medication errors after hospital discharge: A randomized controlled trial. *Ann Intern Med*. 2012;157(1):1-10.

acute care setting when performing medication reconciliation.^{89,90} Hospital discharge has been identified as a particularly high risk point in time, with evidence that medication reconciliation identifies high levels of discrepancy.^{91,92,93,94,95,96} Also, there is evidence that medication reconciliation discrepancies occur throughout the patient stay.^{97,98} For older patients, who may have multiple comorbid conditions and thus multiple medications, transitions between acute and post-acute care settings can be further complicated,⁹⁹ and medication reconciliation and patient knowledge (medication literacy) can be inadequate post-discharge.¹⁰⁰ The quality measure, Drug Regimen Review Conducted with Follow-Up for Identified Issues-PAC IRF QRP, evaluates an important component of care coordination for PAC settings and would affect a large proportion of the Medicare population who transfer from hospitals into PAC services each year. For example, in 2013, 1.7 million Medicare FFS beneficiaries had SNF stays, 338,000 beneficiaries had IRF stays, and 122,000 beneficiaries had LTCH stays.¹⁰¹

3.1.3 Denominator

The denominator is the number of stays during the SNF, IRF, or LTCH reporting period. Specific denominator definitions for each setting are provided below.

SNF Denominator: The denominator is the number of stays in the selected time window for SNF residents with a SNF PPS Part A Discharge Assessment (A0310H = 1) during the reporting period.

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- 89 Gandara, Esteban, et al. "Communication and information deficits in patients discharged to rehabilitation facilities: an evaluation of five acute care hospitals." *Journal of Hospital Medicine* 4.8 (2009): E28-E33.
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- 91 Coleman EA, Smith JD, Raha D, Min SJ. Post hospital medication discrepancies: prevalence and contributing factors. *Arch Intern Med.* 2005 165(16):1842–1847.
- 92 Wong JD, Bajcar JM, Wong GG, et al. Medication reconciliation at hospital discharge: evaluating discrepancies. *Ann Pharmacother.* 2008 42(10):1373–1379.
- 93 Hawes EM, Maxwell WD, White SF, Mangun J, Lin FC. Impact of an outpatient pharmacist intervention on medication discrepancies and health care resource utilization in post hospitalization care transitions. *Journal of Primary Care & Community Health.* 2014; 5(1):14-18.
- 94 Foust JB, Naylor MD, Bixby MB, Ratcliffe SJ. Medication problems occurring at hospital discharge among older adults with heart failure. *Research in Gerontological Nursing.* 2012, 5(1): 25-33.
- 95 Pherson EC, Shermock KM, Efird LE, et al. Development and implementation of a post discharge home-based medication management service. *Am J Health Syst Pharm.* 2014; 71(18): 1576-1583.
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- 98 Himmel, W., M. Tabache, and M. M. Kochen. "What happens to long-term medication when general practice patients are referred to hospital?" *European journal of clinical pharmacology* 50.4 (1996): 253-257.
- 99 Chhabra, P. T., et al. (2012). "Medication reconciliation during the transition to and from long-term care settings: a systematic review." *Res Social Adm Pharm* 8(1): 60-75.
- 100 Kripalani S, Roumie CL, Dalal AK, et al. Effect of a pharmacist intervention on clinically important medication errors after hospital discharge: A randomized controlled trial. *Ann Intern Med.* 2012;157(1):1-10.
- 101 March 2015 Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy. Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; 2015.

LTCH Denominator: The denominator is the number of patient stays with a discharge or expired assessment (A0250=10, 11, 12) during the reporting period.

IRF Denominator: The denominator is the number of Medicare patient stays* (Part A or MA) during the reporting period.

*IRF-PAI data are submitted only for Medicare patients (Part A and MA).

Denominator Exclusions

This measure has no denominator exclusions for IRF, LTCH, and SNF.

3.1.4 Numerator

Number of stays in the denominator where the medical record contains documentation of a drug regimen review conducted at admission with all potential clinically significant medication issues identified during the course of care and followed-up with a physician or physician designee.

Specific numerator definitions for each setting are provided below.

SNF Numerator: The numerator is the number of short-stay residents with an MDS 3.0 assessment during the selected time window for which all of the following are each true:

- 1) The facility conducted a drug regimen review at the admission (N2001= [0,1]) or resident is not taking any medications (N2001= [9]); and
- 2) If potential clinically significant medication issues were identified at the admission (N2001 = [1]), then the facility contacted a physician (or physician-designee) by midnight of the next calendar day and completed prescribed/recommended actions in response to the identified issues (N2003= [1]); and
- 3) The facility contacted a physician (or physician-designee) and completed prescribed/recommended actions by midnight of the next calendar day each time potential clinically significant medication issues were identified since the admission (N2005 = [1]) or no potential clinically significant medications issues were identified since the admission (N2005 = [9]). This condition is evaluated at discharge.

LTCH Numerator: The numerator is the number of stays for which the LTCH CARE Data Set indicated all of the following are each true:

- 1) The facility conducted a drug regimen review at the admission (N2001= [0,1]) or patient is not taking any medications (N2001= [9]); and
- 2) If potential clinically significant medication issues were identified at the admission (N2001 = [1]), then the facility contacted a physician (or physician-designee) by midnight of the next calendar day and completed prescribed/recommended actions in response to the identified issues (N2003= [1]); and

- 3) The facility contacted a physician (or physician-designee) and completed prescribed/recommended actions by midnight of the next calendar day each time potential clinically significant medication issues were identified since the admission (N2005 = [1]) or no potential clinically significant medications issues were identified since the admission (N2005 = [9]).

IRF Numerator: The numerator is the number of stays for which the IRF PAI indicated all of the following are each true:

- 1) The facility conducted a drug regimen review at the admission (N2001= [0,1]) or patient is not taking any medications (N2001= [9]); and
- 2) If potential clinically significant medication issues were identified at the admission (N2001 = [1]), then the facility contacted a physician (or physician-designee) by midnight of the next calendar day and completed prescribed/recommended actions in response to the identified issues (N2003= [1]); and
- 3) The facility contacted a physician (or physician-designee) and completed prescribed/recommended actions by midnight of the next calendar day each time potential clinically significant medication issues were identified since the admission (N2005 = [1]) or no potential clinically significant medications issues were identified since the admission (N2005 = [9]).

Please note that if data is missing on any of the three items used to calculate the numerator of the measure (specifically, (N2001= [-] or N2003= [-] or N2005= [-])), the patient/resident will not be included in the numerator count though they will continue to be counted in the denominator, assuming all denominator criteria for that patient/resident have been met.

3.1.5 Items Included in the Quality Measure

See **Appendix 3 Table 3-1** for a summary of the setting specific language used to describe the resident or patient within the PAC setting. There are no other differences in the content language within each Drug Regimen Review quality measure item.

N2001. Drug Regimen Review Item (collected at admission)

Did a complete drug regimen review identify potential clinically significant medication issues?

0. No - No issues found during review

1. Yes - Issues found during review

9. NA - Patient/Resident is not taking any medications

N2003 Medication Follow-up Item (collected at admission)

Did the facility contact a physician (or physician-designee) by midnight of the next calendar day and complete prescribed/recommended actions in response to the identified potential clinically significant medication issues?

0. No

1. Yes

N2005. Medication Intervention Item (collected at discharge)

Did the facility contact and complete physician (or physician-designee) prescribed/recommended actions by midnight of the next calendar day each time potential clinically significant medication issues were identified since the Admission?

0. No

1. Yes

9. NA - There were no potential clinically significant medication issues identified since Admission or patient/resident is not taking any medications.

3.1.6 Risk Adjustment

This measure is not risk-adjusted or stratified.

3.1.7 Quality Measure Calculation Algorithm

The following steps are used to calculate the measure:

Step 1: Calculate the denominator count (see Section 3.1.3 for details):

In the SNF setting, identify SNF residents with a PPS Part A Discharge (A0310H=1). Count the number of SNF stays (resident admission or reentry to the facility to discharge, which may be an OBRA discharge or a SNF PPS Part A Discharge) among these residents.

In the LTCH setting, calculate the number of patient stays with a discharge or expired assessment (A0250=10, 11, 12),

In the IRF setting, calculate the number of Medicare (Part A or MA) patient stays.

Step 2: Calculate the numerator count (see Section 3.1.4 for details):

In the SNF setting, calculate the total number short-stay resident stays in the denominator where the medical record contains documentation of a drug regimen review conducted at: (1) admission, and (2) discharge with a look back through the entire patient stay with all potential clinically significant medication issues identified during the course of care and followed up with a physician or physician designee by midnight of the next calendar day.

In the LTCH setting, calculate the total number of patient stays whose LTCH CARE Data Set assessment indicates that the medical record contains documentation of a drug regimen review conducted at: (1) admission, and (2) discharge with a look back through the entire patient stay with all potential clinically significant medication issues identified during the course of care and followed up with a physician or physician designee by midnight of the next calendar day.

In the IRF setting, calculate the total number of patient stays whose IRF-PAI assessment indicates that the medical record contains documentation of a drug regimen review conducted at: (1) admission, and (2) discharge with a look back through the entire patient stay with all potential clinically significant medication issues identified during the course of care and followed up with a physician or physician designee by midnight of the next calendar day.

Step 3: Calculate the facility's observed score:

Divide the facility's numerator count by its denominator count to obtain the facility's observed score; that is, divide the result of step 2 by the result of step 1.

APPENDIX 1
DISCHARGE TO COMMUNITY-POST ACUTE CARE (PAC) LONG-TERM CARE HOSPITAL (LTCH) QUALITY REPORTING PROGRAM (QRP)

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Table 1-1.
Logistic Regression Model Results for Discharge to Community-Post Acute Care (PAC) Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH)
Quality Reporting Program (QRP), 2012-2013

Number of beneficiaries included in the model = 195,463

Observed number (percent) of beneficiaries in the sample who were discharged to community = 49,906 (25.53%).

Model c-statistic = 0.762

Based on Medicare fee-for-service claims data from CY 2012-2013. These model estimates only apply to CY 2012-2013 LTCH data. We will re-estimate the regression models for each measurement period to allow the estimated effects of patient characteristics to vary over time.

Risk Adjuster	N	%	Estimate	SE ¹	p-value	Odds Ratio (OR)	OR 95% Lower CL ²	OR 95% Upper CL
Intercept	.	.	2.128	0.140	<0.001	.	.	.
Age and Sex Groupings (Reference: Female, age 18-34 years)								
Male, age 18-34 years	1,462	0.75	-0.040	0.093	0.6633	0.960	0.800	1.152
Male, age 35-44 years	3,241	1.66	-0.181	0.083	0.0287	0.835	0.710	0.981
Male, age 45-54 years	8,787	4.50	-0.440	0.077	<0.001	0.644	0.554	0.749
Male, age 55-59 years	7,066	3.62	-0.682	0.078	<0.001	0.505	0.434	0.589
Male, age 60-64 years	7,681	3.93	-0.830	0.078	<0.001	0.436	0.374	0.508
Male, age 65-69 years	14,599	7.47	-0.870	0.077	<0.001	0.419	0.360	0.487
Male, age 70-74 years	15,617	7.99	-1.059	0.077	<0.001	0.347	0.298	0.403
Male, age 75-79 years	14,190	7.26	-1.271	0.077	<0.001	0.280	0.241	0.326
Male, age 80-84 years	12,203	6.24	-1.439	0.078	<0.001	0.237	0.203	0.277
Male, age 85-89 years	7,954	4.07	-1.728	0.081	<0.001	0.178	0.151	0.208
Male, age ≥ 90 years	3,499	1.79	-1.914	0.091	<0.001	0.148	0.123	0.176
Female, age 35-44 years	2,477	1.27	-0.172	0.085	0.0428	0.842	0.712	0.994
Female, age 45-54 years	6,533	3.34	-0.411	0.078	<0.001	0.663	0.569	0.772
Female, age 55-59 years	5,750	2.94	-0.623	0.079	<0.001	0.536	0.459	0.626
Female, age 60-64 years	7,027	3.60	-0.758	0.079	<0.001	0.469	0.402	0.547
Female, age 65-69 years	14,106	7.22	-0.834	0.077	<0.001	0.434	0.374	0.505

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Logistic Regression Model Results for Discharge to Community-Post Acute Care (PAC) Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH)
Quality Reporting Program (QRP), 2012-2013 (continued)

Risk Adjuster	N	%	Estimate	SE ¹	p-value	Odds Ratio (OR)	OR 95% Lower CL ²	OR 95% Upper CL
Female, age 70-74 years	15,279	7.82	-1.006	0.077	<0.001	0.366	0.315	0.425
Female, age 75-79 years	15,236	7.79	-1.203	0.077	<0.001	0.300	0.258	0.349
Female, age 80-84 years	14,159	7.24	-1.426	0.078	<0.001	0.240	0.206	0.280
Female, age 85-89 years	10,983	5.62	-1.640	0.079	<0.001	0.194	0.166	0.227
Female, age ≥ 90 years	6,691	3.42	-1.836	0.083	<0.001	0.159	0.136	0.188
Original Reason for Entitlement								
Age ≥ 65 at LTCH Admission and Original Reason for Entitlement was Disability or ESRD	32,200	16.47	-0.084	0.018	<0.001	0.919	0.888	0.952
Principal Diagnosis Clinical Classifications Software (CCS) Groupings Based on Prior Acute Stay (Reference: Diseases of the Genitourinary System, no UTI, no renal failure (156, 160-166, 168-173, 175))								
Infectious & Parasitic Disease: Septicemia (2)	39,675	20.30	-0.305	0.075	<0.001	0.737	0.637	0.853
Other Infectious and Parasitic Diseases (1, 3-10)	1,360	0.70	-0.415	0.098	<0.001	0.660	0.545	0.800
Neoplasms, e.g., Head & Neck, Esophagus, Stomach, Colon, GI, Respiratory, Bone, Bladder, Kidney, Hodgkin's disease, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphomas, Leukemias, Malignant Neoplasm Site Unspecified (11-15, 18, 20, 21, 32-34, 37-41, 43)	2,158	1.10	-0.158	0.091	0.0809	0.854	0.715	1.020
Neoplasms Including Liver, Pancreas, Bronchus, Lung, Ovary, Brain & Nervous System, Secondary Malignancies (16, 17, 19, 27, 35, 42)	1,034	0.53	-0.308	0.107	0.0041	0.735	0.596	0.907
Misc: Neopl Including Skin, Breast, Uterus, Cervix, Prostate, Testis, Other Female & Male Genital, Thyroid; Headache; Eye Disorders; Pregnancy; Poisoning; Others (22-26, 28-31, 36, 84-94, 176-196, 241-243)	889	0.45	-0.179	0.107	0.094	0.836	0.678	1.031
Misc: Neopl including Benign, Others; Thyroid Disorders; Endocrine Disorders; Nutritional deficiencies; Lipid Disorders; TIA; Congenital anomalies (44-48, 51-53, 58, 112, 213-217)	1,357	0.69	-0.473	0.099	<0.001	0.623	0.514	0.755
Diabetes With and Without Complications (49, 50)	6,560	3.36	-0.120	0.078	0.1241	0.887	0.762	1.033
Orthopedic Conditions, e.g., Gout, Infective Arthritis, Bone and Connective Tissue Diseases (54, 201, 203-204, 206, 208-209, 211-212)	5,326	2.72	-0.189	0.078	0.0161	0.828	0.710	0.966

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Quality Reporting Program (QRP), 2012-2013 (continued)

Risk Adjuster	N	%	Estimate	SE ¹	p-value	Odds Ratio (OR)	OR 95% Lower CL ²	OR 95% Upper CL
Fluid / Electrolyte Disorders (55)	1,296	0.66	-0.462	0.100	<0.001	0.630	0.518	0.767
Diseases of Blood and Blood-Forming Organs (56, 57, 59-64)	1,033	0.53	-0.465	0.106	<0.001	0.628	0.510	0.773
Dis Nerv Syst: Meningitis, Encephalitis, Other CNS infections, Polio (76-78)	849	0.43	-0.462	0.110	<0.001	0.630	0.508	0.781
Dis Nerv Syst: Parkinson's, MS, Other Hered CNS Disease, Paralysis (79-82)	322	0.16	-0.498	0.157	0.0015	0.608	0.447	0.826
Dis Nerv Syst: Epilepsy; Convulsions & Other Nervous Disorders (83, 95)	2,087	1.07	-0.590	0.095	<0.001	0.554	0.460	0.667
Circ Syst: Heart Valve Disorders (96)	1,711	0.88	-0.428	0.102	<0.001	0.652	0.534	0.796
Circ Syst: Carditis & Other Heart Disease (97, 104)	805	0.41	-0.237	0.110	0.0307	0.789	0.637	0.978
Circ Syst: HTN & HTN Complication (98, 99)	1,254	0.64	-0.312	0.100	0.0018	0.732	0.602	0.891
Circ Syst: Acute MI & Cardiac Arrest (100, 107)	3,542	1.81	-0.404	0.086	<0.001	0.667	0.564	0.789
Circ Syst: Coron Athero & Chest Pain (101, 102)	1,662	0.85	-0.465	0.098	<0.001	0.628	0.519	0.761
Circ Syst: Pulmonary Heart Disease (103)	1,023	0.52	-0.386	0.104	0.0002	0.680	0.554	0.834
Circ Syst: Conduction Disorders & Cardiac Dysrhythmia (105, 106)	1,818	0.93	-0.360	0.094	0.0001	0.698	0.581	0.839
Circ Syst: CHF (108)	6,806	3.48	-0.380	0.078	<0.001	0.684	0.587	0.797
Circ Syst: CVD (109-111, 113)	6,357	3.25	-1.114	0.086	<0.001	0.328	0.278	0.389
Circ Syst: Peripheral and Visceral Atherosclerosis (114)	1,760	0.90	-0.355	0.092	0.0001	0.701	0.585	0.840
Circ Syst: Aneurysm (115)	950	0.49	-0.350	0.114	0.0022	0.705	0.563	0.882
Circ Syst: Arterial Embolism & Other Circul Disease (116, 117)	679	0.35	-0.385	0.119	0.0012	0.680	0.539	0.859
Circ Syst: Phlebitis, Varicose Vein, Hemorrhoids, Other Vein Disease (118-121)	984	0.50	-0.424	0.103	<0.001	0.654	0.534	0.801
Resp Syst: Pneumonia, Influenza, Acute Bronchitis, Other Upper Resp Infections (122,123,125-126)	11,022	5.64	-0.408	0.076	<0.001	0.665	0.573	0.771

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Logistic Regression Model Results for Discharge to Community-Post Acute Care (PAC) Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH)
Quality Reporting Program (QRP), 2012-2013 (continued)

Risk Adjuster	N	%	Estimate	SE ¹	p-value	Odds Ratio (OR)	OR 95% Lower CL ²	OR 95% Upper CL
Resp Syst: Tonsillitis, Pleurisy, Pneumothorax, Lung Collapse, Lung Disease d/t External Agents, Other Lower or Upper Respiratory (124, 130, 132-134)	2,274	1.16	-0.448	0.089	<0.001	0.639	0.537	0.760
Resp Syst: COPD & Asthma (127-128)	6,012	3.08	-0.321	0.078	<0.001	0.726	0.623	0.845
Resp Syst: Aspiration Pneumonia (129)	4,539	2.32	-0.719	0.085	<0.001	0.487	0.413	0.576
Resp Syst: Adult Respiratory Failure (131)	12,968	6.63	-0.450	0.076	<0.001	0.638	0.549	0.741
Diseases of Digestive System (135-144, 146-148, 154, 155)	7,412	3.79	-0.299	0.077	0.0001	0.742	0.637	0.863
Digestive System-Intestinal Obstruction Without Hernia (145)	2,417	1.24	-0.235	0.088	0.0075	0.790	0.665	0.939
Biliary Disease, Liver Disease, Other Liver Disease, Pancreatic Disorders (149-152)	2,407	1.23	-0.208	0.086	0.0162	0.812	0.686	0.962
GI Hemorrhage (153)	1,543	0.79	-0.493	0.100	<0.001	0.611	0.502	0.743
Genitourinary: Acute or Chronic Renal Failure (157,158)	4,175	2.14	-0.450	0.082	<0.001	0.638	0.543	0.749
Genitourinary: UTI (159)	2,869	1.47	-0.433	0.086	<0.001	0.649	0.548	0.767
Diseases of Skin & Subcutaneous Tissue and Burns (167; 197-200, 240)	10,523	5.38	-0.232	0.075	0.0021	0.793	0.684	0.919
Rheumatoid Arthritis, Lupus, Other Connective Tissue Disease (202, 210, 211)	83	0.04	-0.657	0.267	0.0138	0.518	0.307	0.874
Back Problems (205)	1,029	0.53	-0.388	0.102	0.0001	0.678	0.555	0.829
Fractures: Pathological, Skull, Arm, Leg, Other (207, 228-231)	3,100	1.59	-0.733	0.088	<0.001	0.481	0.404	0.571
Intracranial Injury (233)	2,005	1.03	-1.104	0.111	<0.001	0.331	0.267	0.412
Injury: Joint Disorders, Sprains, Intracranial Injury, Crush Injury, Open Wounds of Head Neck and Trunk (225, 232, 234, 235, 236, 239, 244)	1,510	0.77	-0.277	0.096	0.004	0.758	0.628	0.915
Fracture of Hip (226)	2,236	1.14	-0.939	0.098	<0.001	0.391	0.323	0.474
Spinal Cord Injury (227)	368	0.19	-1.155	0.196	<0.001	0.315	0.215	0.463
Complications of Device, Procedures, or Medical Care (237-238)	18,183	9.30	-0.194	0.074	0.0088	0.824	0.713	0.952
Symptoms, Signs, and Ill-Defined Conditions and Factors Influencing Health Status (245-247, 249-259)	2,091	1.07	-0.363	0.109	0.0008	0.696	0.562	0.861

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Logistic Regression Model Results for Discharge to Community-Post Acute Care (PAC) Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH)
Quality Reporting Program (QRP), 2012-2013 (continued)

Risk Adjuster	N	%	Estimate	SE ¹	p-value	Odds Ratio (OR)	OR 95% Lower CL ²	OR 95% Upper CL
Gangrene (248)	1,221	0.62	-0.202	0.109	0.064	0.817	0.660	1.012
Mental Illness (650-670)	2,410	1.23	-0.163	0.091	0.0734	0.850	0.711	1.016
Ventilator Use in LTCH								
Prolonged Ventilation in LTCH	32,793	16.78	-1.090	0.025	<0.001	0.336	0.320	0.353
Surgical Categories based on Prior Acute Stay								
Cardio Thoracic	9,161	4.69	0.399	0.035	<0.001	1.490	1.391	1.595
Obstetrics/Gynecology or Neurosurgery	4,660	2.38	-0.097	0.050	0.0526	0.908	0.823	1.001
Orthopedics	18,106	9.26	-0.125	0.022	<0.001	0.883	0.845	0.922
General	25,698	13.15	0.046	0.021	0.0251	1.047	1.006	1.090
Otolaryngology	1,441	0.74	0.165	0.070	0.0178	1.179	1.029	1.351
Dialysis in Prior Acute Stay where End-Stage Renal Disease not Indicated								
Dialysis Where HCC133 (End-Stage Renal Disease) Not Indicated	8,744	4.47	-0.121	0.033	0.0002	0.886	0.830	0.945
Prior Acute Length of Stay in Non-Psychiatric Hospital or Prior Stay in Psychiatric Hospital (Reference: Psychiatric Hospital Stay Irrespective Of Length)								
1-7 Days in Non-Psychiatric Hospital	72,709	37.20	-0.148	0.095	0.1186	0.863	0.717	1.038
8-11 Days in Non-Psychiatric Hospital	41,744	21.36	-0.230	0.095	0.0159	0.795	0.659	0.958
12-30 Days in Non-Psychiatric Hospital	68,947	35.27	-0.394	0.096	<0.001	0.675	0.559	0.814
30+ Days in Non-Psychiatric Hospital	11,226	5.74	-0.651	0.103	<0.001	0.522	0.426	0.639
Number of Intensive/Cardiac Care Days during Prior Acute Stay (Reference: 0 ICU/CCU Days)								
1-3 Days in ICU/CCU	21,858	11.18	-0.097	0.019	<0.001	0.908	0.875	0.942
4-6 Days in ICU/CCU	24,436	12.50	-0.204	0.019	<0.001	0.816	0.785	0.847
7-9 Days in ICU/CCU	20,193	10.33	-0.221	0.022	<0.001	0.802	0.768	0.838
10-13 Days in ICU/CCU	19,516	9.98	-0.284	0.025	<0.001	0.753	0.717	0.791
14-18 Days in ICU/CCU	16,990	8.69	-0.384	0.030	<0.001	0.681	0.642	0.722

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Quality Reporting Program (QRP), 2012-2013 (continued)

Risk Adjuster	N	%	Estimate	SE ¹	p-value	Odds Ratio (OR)	OR 95% Lower CL ²	OR 95% Upper CL
19-24 Days in ICU/CCU	12,270	6.28	-0.493	0.036	<0.001	0.611	0.570	0.655
25+ Days in ICU/CCU	13,179	6.74	-0.598	0.043	<0.001	0.550	0.505	0.598
Comorbidities - Hierarchical Condition Categories (HCCs) (* indicates that the HCC is based on the most recent acute care claim only. HCCs not preceded by * are based on acute care claims from the past 365 days (including the most recent acute care claim)).								
HCC1: HIV/AIDS	1,147	0.59	-0.145	0.071	0.0416	0.865	0.753	0.995
HCC2: Septicemia, Sepsis, Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome/Shock*	63,516	32.50	-0.117	0.019	<0.001	0.889	0.856	0.924
HCC3-HCC5: Bacterial, Fungal, and Parasitic Central Nervous System Infections, Viral and Late Effects Central Nervous System Infections, Tuberculosis*	2,603	1.33	-0.078	0.050	0.1192	0.925	0.838	1.020
HCC6: Opportunistic Infections	5,012	2.56	-0.051	0.040	0.2006	0.951	0.880	1.027
HCC8: Metastatic Cancer and Acute Leukemia	5,196	2.66	-0.419	0.038	<0.001	0.658	0.610	0.709
HCC9: Lung and Other Severe Cancers	3,640	1.86	-0.241	0.045	<0.001	0.786	0.720	0.858
HCC10: Lymphoma and Other Cancers	2,998	1.53	-0.078	0.047	0.097	0.925	0.844	1.014
HCC11: Colorectal, Bladder, and Other Cancers	2,296	1.17	-0.085	0.054	0.1167	0.918	0.825	1.022
HCC15: Other Neoplasms	1,916	0.98	-0.167	0.060	0.0056	0.846	0.752	0.952
HCC17: Diabetes With Acute Complications	2,562	1.31	-0.115	0.055	0.0368	0.892	0.801	0.993
HCC18; HCC19: Diabetes With Chronic Complications; Diabetes Without Complication	94,353	48.27	-0.052	0.013	<0.001	0.949	0.926	0.973
HCC20: Type I Diabetes Mellitus	4,011	2.05	-0.077	0.043	0.0724	0.926	0.852	1.007
HCC21: Protein-Calorie Malnutrition	73,475	37.59	-0.191	0.013	<0.001	0.826	0.805	0.848
HCC22: Morbid Obesity	34,400	17.60	-0.169	0.016	<0.001	0.845	0.818	0.872
HCC24: Disorders of Fluid/Electrolyte/Acid-Base Balance	142,752	73.03	-0.084	0.014	<0.001	0.919	0.895	0.944
HCC27: End-Stage Liver Disease	4,544	2.32	-0.332	0.041	<0.001	0.717	0.662	0.777
HCC28: Cirrhosis of Liver	3,411	1.75	-0.199	0.044	<0.001	0.819	0.752	0.893

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Quality Reporting Program (QRP), 2012-2013 (continued)

Risk Adjuster	N	%	Estimate	SE ¹	p-value	Odds Ratio (OR)	OR 95% Lower CL ²	OR 95% Upper CL
HCC35: Inflammatory Bowel Disease	2,329	1.19	-0.110	0.054	0.0405	0.896	0.807	0.995
HCC36: Peptic Ulcer, Hemorrhage, Other Specified Gastrointestinal Disorders*	27,556	14.10	-0.139	0.019	<0.001	0.870	0.839	0.903
HCC44: Congenital/Developmental Skeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders	205	0.10	-0.336	0.175	0.0545	0.715	0.508	1.006
HCC46: Severe Hematological Disorders	2,937	1.50	-0.046	0.050	0.3605	0.955	0.867	1.053
HCC48: Coagulation Defects and Other Specified Hematological Disorders	35,505	18.16	-0.028	0.017	0.1008	0.973	0.942	1.005
HCC49: Iron Deficiency and Other/Unspecified Anemias and Blood Disease*	86,156	44.08	-0.040	0.012	0.0013	0.961	0.938	0.985
HCC50: Delirium and Encephalopathy	49,551	25.35	-0.181	0.016	<0.001	0.835	0.809	0.860
HCC51: Dementia With Complications	6,597	3.38	-0.848	0.046	<0.001	0.428	0.391	0.469
HCC52: Dementia Without Complication	35,564	18.19	-0.573	0.019	<0.001	0.564	0.543	0.585
HCC53: Nonpsychotic Organic Brain Syndromes/Conditions	1,535	0.79	-0.134	0.064	0.0372	0.875	0.771	0.992
HCC57: Schizophrenia	6,654	3.40	-0.764	0.037	<0.001	0.466	0.433	0.501
HCC58: Major Depressive, Bipolar, and Paranoid Disorders	12,739	6.52	-0.277	0.025	<0.001	0.758	0.722	0.796
HCC59: Reactive and Unspecified Psychosis	4,324	2.21	-0.304	0.044	<0.001	0.738	0.677	0.805
HCC60: Personality Disorders	484	0.25	-0.500	0.114	<0.001	0.607	0.485	0.758
HCC61: Depression	36,124	18.48	-0.135	0.016	<0.001	0.873	0.847	0.901
HCC63: Other Psychiatric Disorders	13,299	6.80	-0.031	0.023	0.1707	0.969	0.927	1.014
HCC64-HCC67: Profound Mental Retardation/Developmental Disability; Severe Mental Retardation/Developmental Disability; Moderate Mental Retardation/Developmental Disability; Mild Mental Retardation, Autism, Down Syndrome	4,315	2.21	-0.457	0.043	<0.001	0.633	0.581	0.689
HCC72: Spinal Cord Disorders/Injuries	1,527	0.78	-0.105	0.066	0.1108	0.900	0.792	1.024
HCC74: Cerebral Palsy	1,590	0.81	-0.283	0.068	<0.001	0.753	0.660	0.861

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Table 1-1.
Logistic Regression Model Results for Discharge to Community-Post Acute Care (PAC) Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH)
Quality Reporting Program (QRP), 2012-2013 (continued)

Risk Adjuster	N	%	Estimate	SE ¹	p-value	Odds Ratio (OR)	OR 95% Lower CL ²	OR 95% Upper CL
HCC77: Multiple Sclerosis	2,282	1.17	-0.321	0.054	<0.001	0.726	0.653	0.806
HCC78: Parkinson's and Huntington's Diseases	5,829	2.98	-0.251	0.040	<0.001	0.778	0.720	0.841
HCC79: Seizure Disorders and Convulsions	19,723	10.09	-0.089	0.022	<0.001	0.915	0.876	0.955
HCC80: Coma, Brain Compression/Anoxic Damage	9,140	4.68	-0.422	0.040	<0.001	0.656	0.607	0.709
HCC82: Respirator Dependence/Tracheostomy Status	15,187	7.77	-0.080	0.030	0.0076	0.923	0.870	0.979
HCC83: Respiratory Arrest	647	0.33	-0.324	0.121	0.0073	0.723	0.571	0.916
HCC84: Cardio-Respiratory Failure and Shock	81,773	41.84	-0.169	0.015	<0.001	0.844	0.821	0.869
HCC85: Congestive Heart Failure	93,332	47.75	-0.094	0.013	<0.001	0.911	0.887	0.935
HCC86: Acute Myocardial Infarction*	7,809	4.00	-0.099	0.035	0.0043	0.906	0.847	0.969
HCC96: Specified Heart Arrhythmias	73,076	37.39	-0.148	0.014	<0.001	0.863	0.840	0.886
HCC99: Cerebral Hemorrhage*	1,699	0.87	-0.304	0.089	0.0006	0.738	0.620	0.878
HCC100: Ischemic or Unspecified Stroke*	4,296	2.20	-0.682	0.057	<0.001	0.506	0.453	0.565
HCC102: Cerebrovascular Atherosclerosis, Aneurysm, and Other Disease*	2,265	1.16	-0.128	0.065	0.0487	0.880	0.775	0.999
HCC103: Hemiplegia/Hemiparesis*	11,632	5.95	-0.595	0.034	<0.001	0.551	0.516	0.589
HCC104: Monoplegia, Other Paralytic Syndromes*	593	0.30	-0.361	0.117	0.0021	0.697	0.554	0.877
HCC105: Late Effects of Cerebrovascular Disease, Except Paralysis*	5,642	2.89	-0.269	0.040	<0.001	0.764	0.707	0.826
HCC106: Atherosclerosis of the Extremities With Ulceration or Gangrene	11,846	6.06	-0.238	0.027	<0.001	0.788	0.747	0.831
HCC107: Vascular Disease With Complications*	6,263	3.20	-0.070	0.035	0.0466	0.933	0.871	0.999
HCC108: Vascular Disease*	30,430	15.57	-0.022	0.017	0.1874	0.978	0.946	1.011
HCC109: Other Circulatory Disease	29,467	15.08	-0.025	0.017	0.1357	0.975	0.944	1.008
HCC114: Aspiration and Specified Bacterial Pneumonias*	31,975	16.36	-0.183	0.021	<0.001	0.833	0.799	0.869
HCC116: Viral and Unspecified Pneumonia, Pleurisy*	32,547	16.65	-0.123	0.018	<0.001	0.884	0.854	0.915

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Logistic Regression Model Results for Discharge to Community-Post Acute Care (PAC) Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH)
Quality Reporting Program (QRP), 2012-2013 (continued)

Risk Adjuster	N	%	Estimate	SE ¹	p-value	Odds Ratio (OR)	OR 95% Lower CL ²	OR 95% Upper CL
HCC119: Legally Blind	3,340	1.71	-0.217	0.048	<0.001	0.805	0.733	0.884
HCC120-HCC125: Major Eye Infections/Inflammations; Retinal Detachment; Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy and Vitreous Hemorrhage; Diabetic and Other Vascular Retinopathies; Exudative Macular Degeneration; Other Retinal Disorders	8,636	4.42	-0.040	0.030	0.1829	0.961	0.907	1.019
HCC126: Glaucoma*	3,648	1.87	-0.057	0.043	0.1873	0.945	0.868	1.028
HCC132: Kidney Transplant Status	2,025	1.04	-0.117	0.057	0.0417	0.890	0.795	0.996
HCC133: End-Stage Renal Disease	20,754	10.62	-0.294	0.022	<0.001	0.746	0.714	0.779
HCC134: Dialysis Status*	453	0.23	-0.104	0.124	0.4023	0.902	0.708	1.149
HCC135: Acute Renal Failure	77,370	39.58	-0.149	0.014	<0.001	0.862	0.838	0.887
HCC136: Chronic Kidney Disease, Stage 5	203	0.10	-0.336	0.180	0.0628	0.715	0.502	1.018
HCC137: Chronic Kidney Disease, Severe (Stage 4)	1,229	0.63	-0.172	0.071	0.0154	0.842	0.733	0.968
HCC138; HCC139: Chronic Kidney Disease, Moderate (Stage 3); Chronic Kidney Disease, Mild or Unspecified (Stages 1-2 or Unspecified)	12,092	6.19	-0.040	0.024	0.0956	0.960	0.916	1.007
HCC144: Urinary Tract Infection	75,304	38.53	-0.156	0.013	<0.001	0.855	0.833	0.878
HCC157: Pressure Ulcer of Skin With Necrosis Through to Muscle, Tendon, or Bone	13,248	6.78	-0.498	0.027	<0.001	0.608	0.576	0.641
HCC158: Pressure Ulcer of Skin With Full Thickness Skin Loss	10,229	5.23	-0.535	0.031	<0.001	0.586	0.551	0.622
HCC159: Pressure Ulcer of Skin With Partial Thickness Skin Loss	9,377	4.80	-0.492	0.032	<0.001	0.611	0.574	0.651
HCC160: Pressure Pre-Ulcer Skin Changes or Unspecified Stage	8,520	4.36	-0.449	0.033	<0.001	0.638	0.599	0.680
HCC161: Chronic Ulcer of Skin, Except Pressure	12,384	6.34	-0.083	0.024	0.0005	0.921	0.879	0.964
HCC162; HCC163: Severe Skin Burn or Condition; Moderate Skin Burn or Condition	553	0.28	-0.218	0.111	0.0504	0.804	0.647	1.000
HCC166-HCC168: Severe Head Injury; Major Head Injury; Concussion or Unspecified Head Injury	3,615	1.85	-0.101	0.051	0.0457	0.904	0.818	0.998

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Logistic Regression Model Results for Discharge to Community-Post Acute Care (PAC) Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH)
Quality Reporting Program (QRP), 2012-2013 (continued)

Risk Adjuster	N	%	Estimate	SE ¹	p-value	Odds Ratio (OR)	OR 95% Lower CL ²	OR 95% Upper CL
HCC169: Vertebral Fractures Without Spinal Cord Injury	4,511	2.31	-0.156	0.044	0.0004	0.856	0.785	0.933
HCC170: Hip Fracture/Dislocation	2,758	1.41	-0.269	0.057	<0.001	0.764	0.683	0.855
HCC171: Major Fracture, Except of Skull, Vertebrae, or Hip	3,004	1.54	-0.192	0.053	0.0003	0.826	0.745	0.915
HCC173: Traumatic Amputations and Complications	1,358	0.69	-0.140	0.080	0.0802	0.870	0.744	1.017
HCC174: Other Injuries	48,462	24.79	-0.058	0.015	0.0002	0.944	0.916	0.973
HCC176: Complications of Specified Implanted Device or Graft*	7,688	3.93	-0.059	0.031	0.0599	0.943	0.887	1.002
HCC188: Artificial Openings for Feeding or Elimination	21,176	10.83	-0.095	0.023	<0.001	0.910	0.870	0.951
HCC189; HCC190: Amputation Status, Lower Limb/Amputation Complications; Amputation Status, Upper Limb	7,819	4.00	-0.031	0.030	0.2931	0.970	0.915	1.027
Acute History: Number of Hospital Stays in Past Year, Excluding Most Recent Stay (Reference: No stays)								
1 Stay	45,835	23.45	-0.085	0.016	<0.001	0.919	0.890	0.948
2 Stays	28,461	14.56	-0.081	0.019	<0.001	0.922	0.888	0.958
3 Stays	21,514	11.01	-0.186	0.022	<0.001	0.831	0.795	0.867
4 Stays	12,248	6.27	-0.195	0.028	<0.001	0.823	0.780	0.869
5 Stays	9,538	4.88	-0.307	0.031	<0.001	0.735	0.692	0.782
6 Stays	6,045	3.09	-0.305	0.038	<0.001	0.737	0.684	0.794
7 Stays	4,765	2.44	-0.299	0.042	<0.001	0.742	0.683	0.805
8 Stays	2,869	1.47	-0.345	0.053	<0.001	0.709	0.639	0.785
9 Stays	2,666	1.36	-0.429	0.056	<0.001	0.651	0.584	0.727
10+ Stays	7,684	3.93	-0.531	0.036	<0.001	0.588	0.547	0.631

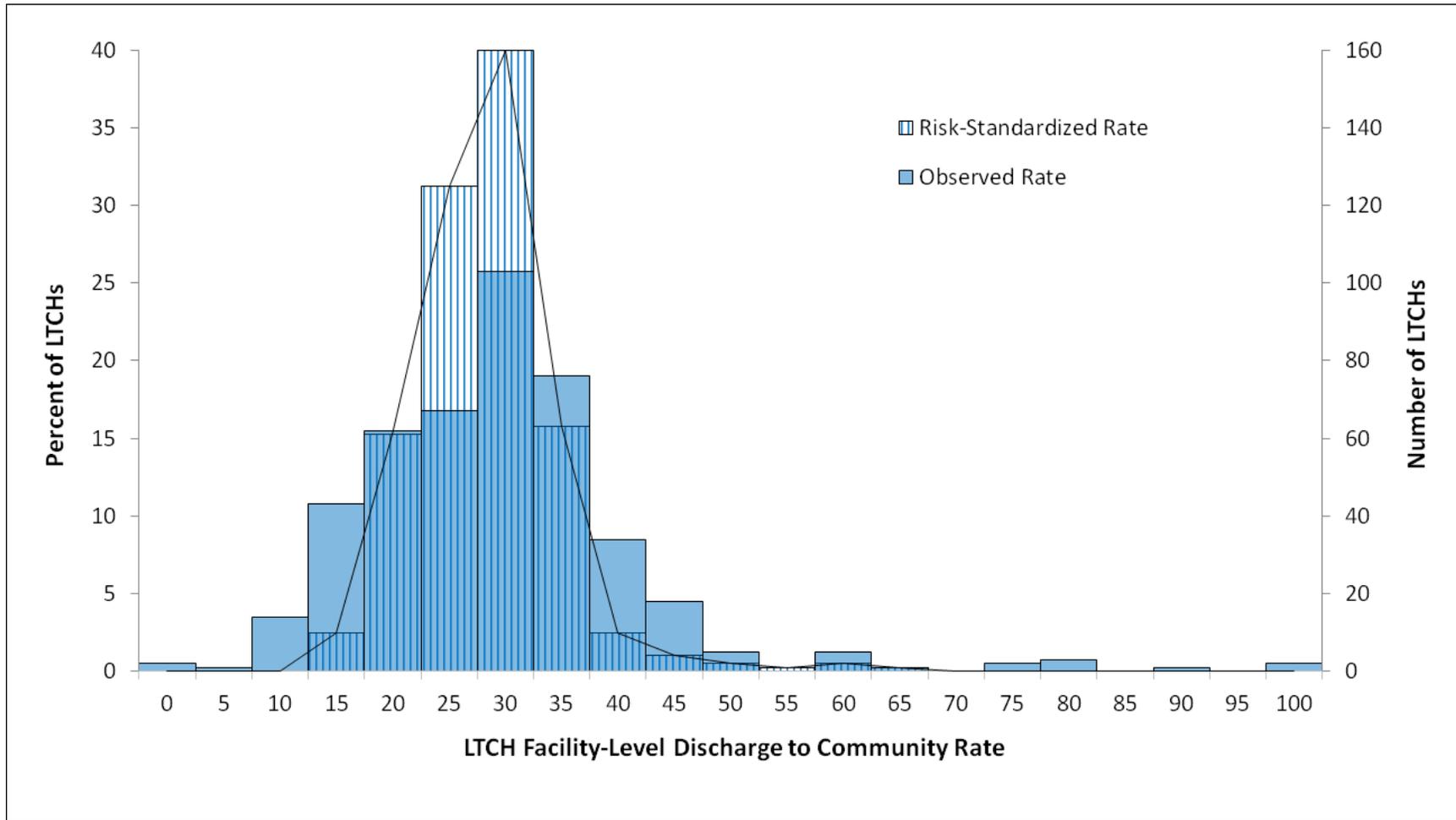
¹ SE = Standard Error; ² CL = Confidence Limit. Source: RTI International analysis of CY 2012-2013 Medicare FFS claims data (program reference: EG08 DTC-LTCH_RA model_01). Note that two risk adjusters were dropped from the final model because they were no longer significant: HCC23: Other Significant Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders; and HCC110-HCC112: Cystic Fibrosis; Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease; Fibrosis of Lung and Other Chronic Lung Disorders.

**Table 1-2.
Long-Term Care Hospital: Facility-Level Observed and Risk-Standardized Discharge to Community Rates,
2012-2013**

Discharge to Community Rate	Mean	SD	Min	1st pctl	5th pctl	10th pctl	25th pctl	50th pctl (Median)	75th pctl	90th pctl	95th pctl	99th pctl	Max
Observed	26.99	12.45	0.00	6.41	11.04	13.66	19.05	26.52	32.23	38.33	43.77	79.17	100.00
Risk-Standardized	25.77	6.37	10.30	13.84	16.43	18.54	21.41	25.67	29.11	31.97	34.89	49.22	64.88

NOTE: Based on CY 2012-2013 Medicare fee-for-service claims data from 439 LTCHs. Facility-level number of LTCH stays ranged from 1 to 3,014, with a mean of 445.2 and median of 370.0. SD = standard deviation, pctl = percentile. Source: RTI International analysis of Medicare claims data (program reference: EG08 DTC-LTCH_RA model_01).

Figure 1-1.
Long-Term Care Hospital: Facility-Level Observed and Risk-Standardized Discharge to Community, 2012-2013



NOTE: Based on CY 2012-2013 Medicare fee-for-service claims data from 439 LTCHs. Facility-level number of LTCH stays ranged from 1 to 3,014, with a mean of 445.2 and median of 370.0. Solid bars represent the observed rate distribution, striped bars represent the risk-standardized rate distribution; the overlap between solid and striped bars represents the overlap between observed and risk-standardized rate distributions. The line tracks the risk-standardized discharge to community rate. Source: RTI International analysis (program reference: EG08 DTC-LTCH_RA model_01).

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POTENTIALLY PREVENTABLE 30-DAY POST-DISCHARGE READMISSION
MEASURE FOR LONG-TERM CARE HOSPITAL (LTCH) QUALITY REPORTING
PROGRAM (QRP)

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Table 2-1.
List of Conditions for Defining Potentially Preventable Hospital Readmissions for 30-Days
Post-PAC Discharge with ICD-9 Codes

Note: These conditions will be used for the post-PAC discharge measures.

Conditions	Diagnosis	ICD-9- CM	Clinical Rationale
Adult asthma*	*Extrinsic asthma NOS	493.00	Inadequate management of chronic conditions
	*Ext asthma w/ status asth	493.01	
	*Ext asthma w(acute) exac	493.02	
	*Intrinsic asthma NOS	493.10	
	*Int asthma w status asth	493.11	
	*Int asthma w (ac) exac	493.12	
	*Chronic obst asthma NOS	493.20	
	*Ch ob asthma w stat asth	493.21	
	*Ch obst asth w (ac) exac	493.22	
	*Exercise ind bronchospasm	493.81	
	*Cough variant asthma	493.82	
	*Asthma NOS	493.90	
	*Asthma w status asth mat	493.91	
	*Asthma NOS w (ac) exac	493.92	
	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)*	*Simple Chr Bronchitis	
*Mucopurul Chr Bronchitis		491.1	
*Obs Chr Brnc w/o act exa		491.20	
*Obs Chr Brnc w/ act exa		491.21	
*Obs Chr Bronc w/ ac Bronc		491.22	
*Chronic Bronchitis NEC		491.8	
*Chronic Bronchitis NOS		491.9	
*Emphysematous Bleb		492.0	
*Emphysema NEC		492.8	
*Bronchiectasis		494	
*Bronchiectas w/o ac exac		494.0	
*Bronchiectasis w/ ac exac		494.1	
*Chr airway obstruct NEC		496	
^Acute Bronchitis		466.0	
^Bronchitis NOS		490	

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Table 2-1.
List of Conditions for Defining Potentially Preventable Hospital Readmissions for 30-Days
Post-PAC Discharge with ICD-9 Codes (continued)

Note: These conditions will be used for the post-PAC discharge measures.

Conditions	Diagnosis	ICD-9- CM	Clinical Rationale
Congestive heart failure (CHF)*	*Rheumatic Heart Failure	398.91	Inadequate management of chronic conditions
	*Mal hypert hrt dis w/ CHF	402.01	
	*Benign hyp hrt dis w CHF	402.11	
	*Hyperten heart dis w CHF	402.91	
	*Mal hyper hrt/ren w/ CHF	404.01	
	*Mal hyp hrt/ren w CHF/RF	404.03	
	*Ben hyper hrt/ren w CHF	404.11	
	*Ben hyp hrt/ren w CHF/RF	404.13	
	*Hyper hrt/ren NOS w CHF	404.91	
	*Hyp Ht/Ren NOS w CHR	404.93	
	*Congestive Heart Failure	428.0	
	*Left heart failure	428.1	
	*Systolic hrt failure NOS	428.20	
	*AC systolic hrt failure	428.21	
	*Chr systolic hrt failure	428.22	
	*AC on chr syst hrt fail	428.23	
	*Diastolic hrt failure NOS	428.30	
	*AC diastolic hrt failure	428.31	
	*Chr diastolic hrt fail	428.32	
	*AC on chr diast hrt fail	428.33	
	*Syst/diast hrt fail NOS	428.40	
	*AC syst/diastole hrt fail	428.41	
	*Chr syst/diastl hrt fail	428.42	
*AC/CHR syst/dia hrt fail	428.43		
*Heart Failure NOS	428.9		
Acute lung edema NOS	518.4		
Diabetes short-term complication*	Secondary diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis	249.1X	Inadequate management of chronic conditions
	Secondary diabetes mellitus with hyperosmolarity	249.2X	
	Secondary diabetes mellitus with other coma	249.3X	
	Secondary diabetes mellitus with other specified manifestations (hypoglycemia)	249.8X	

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Table 2-1.
List of Conditions for Defining Potentially Preventable Hospital Readmissions for 30-Days
Post-PAC Discharge with ICD-9 Codes (continued)

Note: These conditions will be used for the post-PAC discharge measures.

Conditions	Diagnosis	ICD-9- CM	Clinical Rationale
	Diabetes with other specified manifestations (hypoglycemia)	250.8X	
	*DM Keto T2, DM Cont	250.10	
	*DM Keto T1, DM Cont	250.11	
	*DM Keto T2, DM Uncont	250.12	
	*DM Keto T1, DM Uncont	250.13	
	*DM W/ Hyprosm T2, DM Cont	250.20	
	*DM W/ Hyprosm T1, DM Cont	250.21	
	*DM W/ Hyprosm T2, DM Uncnt	250.22	
	*DM W/ Hyprosm T1, DM Uncnt	250.23	
	*DM Coma Nec Typ Ii, DM Cnt	250.30	
	*DM Coma Nec T1, DM Cont	250.31	
	*DM Coma Nec T2, DM Uncont	250.32	
	*DM Coma Nec T1, DM Uncont	250.33	
Hypertension*/ Hypotension	*Malignant Hypertension	401.0	Inadequate management of chronic conditions
	*Hypertension NOS	401.9	
	*Mal Hyperten hrt dis NOS	402.00	
	*Benign hyp ht dis w/o hf	402.10	
	*Hyp hrt dis NOS w/o hf	402.90	
	*Mal hyp ren w/o ren fail	403.00	
	*Ben hy kid w cr kid I-IV	403.10	
	*Hy kid NOS w cr kid I-IV	403.90	
	*Mal hy ht/ren w/o chf/rf	404.00	
	*Ben hy ht/ren w/o chf/rf	404.10	
	*Hy ht/ren NOS w/o chf/rf	404.90	
	Orthostatic hypotension	458.0	
	Chronic hypotension	458.1	
	Iatrogenic hypotension NEC	458.29	
	Hypotension NEC	458.8	
	Hypotension NOS	458.9	
Influenza	Influenza	487.X	Inadequate management of infection
	Influenza due to identified avian influenza virus	488.X	

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**Table 2-1.
List of Conditions for Defining Potentially Preventable Hospital Readmissions for 30-Days
Post-PAC Discharge with ICD-9 Codes (continued)**

Note: These conditions will be used for the post-PAC discharge measures.

Conditions	Diagnosis	ICD-9- CM	Clinical Rationale
Bacterial pneumonia*	*Pneumococcal Pneumonia	481	Inadequate management of infection
	*H.Influenzae Pneumonia	482.2	
	*Strep Pneumonia Unspec	482.30	
	*Grp A Strep Pneumonia	482.31	
	*Grp B Strep Pneumonia	482.32	
	*Oth Strep Pneumonia	482.39	
	*Meth Sus Pneum D/T Staph	482.41	
	*Meth Res Pneu D/T Staph	482.42	
	*Bacterial Pneumonia Nos	482.9	
	*Mycoplasma Pneumonia	483.0	
	*Chlamydia Pneumonia	483.1	
	*Oth Spec Org Pneumonia	483.8	
	*Broncopneumonia Org Nos	485	
	*Pneumonia, Organism Nos	486	
Urinary tract infection*/Kidney infection	*Ac pyelonephritis NOS	590.10	Inadequate management of infection
	*Ac pyelonephr w med necr	590.11	
	*Renal/perirenal abscess	590.2	
	*Pyeloureteritis cystica	590.3	
	*Pyelonephritis NOS	590.80	
	*Pyelonephrit in oth dis	590.81	
	*Infection of kidney NOS	590.9	
	*Acute cystitis	595.0	
	Urethral abscess	597.0	
	*Urin tract infection NOS	599.0	
C. difficile infection [135 subset]	Intestinal infection due to Clostridium difficile	008.45	Inadequate management of infection
Septicemia (except in labor) [2]	Salmonella septicemia	003.1	Inadequate management of infection
	Septicemic plague	020.2	
	Anthrax septicemia	022.3	
	Meningococemia	036.2	
	Streptococcal septicemia	038.0	
	Staphylococcal septicemia	038.1	
	Staphylococcal septicemia, unspecified	038.10	

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List of Conditions for Defining Potentially Preventable Hospital Readmissions for 30-Days
Post-PAC Discharge with ICD-9 Codes (continued)

Note: These conditions will be used for the post-PAC discharge measures.

Conditions	Diagnosis	ICD-9- CM	Clinical Rationale
	Methicillin susceptible Staphylococcus aureus septicemia	038.11	
	Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus septicemia	038.12	
	Other staphylococcal septicemia	038.19	
	Pneumococcal septicemia [Streptococcus pneumoniae septicemia]	038.2	
	Septicemia due to anaerobes	038.3	
	Septicemia due to gram-negative organism, unspecified	038.40	
	Septicemia due to hemophilus influenzae [H. influenzae]	038.41	
	Septicemia due to escherichia coli [E. coli]	038.42	
	Septicemia due to pseudomonas	038.43	
	Septicemia due to serratia	038.44	
	Other septicemia due to gram- negative organisms	038.49	
	Other specified septicemias	038.8	
	Unspecified septicemia	038.9	
	Herpetic septicemia	054.5	
	Septic arterial embolism	449	
	Sepsis	995.91	
	Severe sepsis	995.92	
	Septic shock	785.52	
Skin and subcutaneous tissue infections [17]	Cellulitis and abscess of finger, unspecified	681.00	Inadequate management of infection
	Cellulitis and abscess of toe, unspecified	681.10	
	Cellulitis and abscess of unspecified digit	681.9	
	Cellulitis and abscess of face	682.0	
	Cellulitis and abscess of neck	682.1	
	Cellulitis and abscess of trunk	682.2	
	Cellulitis and abscess of upper arm and forearm	682.3	
	Cellulitis and abscess of hand, except fingers and thumb	682.4	
Cellulitis and abscess of buttock	682.5		

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List of Conditions for Defining Potentially Preventable Hospital Readmissions for 30-Days
Post-PAC Discharge with ICD-9 Codes (continued)

Note: These conditions will be used for the post-PAC discharge measures.

Conditions	Diagnosis	ICD-9- CM	Clinical Rationale
	Cellulitis and abscess of leg, except foot	682.6	
	Cellulitis and abscess of foot, except toes	682.7	
	Cellulitis and abscess of other specified sites	682.8	
	Cellulitis and abscess of unspecified sites	682.9	
	Other specified local infections of skin and subcutaneous tissue	686.8	
	Unspecified local infection of skin and subcutaneous tissue	686.9	
Dehydration*/ Electrolyte imbalance [55]	**Hyperosmolality and/or hypernatremia	276.0	Inadequate management of other unplanned events
	Hyposmolality and/or hyponatremia	276.1	
	Acidosis	276.2	
	Alkalosis	276.3	
	Mixed acid-base balance disorder	276.4	
	*Volume depletion, unspecified	276.50	
	*Dehydration	276.51	
	*Hypovolemia	276.52	
	Fluid overload disorder	276.6	
	Other fluid overload	276.69	
	Hyperpotassemia	276.7	
	Hypopotassemia	276.8	
	Electrolyte and fluid disorders not elsewhere classified	276.9	
	**Intes Infec Rotavirus	008.61	
	**Intes Infec Adenovirus	008.62	
	**Int Inf Norwalk Virus	008.63	
	**Int Inf Oth Sml Rnd Vrus	008.64	
	**Intes Infec Calcivirus	008.65	
	**Intes Infec Astrovirus	008.66	
	**Int Inf Enterovirus NEC	008.67	
**Enteritis NOS	008.69		

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**Table 2-1.
List of Conditions for Defining Potentially Preventable Hospital Readmissions for 30-Days
Post-PAC Discharge with ICD-9 Codes (continued)**

Note: These conditions will be used for the post-PAC discharge measures.

Conditions	Diagnosis	ICD-9- CM	Clinical Rationale
	**Viral Enteritis NOS	008.8	
	**Infectious Enteritis NOS	009.0	
	**Enteritis of Infect Orig	009.1	
	**Infectious Diarrhea NOS	009.2	
	**Diarrhea of Infect Orig	009.3	
	**Noninf Gastroenterit NEC	558.9	
Aspiration pneumonitis; food/vomitus [129]	Pneumonitis due to inhalation of food or vomitus	507.0	Inadequate management of other unplanned events
Acute renal failure*	*Acute kidney failure with lesion of tubular necrosis	584.5	Inadequate management of other unplanned events
	*Acute kidney failure with lesion of renal cortical necrosis	584.6	
	*Acute kidney failure with lesion of renal medullary [papillary] necrosis	584.7	
	*Acute kidney failure with other specified pathological lesion in kidney	584.8	
	*Acute kidney failure, unspecified	584.9	
	*Renal Failure NOS	586	
	*Surg Compl-Urinary Tract	997.5	
Arrhythmia	Atrial fibrillation	427.31	Inadequate management of other unplanned events
	Atrial flutter	427.32	
Intestinal impaction [145 subset]	Impaction of intestine, unspecified	560.30	Inadequate management of other unplanned events
	Fecal impaction	560.32	
	Other impaction of intestine	560.39	
Pressure ulcers	Chronic ulcer of skin	707.0X 707.2X	Inadequate management of other unplanned events

SOURCE: List of potentially preventable readmission conditions from RTI International using ICD-9-CM (version: July2016).

NOTES: [###] indicates Clinical Classifications Software (CCS) code

To be considered a potentially preventable readmission, diagnosis codes must be the principal diagnosis on the readmission claim, except where noted.

*Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions (ACSCs)/Prevention Quality Indicators (PQIs)

^Primary diagnosis with COPD as a secondary diagnosis, per ACSC/PQI specifications

** Primary diagnosis with dehydration (codes: 276.50, 276.51, 276.52) as a secondary diagnosis, per ACSC/PQI specifications

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Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
Adult asthma*		J4521	Mild intermittent asthma with (acute) exacerbation
		J4522	Mild intermittent asthma with status asthmaticus
		J4531	Mild persistent asthma with (acute) exacerbation
		J4532	Mild persistent asthma with status asthmaticus
		J4541	Moderate persistent asthma with (acute) exacerbation
		J4542	Moderate persistent asthma with status asthmaticus
		J4551	Severe persistent asthma with (acute) exacerbation
		J4552	Severe persistent asthma with status asthmaticus
		J45901	Unspecified asthma with (acute) exacerbation
		J45902	Unspecified asthma with status asthmaticus
		J45990	Exercise induced bronchospasm
		J45991	Cough variant asthma
		J45998	Other asthma
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)*	Acute Bronchitis^	J200	Acute bronchitis due to Mycoplasma pneumoniae
		J201	Acute bronchitis due to Hemophilus influenzae
		J202	Acute bronchitis due to streptococcus
		J203	Acute bronchitis due to coxsackievirus
		J204	Acute bronchitis due to parainfluenza virus
		J205	Acute bronchitis due to respiratory syncytial virus
		J206	Acute bronchitis due to rhinovirus
		J207	Acute bronchitis due to echovirus
		J208	Acute bronchitis due to other specified organisms
		J209	Acute bronchitis, unspecified
	J40	Bronchitis, not specified as acute or chronic	
	COPD	J410	Simple chronic bronchitis
		J411	Mucopurulent chronic bronchitis
		J418	Mixed simple and mucopurulent chronic bronchitis
		J42	Unspecified chronic bronchitis
		J430	Unilateral pulmonary emphysema [MacLeod's syndrome]
		J431	Panlobular emphysema
		J432	Centrilobular emphysema

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Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
		J438	Other emphysema
		J439	Emphysema, unspecified
		J440	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute lower respiratory infection
		J441	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with (acute) exacerbation
		J449	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, unspecified
		J470	Bronchiectasis with acute lower respiratory infection
		J471	Bronchiectasis with (acute) exacerbation
		J479	Bronchiectasis, uncomplicated
Congestive heart failure (CHF)*		I09.81	Rheumatic heart failure
		I11.0	Hypertensive heart disease with heart failure
		I11.0	Hypertensive heart disease with heart failure
		I11.0	Hypertensive heart disease with heart failure
		I13.0	Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease with heart failure and stage 1 through stage 4 chronic kidney disease, or unspecified chronic kidney disease
		I13.2	Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease with heart failure and with stage 5 chronic kidney disease, or end stage renal disease
		I13.0	Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease with heart failure and stage 1 through stage 4 chronic kidney disease, or unspecified chronic kidney disease
		I13.2	Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease with heart failure and with stage 5 chronic kidney disease, or end stage renal disease
		I13.0	Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease with heart failure and stage 1 through stage 4 chronic kidney disease, or unspecified chronic kidney disease
		I13.2	Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease with heart failure and with stage 5 chronic kidney disease, or end stage renal disease
		I50.9	Heart failure, unspecified
		I50.1	Left ventricular failure
		I50.20	Unspecified systolic (congestive) heart failure
	I50.21	Acute systolic (congestive) heart failure	

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Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
		I50.22	Chronic systolic (congestive) heart failure
		I50.23	Acute on chronic systolic (congestive) heart failure
		I50.30	Unspecified diastolic (congestive) heart failure
		I50.31	Acute diastolic (congestive) heart failure
		I50.32	Chronic diastolic (congestive) heart failure
		I50.33	Acute on chronic diastolic (congestive) heart failure
		I50.40	Unspecified combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
		I50.41	Acute combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
		I50.42	Chronic combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
		I50.43	Acute on chronic combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
		I50.9	Heart failure, unspecified
		J81.0	Acute pulmonary edema
Diabetes short-term complication*		E1010	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis without coma
		E1011	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis with coma
		E10641	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with hypoglycemia with coma
		E1065	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with hyperglycemia
		E1100	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with hyperosmolarity without nonketotic hyperglycemic-hyperosmolar coma (NKHHC)
		E1101	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with hyperosmolarity with coma
		E11641	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with hypoglycemia with coma
		E1165	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with hyperglycemia
		E08.10	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with ketoacidosis without coma
		E09.10	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis without coma
		E13.10	Other specified diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis without coma

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Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
		E08.65	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with hyperglycemia
		E08.01	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with hyperosmolarity with coma
		E09.01	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with hyperosmolarity with coma
		E13.00	Other specified diabetes mellitus with hyperosmolarity without nonketotic hyperglycemic-hyperosmolar coma (NKHHC)
		E08.65	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with hyperglycemia
		E08.11	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with ketoacidosis with coma
		E08.641	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with hypoglycemia with coma
		E09.11	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis with coma
		E09.641	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with hypoglycemia with coma
		E13.11	Other specified diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis with coma
		E13.641	Other specified diabetes mellitus with hypoglycemia with coma
		E09.65	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with hyperglycemia
		E08.618	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other diabetic arthropathy
		E08.620	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic dermatitis
		E08.621	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with foot ulcer
		E08.622	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other skin ulcer
		E08.628	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other skin complications
		E08.630	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with periodontal disease
		E08.638	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other oral complications

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Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
		E08.65	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with hyperglycemia
		E08.69	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with other specified complication
		E09.618	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with other diabetic arthropathy
		E09.621	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with foot ulcer
		E09.622	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with other skin ulcer
		E09.628	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with other skin complications
		E09.630	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with periodontal disease
		E09.638	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with other oral complications
		E09.649	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with hypoglycemia without coma
		E09.65	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with hyperglycemia
		E09.69	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with other specified complication
		E13.620	Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic dermatitis
		E13.621	Other specified diabetes mellitus with foot ulcer
		E13.622	Other specified diabetes mellitus with other skin ulcer
		E13.628	Other specified diabetes mellitus with other skin complications
		E13.638	Other specified diabetes mellitus with other oral complications
		E13.649	Other specified diabetes mellitus with hypoglycemia without coma
		E13.65	Other specified diabetes mellitus with hyperglycemia
		E13.69	Other specified diabetes mellitus with other specified complication
		E09.69	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with other specified complication
		E11.618	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with other diabetic arthropathy

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Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
		E11.620	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic dermatitis
		E11.621	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with foot ulcer
		E11.622	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with other skin ulcer
		E11.628	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with other skin complications
		E11.630	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with periodontal disease
		E11.638	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with other oral complications
		E11.649	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with hypoglycemia without coma
		E11.65	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with hyperglycemia
		E11.69	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with other specified complication
		E10.618	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with other diabetic arthropathy
		E10.620	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with diabetic dermatitis
		E10.621	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with foot ulcer
		E10.622	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with other skin ulcer
		E10.628	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with other skin complications
		E10.630	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with periodontal disease
		E10.638	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with other oral complications
		E10.649	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with hypoglycemia without coma
		E10.65	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with hyperglycemia
		E10.69	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with other specified complication
		Hypotension/ Hypertension*	Hypotension
I95.89	Other hypotension		
I95.2	Hypotension due to drugs		
I95.81	Postprocedural hypotension		
I95.89	Other hypotension		
I95.9	Hypotension, unspecified		
Hypertension	I10		Essential (primary) hypertension
	I119		Hypertensive heart disease without heart failure
	I129		Hypertensive chronic kidney disease with stage 1 through stage 4 chronic kidney disease, or unspecified chronic kidney disease

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Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
		I1310	Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease without heart failure, with stage 1 through stage 4 chronic kidney disease, or unspecified chronic kidney disease
Influenza		J11.00	Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with unspecified type of pneumonia
		J12.9	Viral pneumonia, unspecified
		J10.1	Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations
		J11.1	Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations
		J11.2	Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with gastrointestinal manifestations
		J11.81	Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with encephalopathy
		J11.89	Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with other manifestations
		J09.X1	Influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with pneumonia
		J09.X2	Influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with other respiratory manifestations
		J09.X3	Influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with gastrointestinal manifestations
		J09.X9	Influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with other manifestations
		J10.08	Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other specified pneumonia
Bacterial pneumonia*		J13	Pneumonia due to Streptococcus pneumoniae
		J14	Pneumonia due to Hemophilus influenzae
		J15211	Pneumonia due to Methicillin susceptible Staphylococcus aureus
		J15212	Pneumonia due to Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus
		J153	Pneumonia due to streptococcus, group B
		J154	Pneumonia due to other streptococci
		J157	Pneumonia due to Mycoplasma pneumoniae

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Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
		J159	Unspecified bacterial pneumonia
		J160	Chlamydial pneumonia
		J168	Pneumonia due to other specified infectious organisms
		J180	Bronchopneumonia, unspecified organism
		J181	Lobar pneumonia, unspecified organism
		J188	Other pneumonia, unspecified organism
		J189	Pneumonia, unspecified organism
Urinary tract infection*/ Kidney infection	Urinary tract infection	N10	Acute tubulo-interstitial nephritis
		N119	Chronic tubulo-interstitial nephritis, unspecified
		N12	Tubulo-interstitial nephritis, not specified as acute or
		N151	Renal and perinephric abscess
		N159	Renal tubulo-interstitial disease, unspecified
		N16	Renal tubulo-interstitial disorders in diseases classified elsewhere
		N2884	Pyelitis cystica
		N2885	Pyeloureteritis cystica
		N2886	Ureteritis cystica
		N3000	Acute cystitis without hematuria
		N3001	Acute cystitis with hematuria
		N3090	Cystitis, unspecified without hematuria
		N3091	Cystitis, unspecified with hematuria
		N390	Urinary tract infection, site not specified
	Kidney infection	N30.10	Interstitial cystitis (chronic) without hematuria
		N30.11	Interstitial cystitis (chronic) with hematuria
		N30.20	Other chronic cystitis without hematuria
		N30.21	Other chronic cystitis with hematuria
		N30.80	Other cystitis without hematuria
		N30.81	Other cystitis with hematuria
N34.0		Urethral abscess	

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Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
C. difficile infection [135 subset]		A04.7	Enterocolitis due to Clostridium difficile
Septicemia (except in labor) [2]		A02.1	Salmonella sepsis
		A20.7	Septicemic plague
		A22.7	Anthrax sepsis
		A39.4	Meningococemia, unspecified
		A40.9	Streptococcal sepsis, unspecified
		A41.2	Sepsis due to unspecified staphylococcus
		A41.01	Sepsis due to Methicillin susceptible Staphylococcus aureus
		A41.02	Sepsis due to Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus
		A41.1	Sepsis due to other specified staphylococcus
		A40.3	Sepsis due to Streptococcus pneumoniae
		A41.4	Sepsis due to anaerobes
		A41.50	Gram-negative sepsis, unspecified
		A41.3	Sepsis due to Hemophilus influenzae
		A41.51	Sepsis due to Escherichia coli [E. coli]
		A41.52	Sepsis due to Pseudomonas
		A4153	Sepsis due to Serratia
		A41.59	Other Gram-negative sepsis
		A41.89	Other specified sepsis
		A41.9	Sepsis, unspecified organism
		B00.7	Disseminated herpesviral disease
		I76	Septic arterial embolism
		A41.9	Sepsis, unspecified organism
		R65.20	Severe sepsis without septic shock
	R65.21	Severe sepsis with septic shock	

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Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
Dehydration*/ Electrolyte imbalance [55]	Dehydration	E860	Dehydration
		E861	Hypovolemia
		E869	Volume depletion, unspecified
	Hyperosmolality and/or hypernatremia~	E870	Hyperosmolality and hypernatremia
		E871	Hyposmolality and hyponatremia
	Gastroenteritis~	A080	Rotaviral enteritis
		A0811	Acute gastroenteropathy due to Norwalk agent
		A0819	Acute gastroenteropathy due to other small round
		A082	Aidenoviral enteritis
		A0831	Calicivirus enteritis
		A0832	Astrovirus enteritis
		A0839	Other viral enteritis
		A084	Viral intestinal infection, unspecified
		A088	Other specified intestinal infections
		A09	Infectious gastroenteritis and colitis, unspecified
		K5289	Other specified noninfective gastroenteritis and colitis
		K529	Noninfective gastroenteritis and colitis, unspecified
		E87.2	Acidosis
		E87.3	Alkalosis
		E87.4	Mixed disorder of acid-base balance
		E87.70	Fluid overload, unspecified
		E87.79	Other fluid overload
		E87.5	Hyperkalemia
E87.6		Hypokalemia	
E87.8	Other disorders of electrolyte and fluid balance, not elsewhere classified		
Acute kidney failure		N170	Acute kidney failure with tubular necrosis
		N171	Acute kidney failure with acute cortical necrosis
		N172	Acute kidney failure with medullary necrosis
		N178	Other acute kidney failure
		N179	Acute kidney failure, unspecified

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Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
		N19	Unspecified kidney failure
		N990	Postprocedural (acute) (chronic) kidney failure
Skin and subcutaneous tissue infections [197]		L03.021	Acute lymphangitis of right finger
		L03.022	Acute lymphangitis of left finger
		L03.029	Acute lymphangitis of unspecified finger
		L03.041	Acute lymphangitis of right toe
		L03.042	Acute lymphangitis of left toe
		L03.049	Acute lymphangitis of unspecified toe
		L03.121	Acute lymphangitis of right axilla
		L03.122	Acute lymphangitis of left axilla
		L03.123	Acute lymphangitis of right upper limb
		L03.124	Acute lymphangitis of left upper limb
		L03.125	Acute lymphangitis of right lower limb
		L03.126	Acute lymphangitis of left lower limb
		L03.129	Acute lymphangitis of unspecified part of limb
		L03.212	Acute lymphangitis of face
		L03.222	Acute lymphangitis of neck
		L03.321	Acute lymphangitis of abdominal wall
		L03.322	Acute lymphangitis of back [any part except buttock]
		L03.323	Acute lymphangitis of chest wall
		L03.324	Acute lymphangitis of groin
		L03.325	Acute lymphangitis of perineum
		L03.326	Acute lymphangitis of umbilicus
		L03.327	Acute lymphangitis of buttock
		L03.329	Acute lymphangitis of trunk, unspecified
	L03.891	Acute lymphangitis of head [any part, except face]	
	L03.898	Acute lymphangitis of other sites	
	L03.91	Acute lymphangitis, unspecified	
	L03.011	Cellulitis of right finger	

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Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
		L03.012	Cellulitis of left finger
		L03.019	Cellulitis of unspecified finger
		L03.031	Cellulitis of right toe
		L03.032	Cellulitis of left toe
		L03.039	Cellulitis of unspecified toe
		L03.111	Cellulitis of right axilla
		L03.112	Cellulitis of left axilla
		L03.113	Cellulitis of right upper limb
		L03.114	Cellulitis of left upper limb
		L03.115	Cellulitis of right lower limb
		L03.116	Cellulitis of left lower limb
		L03.119	Cellulitis of unspecified part of limb
		L03.211	Cellulitis of face
		L03.221	Cellulitis of neck
		L03.311	Cellulitis of abdominal wall
		L03.312	Cellulitis of back [any part except buttock]
		L03.313	Cellulitis of chest wall
		L03.314	Cellulitis of groin
		L03.315	Cellulitis of perineum
		L03.316	Cellulitis of umbilicus
		L03.317	Cellulitis of buttock
		L03.319	Cellulitis of trunk, unspecified
		L03.811	Cellulitis of head [any part, except face]
		L03.818	Cellulitis of other sites
		L03.90	Cellulitis, unspecified
		K12.2	Cellulitis and abscess of mouth
		L02.01	Cutaneous abscess of face
		L02.11	Cutaneous abscess of neck
		L02.211	Cutaneous abscess of abdominal wall
		L02.212	Cutaneous abscess of back [any part, except buttock]
		L02.213	Cutaneous abscess of chest wall
		L02.214	Cutaneous abscess of groin
		L02.215	Cutaneous abscess of perineum

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Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
		L02.216	Cutaneous abscess of umbilicus
		L02.219	Cutaneous abscess of trunk, unspecified
		L02.31	Cutaneous abscess of buttock
		L02.411	Cutaneous abscess of right axilla
		L02.412	Cutaneous abscess of left axilla
		L02.413	Cutaneous abscess of right upper limb
		L02.414	Cutaneous abscess of left upper limb
		L02.415	Cutaneous abscess of right lower limb
		L02.416	Cutaneous abscess of left lower limb
		L02.419	Cutaneous abscess of limb, unspecified
		L02.511	Cutaneous abscess of right hand
		L02.512	Cutaneous abscess of left hand
		L02.519	Cutaneous abscess of unspecified hand
		L02.611	Cutaneous abscess of right foot
		L02.612	Cutaneous abscess of left foot
		L02.619	Cutaneous abscess of unspecified foot
		L02.811	Cutaneous abscess of head [any part, except face]
		L02.818	Cutaneous abscess of other sites
		L02.91	Cutaneous abscess, unspecified
		L08.89	Other specified local infections of the skin and subcutaneous tissue
		L08.9	Local infection of the skin and subcutaneous tissue, unspecified
Aspiration pneumonitis; food/vomitus [129]		J69.0	Pneumonitis due to inhalation of food and vomit
Arrhythmia		I48.91	Unspecified atrial fibrillation
		I48.92	Unspecified atrial flutter
		I48.0	Paroxysmal atrial fibrillation
		I48.1	Persistent atrial fibrillation
		I48.3	Typical atrial flutter
		I48.4	Atypical atrial flutter
Intestinal impaction		K56.49	Other impaction of intestine
		K56.41	Fecal impaction

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Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
Pressure ulcers		L89.90	Pressure ulcer of unspecified site, unspecified stage
		L89.009	Pressure ulcer of unspecified elbow, unspecified stage
		L89.119	Pressure ulcer of right upper back, unspecified stage
		L89.129	Pressure ulcer of left upper back, unspecified stage
		L89.139	Pressure ulcer of right lower back, unspecified stage
		L89.149	Pressure ulcer of left lower back, unspecified stage
		L89.159	Pressure ulcer of sacral region, unspecified stage
		L89.209	Pressure ulcer of unspecified hip, unspecified stage
		L89.309	Pressure ulcer of unspecified buttock, unspecified stage
		L89.509	Pressure ulcer of unspecified ankle, unspecified stage
		L89.609	Pressure ulcer of unspecified heel, unspecified stage
		L89.819	Pressure ulcer of head, unspecified stage
		L89.899	Pressure ulcer of other site, unspecified stage
		L89.000	Pressure ulcer of unspecified elbow, unstageable
		L89.003	Pressure ulcer of unspecified elbow, stage 3
		L89.004	Pressure ulcer of unspecified elbow, stage 4
		L89.010	Pressure ulcer of right elbow, unstageable
		L89.013	Pressure ulcer of right elbow, stage 3
		L89.014	Pressure ulcer of right elbow, stage 4
		L89.019	Pressure ulcer of right elbow, unspecified stage
		L89.020	Pressure ulcer of left elbow, unstageable
		L89.023	Pressure ulcer of left elbow, stage 3
		L89.024	Pressure ulcer of left elbow, stage 4
		L89.029	Pressure ulcer of left elbow, unspecified stage
		L89.100	Pressure ulcer of unspecified part of back, unstageable
		L89.103	Pressure ulcer of unspecified part of back, stage 3
		L89.104	Pressure ulcer of unspecified part of back, stage 4
		L89.109	Pressure ulcer of unspecified part of back, unspecified stage
		L89.110	Pressure ulcer of right upper back, unstageable
		L89.113	Pressure ulcer of right upper back, stage 3
		L89.114	Pressure ulcer of right upper back, stage 4
		L89.120	Pressure ulcer of left upper back, unstageable
		L89.123	Pressure ulcer of left upper back, stage 3
	L89.124	Pressure ulcer of left upper back, stage 4	

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Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
		L89.130	Pressure ulcer of right lower back, unstageable
		L89.133	Pressure ulcer of right lower back, stage 3
		L89.134	Pressure ulcer of right lower back, stage 4
		L89.140	Pressure ulcer of left lower back, unstageable
		L89.143	Pressure ulcer of left lower back, stage 3
		L89.144	Pressure ulcer of left lower back, stage 4
		L89.150	Pressure ulcer of sacral region, unstageable
		L89.153	Pressure ulcer of sacral region, stage 3
		L89.154	Pressure ulcer of sacral region, stage 4
		L89.200	Pressure ulcer of unspecified hip, unstageable
		L89.203	Pressure ulcer of unspecified hip, stage 3
		L89.204	Pressure ulcer of unspecified hip, stage 4
		L89.210	Pressure ulcer of right hip, unstageable
		L89.213	Pressure ulcer of right hip, stage 3
		L89.214	Pressure ulcer of right hip, stage 4
		L89.219	Pressure ulcer of right hip, unspecified stage
		L89.220	Pressure ulcer of left hip, unstageable
		L89.223	Pressure ulcer of left hip, stage 3
		L89.224	Pressure ulcer of left hip, stage 4
		L89.229	Pressure ulcer of left hip, unspecified stage
		L89.300	Pressure ulcer of unspecified buttock, unstageable
		L89.303	Pressure ulcer of unspecified buttock, stage 3
		L89.304	Pressure ulcer of unspecified buttock, stage 4
		L89.309	Pressure ulcer of unspecified buttock, unspecified stage
		L89.310	Pressure ulcer of right buttock, unstageable
		L89.313	Pressure ulcer of right buttock, stage 3
		L89.314	Pressure ulcer of right buttock, stage 4
		L89.319	Pressure ulcer of right buttock, unspecified stage
		L89.320	Pressure ulcer of left buttock, unstageable
		L89.323	Pressure ulcer of left buttock, stage 3
		L89.324	Pressure ulcer of left buttock, stage 4
		L89.329	Pressure ulcer of left buttock, unspecified stage

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**Table 2-2.
Preliminary List of Conditions for Defining Potentially Preventable Hospital Readmissions
for 30-Days Post-PAC Discharge with ICD-10 Codes (continued)**

Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
		L89.40	Pressure ulcer of contiguous site of back, buttock and hip, unspecified stage
		L89.43	Pressure ulcer of contiguous site of back, buttock and hip, stage 3
		L89.44	Pressure ulcer of contiguous site of back, buttock and hip, stage 4
		L89.45	Pressure ulcer of contiguous site of back, buttock and hip, unstageable
		L89.500	Pressure ulcer of unspecified ankle, unstageable
		L89.503	Pressure ulcer of unspecified ankle, stage 3
		L89.504	Pressure ulcer of unspecified ankle, stage 4
		L89.509	Pressure ulcer of unspecified ankle, unspecified stage
		L89.510	Pressure ulcer of right ankle, unstageable
		L89.513	Pressure ulcer of right ankle, stage 3
		L89.514	Pressure ulcer of right ankle, stage 4
		L89.519	Pressure ulcer of right ankle, unspecified stage
		L89.520	Pressure ulcer of left ankle, unstageable
		L89.523	Pressure ulcer of left ankle, stage 3
		L89.524	Pressure ulcer of left ankle, stage 4
		L89.529	Pressure ulcer of left ankle, unspecified stage
		L89.600	Pressure ulcer of unspecified heel, unstageable
		L89.603	Pressure ulcer of unspecified heel, stage 3
		L89.604	Pressure ulcer of unspecified heel, stage 4
		L89.610	Pressure ulcer of right heel, unstageable
		L89.613	Pressure ulcer of right heel, stage 3
		L89.614	Pressure ulcer of right heel, stage 4
		L89.619	Pressure ulcer of right heel, unspecified stage
		L89.620	Pressure ulcer of left heel, unstageable
		L89.623	Pressure ulcer of left heel, stage 3
		L89.624	Pressure ulcer of left heel, stage 4
		L89.629	Pressure ulcer of left heel, unspecified stage
		L89.629	Pressure ulcer of left heel, unspecified stage
		L89.810	Pressure ulcer of head, unstageable
		L89.813	Pressure ulcer of head, stage 3
		L89.814	Pressure ulcer of head, stage 4

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**Table 2-2.
Preliminary List of Conditions for Defining Potentially Preventable Hospital Readmissions
for 30-Days Post-PAC Discharge with ICD-10 Codes (continued)**

Conditions	Subconditions	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10 Description
		L89.890	Pressure ulcer of other site, unstageable
		L89.893	Pressure ulcer of other site, stage 3
		L89.894	Pressure ulcer of other site, stage 4
		L89.90	Pressure ulcer of unspecified site, unspecified stage
		L89.93	Pressure ulcer of unspecified site, stage 3
		L89.94	Pressure ulcer of unspecified site, stage 4
		L89.95	Pressure ulcer of unspecified site, unstageable

SOURCE: List of potentially preventable readmission conditions from RTI International with ICD-10-CM (version: July 2016).

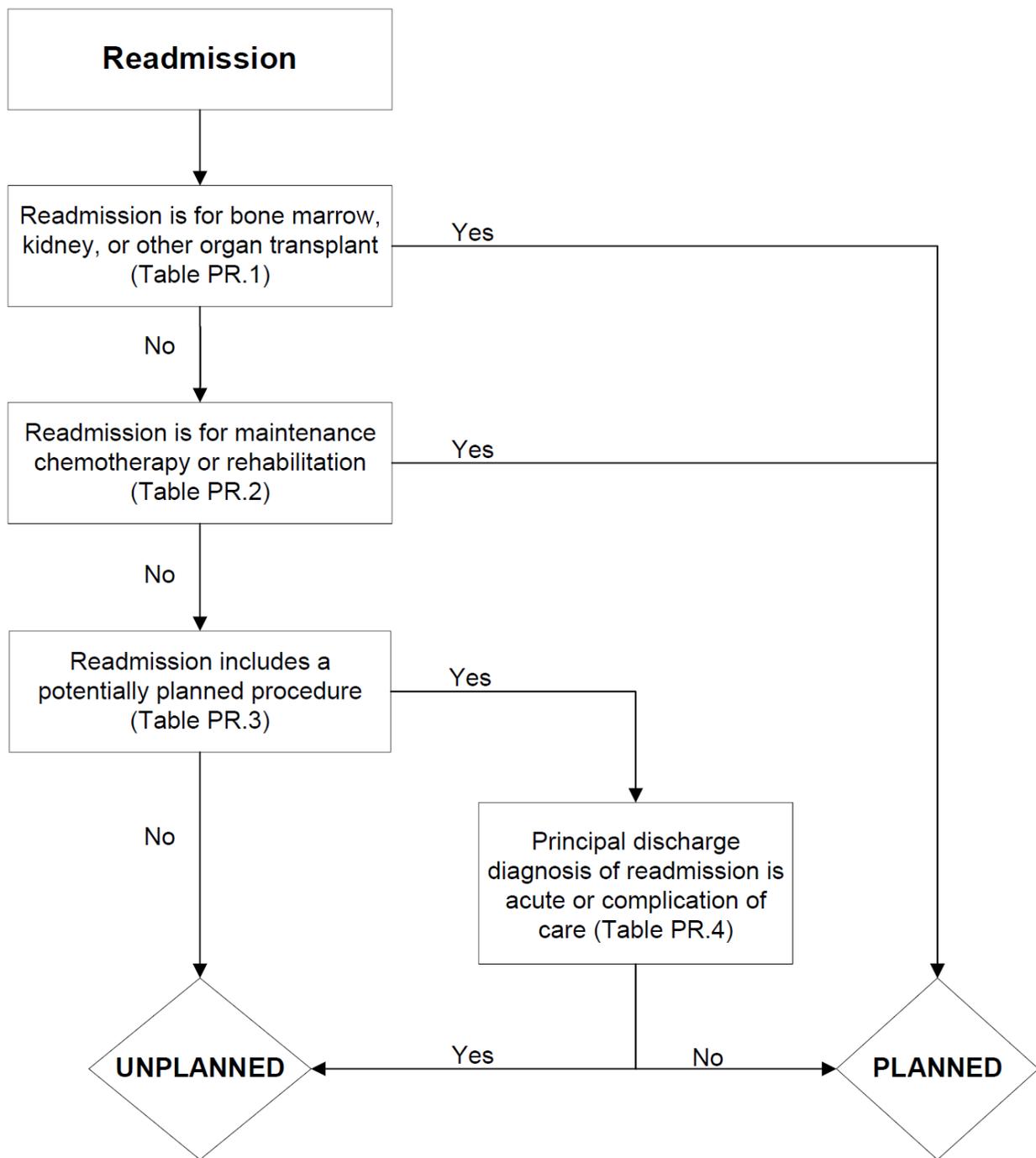
NOTES: [###] indicates CCS code; * All or some of these conditions are from the AHRQ PQI ICD-10 v5 specifications (We used the AHRQ PQI mappings as a source of information for mapping these codes to ICD-10, but note that the AHRQ mapping is also preliminary.)

To be considered a potentially preventable readmission, diagnosis codes must be the principal diagnosis on the readmission claim, except where noted.

^Primary diagnosis with COPD as a secondary diagnosis, per ACSC/PQI specifications

~Primary diagnosis with dehydration as a secondary diagnosis, per ACSC/PQI specifications

Figure 2-1.
CMS Planned Readmission Algorithm Version 3.0 Flowchart



Source: 2015 Version of the HWR Planned Readmission Algorithm

Planned Readmission Algorithm Version 3.0 Tables – Hospital Wide Readmission Measure

**Table 2-3.
Procedure Categories that are Always Planned (Version 3.0)**

Procedure CCS	Description
64	Bone marrow transplant
105	Kidney transplant
134	Cesarean section**
135	Forceps; vacuum; and breech delivery ^{††}
176	Other organ transplantation

**Table 2-4.
Diagnosis Categories that are Always Planned (Version 3.0)**

Diagnosis CCS	Description
45	Maintenance chemotherapy
194	Forceps delivery ^{‡‡}
196	Normal pregnancy and/or delivery ^{§§}
254	Rehabilitation

**Table 2-5.
Potentially Planned Procedure Categories (Version 3.0)**

Procedure CCS	Description
3	Laminectomy; excision intervertebral disc
5	Insertion of catheter or spinal stimulator and injection into spinal
9	Other OR therapeutic nervous system procedures
10	Thyroidectomy; partial or complete
12	Other therapeutic endocrine procedures
33	Other OR therapeutic procedures on nose; mouth and pharynx
36	Lobectomy or pneumonectomy
38	Other diagnostic procedures on lung and bronchus
40	Other diagnostic procedures of respiratory tract and mediastinum
43	Heart valve procedures
44	Coronary artery bypass graft (CABG)
45	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA)

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**Table 2-5.
Potentially Planned Procedure Categories (Version 3.0) (continued)**

Procedure CCS	Description
47	Diagnostic cardiac catheterization; coronary arteriography
48	Insertion; revision; replacement; removal of cardiac pacemaker or cardioverter/defibrillator
49	Other OR heart procedures
51	Endarterectomy; vessel of head and neck
52	Aortic resection; replacement or anastomosis
53	Varicose vein stripping; lower limb
55	Peripheral vascular bypass
56	Other vascular bypass and shunt; not heart
59	Other OR procedures on vessels of head and neck
62	Other diagnostic cardiovascular procedures
66	Procedures on spleen
67	Other therapeutic procedures; hemic and lymphatic system
74	Gastrectomy; partial and total
78	Colorectal resection
79	Local excision of large intestine lesion (not endoscopic)
84	Cholecystectomy and common duct exploration
85	Inguinal and femoral hernia repair
86	Other hernia repair
99	Other OR gastrointestinal therapeutic procedures
104	Nephrectomy; partial or complete
106	Genitourinary incontinence procedures
107	Extracorporeal lithotripsy; urinary
109	Procedures on the urethra
112	Other OR therapeutic procedures of urinary tract
113	Transurethral resection of prostate (TURP)
114	Open prostatectomy
119	Oophorectomy; unilateral and bilateral
120	Other operations on ovary
124	Hysterectomy; abdominal and vaginal
129	Repair of cystocele and rectocele; obliteration of vaginal vault

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**Table 2-5.
Potentially Planned Procedure Categories (Version 3.0) (continued)**

Procedure CCS	Description
132	Other OR therapeutic procedures; female organs
142	Partial excision bone
152	Arthroplasty knee
153	Hip replacement; total and partial
154	Arthroplasty other than hip or knee
157	Amputation of lower extremity
158	Spinal fusion
159	Other diagnostic procedures on musculoskeletal system
166	Lumpectomy; quadrantectomy of breast
167	Mastectomy
169	Debridement of wound; infection or burn
170	Excision of skin lesion
172	Skin graft
ICD-9 Codes	Description
30.1, 30.29, 30.3, 30.4, 31.74, 34.6	Laryngectomy, revision of tracheostomy, scarification of pleura (from Proc CCS 42- Other OR Rx procedures on respiratory system and mediastinum)
38.18	Endarterectomy leg vessel (from Proc CCS 60- Embolectomy and endarterectomy of lower limbs)
55.03, 55.04	Percutaneous nephrostomy with and without fragmentation (from Proc CCS 103- Nephrotomy and nephrostomy)
94.26, 94.27	Electroshock therapy (from Proc CCS 218- Psychological and psychiatric evaluation and therapy)

**Table 2-6.
Acute Diagnosis Categories (Version 3.0)**

Diagnosis CCS	Description
1	Tuberculosis
2	Septicemia (except in labor)
3	Bacterial infection; unspecified site
4	Mycoses
5	HIV infection
7	Viral infection

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Table 2-6.
Acute Diagnosis Categories (Version 3.0) (continued)

Diagnosis CCS	Description
8	Other infections; including parasitic
9	Sexually transmitted infections (not HIV or hepatitis)
54	Gout and other crystal arthropathies
55	Fluid and electrolyte disorders
60	Acute posthemorrhagic anemia
61	Sickle cell anemia
63	Diseases of white blood cells
76	Meningitis (except that caused by tuberculosis or sexually transmitted disease)
77	Encephalitis (except that caused by tuberculosis or sexually transmitted disease)
78	Other CNS infection and poliomyelitis
82	Paralysis
83	Epilepsy; convulsions
84	Headache; including migraine
85	Coma; stupor; and brain damage
87	Retinal detachments; defects; vascular occlusion; and retinopathy
89	Blindness and vision defects
90	Inflammation; infection of eye (except that caused by tuberculosis or sexually transmitted disease)
91	Other eye disorders
92	Otitis media and related conditions
93	Conditions associated with dizziness or vertigo
99	Hypertension with complications
100	Acute myocardial infarction (with the exception of ICD-9 codes 410.x2)
102	Nonspecific chest pain
104	Other and ill-defined heart disease
107	Cardiac arrest and ventricular fibrillation
109	Acute cerebrovascular disease
112	Transient cerebral ischemia
116	Aortic and peripheral arterial embolism or thrombosis
118	Phlebitis; thrombophlebitis and thromboembolism

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Table 2-6.
Acute Diagnosis Categories (Version 3.0) (continued)

Diagnosis CCS	Description
120	Hemorrhoids
122	Pneumonia (except that caused by TB or sexually transmitted disease)
123	Influenza
124	Acute and chronic tonsillitis
125	Acute bronchitis
126	Other upper respiratory infections
127	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and bronchiectasis
128	Asthma
129	Aspiration pneumonitis; food/vomitus
130	Pleurisy; pneumothorax; pulmonary collapse
131	Respiratory failure; insufficiency; arrest (adult)
135	Intestinal infection
137	Diseases of mouth; excluding dental
139	Gastroduodenal ulcer (except hemorrhage)
140	Gastritis and duodenitis
142	Appendicitis and other appendiceal conditions
145	Intestinal obstruction without hernia
146	Diverticulosis and diverticulitis
148	Peritonitis and intestinal abscess
153	Gastrointestinal hemorrhage
154	Noninfectious gastroenteritis
157	Acute and unspecified renal failure
159	Urinary tract infections
165	Inflammatory conditions of male genital organs
168	Inflammatory diseases of female pelvic organs
172	Ovarian cyst
197	Skin and subcutaneous tissue infections
198	Other inflammatory condition of skin
225	Joint disorders and dislocations; trauma-related
226	Fracture of neck of femur (hip)
227	Spinal cord injury

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Table 2-6.
Acute Diagnosis Categories (Version 3.0) (continued)

Diagnosis CCS	Description
228	Skull and face fractures
229	Fracture of upper limb
230	Fracture of lower limb
232	Sprains and strains
233	Intracranial injury
234	Crushing injury or internal injury
235	Open wounds of head; neck; and trunk
237	Complication of device; implant or graft
238	Complications of surgical procedures or medical care
239	Superficial injury; contusion
240	Burns
241	Poisoning by psychotropic agents
242	Poisoning by other medications and drugs
243	Poisoning by nonmedicinal substances
244	Other injuries and conditions due to external causes
245	Syncope
246	Fever of unknown origin
247	Lymphadenitis
249	Shock
250	Nausea and vomiting
251	Abdominal pain
252	Malaise and fatigue
253	Allergic reactions
259	Residual codes; unclassified
650	Adjustment disorders
651	Anxiety disorders
652	Attention-deficit, conduct, and disruptive behavior disorders
653	Delirium, dementia, and amnestic and other cognitive disorders
656	Impulse control disorders, NEC
658	Personality disorders
660	Alcohol-related disorders

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Table 2-6.
Acute Diagnosis Categories (Version 3.0) (continued)

Diagnosis CCS	Description
661	Substance-related disorders
662	Suicide and intentional self-inflicted injury
663	Screening and history of mental health and substance abuse codes
670	Miscellaneous disorders
ICD-9 Codes	Description
Acute ICD-9 codes within Dx CCS 97: Peri-; endo-; and myocarditis; cardiomyopathy	
03282	Diphtheritic myocarditis
03640	Meningococcal carditis nos
03641	Meningococcal pericarditis
03642	Meningococcal endocarditis
03643	Meningococcal myocarditis
07420	Coxsackie carditis nos
07421	Coxsackie pericarditis
07422	Coxsackie endocarditis
07423	Coxsackie myocarditis
11281	Candidal endocarditis
11503	Histoplasma capsulatum pericarditis
11504	Histoplasma capssulatum endocarditis
11513	Histoplasma duboisii pericarditis
11514	Histoplasma duboisii endocarditis
11593	Histoplasmosis pericarditis
11594	Histoplasmosis endocarditis
1303	Toxoplasma myocarditis
3910	Acute rheumatic pericarditis
3911	Acute rheumatic endocarditis
3912	Acute rheumatic myocarditis
3918	Acute rheumatic heart disease nec
3919	Acute rheumatic heart disease nos
3920	Rheumatic chorea w heart involvement
3980	Rheumatic myocarditis
39890	Rheumatic heart disease nos

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Table 2-6.
Acute Diagnosis Categories (Version 3.0) (continued)

Diagnosis CCS	Description
39899	Rheumatic heart disease nec
4200	Acute pericarditis in other disease
42090	Acute pericarditis nos
42091	Acute idiopath pericarditis
42099	Acute pericarditis nec
4210	Acute/subacute bacterial endocarditis
4211	Acute endocarditis in other diseases
4219	Acute/subacute endocarditis nos
4220	Acute myocarditis in other diseases
42290	Acute myocarditis nos
42291	Idiopathic myocarditis
42292	Septic myocarditis
42293	Toxic myocarditis
42299	Acute myocarditis nec
4230	Hemopericardium
4231	Adhesive pericarditis
4232	Constrictive pericarditis
4233	Cardiac tamponade
4290	Myocarditis nos
Acute ICD-9 codes within Dx CCS 105: Conduction disorders	
4260	Atrioventricular
42610	Atrioventricular block nos
42611	Atrioventricular block-1st degree
42612	Atrioventricular block-mobitz ii
42613	Atrioventricular block-2nd degree nec
4262	Left bundle branch hemiblock
4263	Left bundle branch block nec
4264	Right bundle branch block
42650	Bundle branch block nos
42651	Right bundle branch block/left posterior fascicular block
42652	Right bundle branch block/left ant fascicular block

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Table 2-6.
Acute Diagnosis Categories (Version 3.0) (continued)

Diagnosis CCS	Description
42653	Bilateral bundle branch block nec
42654	Trifascicular block
4266	Other heart block
4267	Anomalous atrioventricular excitation
42681	Lown-ganong-levine syndrome
42682	Long qt syn
4269	Conduction
Acute ICD-9 codes within Dx CCS 106: Dysrhythmia	
4272	Paroxysmal tachycardia nos
7850	Tachycardia nos
42789	Cardiac dysrhythmias nec
4279	Cardiac dysrhythmia noc
42769	Premature beats nec
Acute ICD-9 codes within Dx CCS 108: Congestive heart failure; nonhypertensive	
39891	Rheumatic heart failure
4280	Congestive heart failure
4281	Left heart failure
42820	Unspecified systolic heart failure
42821	Acute systolic heart failure
42823	Acute on chronic systolic heart failure
42830	Unspecified diastolic heart failure
42831	Acute diastolic heart failure
42833	Acute on chronic diastolic heart failure
42840	Unspec combined syst & dias heart failure
42841	Acute combined systolic & diastolic heart failure
42843	Acute on chronic combined systolic & diastolic heart failure
4289	Heart failure nos
Acute ICD-9 codes within Dx CCS 149: Biliary tract disease	
5740	Calculus of gallbladder with acute cholecystitis
57400	Calculus of gallbladder with acute cholecystitis without mention of obstruction
57401	Calculus of gallbladder with acute cholecystitis with obstruction

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**Table 2-6.
Acute Diagnosis Categories (Version 3.0) (continued)**

Diagnosis CCS	Description
5743	Calculus of bile duct with acute cholecystitis
57430	Calculus of bile duct with acute cholecystitis without mention of obstruction
57431	Calculus of bile duct with acute cholecystitis with obstruction
5746	Calculus of gallbladder and bile duct with acute cholecystitis
57460	Calculus of gallbladder with acute cholecystitis without mention of obstruction
57461	Calculus of gallbladder and bile duct with acute cholecystitis with obstruction
5748	Calculus of gallbladder and bile duct with acute and chronic cholecystitis
57480	Calculus of gallbladder obstruction and bile duct with acute and chronic cholecystitis without mention of obstruction
57481	Calculus of gallbladder and bile duct with acute and chronic cholecystitis with obstruction
5750	Acute cholecystitis
57512	Acute and chronic cholecystitis
5761	Cholangitis
Acute ICD-9 codes with Dx CCS 152: Pancreatic disorders	
5770	Acute pancreatitis

Source: 2015 Version of the HWR Planned Readmission Algorithm

**Table 2-7.
AHRQ CCS Single Level Procedure Codes and ICD-9 Procedure Codes Added to Yale's
Planned Readmission Algorithm, for the Post-Acute Care Setting**

AHRQ CCS Single Level Procedures Codes	Description	Comment
37	Diagnostic Bronchoscopy and Biopsy of Bronchus	
71	Gastrostomy: temporary and permanent	
82	Endoscopic retrograde cannulation of pancreases (ERCP)	
87	Laparoscopy (GI only)	
89	Exploratory Laparotomy	
160	Other therapeutic procedure on muscles and tendons	
164	Other OR therapeutic procedures on musculoskeletal system	
171	Suture of skin and subcutaneous tissue ICD-9	

ICD-9 Procedure Codes	Description	Comment
<u>Topic: Amputation of Lower Extremity</u>		
83.82	Graft of muscle or fascia	
86.87	Fat graft of skin and subcutaneous tissue	Required, Diagnosis V58.41, encounter for planned postoperative wound closure
<u>Topic: Amputation of Upper Extremity</u>		
84.1	Upper limb amputation, not otherwise specified	
84.2	Amputation and disarticulation of finger	
84.3	Amputation and disarticulation of thumb	
84.4	Amputation through hand	
84.5	Disarticulation of wrist	
84.6	Amputation through forearm	
84.7	Disarticulation of elbow	

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Table 2-7.
AHRQ CCS Single Level Procedure Codes and ICD-9 Procedure Codes Added to Yale's
Planned Readmission Algorithm, for the Post-Acute Care Setting (continued)

ICD-9 Procedure Codes	Description	Comment
84.8	Amputation through humerus	
84.9	Disarticulation of shoulder	
84.10	Interthoracoscaphular amputation	
<u>Topic: Removal of Vascular Obstruction, Non-Coronary</u>		
38.18	Endarterectomy, lower limb vessels	
38.08	Embolectomy, lower limb arteries	
39.50	Angioplasty or atherectomy of other non- coronary vessels	
00.55	Insertion of drug-eluting stent(s) of other peripheral vessel(s)	
00.60	Insertion of drug-eluting stent(s) of superficial femoral artery	
39.90	Insertion of non-drug-eluting peripheral (non-coronary) vessel stent(s)	
<u>Topic: Colon and Rectal Procedures, Selected</u>		
46.85	Dilation of intestine (includes endoscopic approach)	
96.8	Insertion of naso-intestinal tube (includes for decompression)	
96.9	Insertion of rectal tube	
46.50	Closure of intestinal stoma, not otherwise specified	Required, Diagnosis code V55.2, attention to ileostomy, and V55.3, attention to colostomy
46.51	Closure of stoma of small intestine	Required, Diagnosis code V55.2, attention to ileostomy, and V55.3, attention to colostomy

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Table 2-7.
AHRQ CCS Single Level Procedure Codes and ICD-9 Procedure Codes Added to Yale's
Planned Readmission Algorithm, for the Post-Acute Care Setting (continued)

ICD-9 Procedure Codes	Description	Comment
46.52	Closure of stoma of large intestine	Required, Diagnosis code V55.2, attention to ileostomy, and V55.3, attention to colostomy
46.86	Endoscopic insertion of colonic stent(s)	
46.87	Other insertion of colonic stent (s)	
<u>Topic: Insertion of Feeding Tubes</u>		
44.39	Other gastroenterostomy (GJ-tube)	
46.39	Other enterostomy (J-tube)	
<u>Topic: Routine Device Replacement</u>		
86.06	Insertion of totally implanted infusion pump	
<u>Topic: Routine Removal of Devices</u>		
84.57	Removal of (cement) spacer (includes antibiotic impregnated spacer)	
97.41	Removal of thoracotomy tube or pleural cavity drain (non-incisional)	
02.43	Removal of ventricular shunt	
97.37	Removal of tracheostomy tube (non-incisional)	
01.27	removal of catheter(s) from cranial cavity or tissue	
86.05	Incision with removal of foreign body or device from skin and subcutaneous tissue	
02.95	Removal of skull tongs or halo traction device	
78.60-78.69	Removal of implanted devices from bone (includes internal and external fixation)	
80.00-80.09	Orthopedic implants arthrotomy for removal of prosthesis without replacement	
<u>Topic: Pleurosclerosis</u>		
34.6	Scarification of pleura	
34.92	Injection into thoracic cavity	

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Table 2-7.
AHRQ CCS Single Level Procedure Codes and ICD-9 Procedure Codes Added to Yale's
Planned Readmission Algorithm, for the Post-Acute Care Setting (continued)

ICD-9 Procedure Codes	Description	Comment
<u>Topic: Colon and Rectal Procedures, Selected</u>		
51.14	Other close (endoscopic) biopsy of biliary duct or sphincter of Oddi	
51.64	Endoscopic excision or destruction of lesion of biliary ducts or sphincter of Oddi	
51.84	Endoscopic dilation of ampulla and biliary duct	This code became available in CY 2010
51.84	Endoscopic sphincterotomy and papillotomy	
51.85	Endoscopic insertion of nasobiliary drainage tube	
51.86	Endoscopic insertion of stent (tube) into bile duct	
51.87	Endoscopic removal of stone(s) from biliary tract	
<u>Topic: Fistula</u>		
42.84	Repair of esophageal fistula, not elsewhere classified	
44.63	Closure of other gastric fistula (include gastrocolic, gastrojejunocolic fistula)	
46.72	Closure of fistula of duodenum	
46.74	Closure of fistula of small intestine, except duodenum (includes enterocutaneous)	
46.76	Closure of fistula of large intestine	
47.92	Closure of appendiceal fistula	
48.73	Closure of other rectal fistula	
48.93	Repair of perirectal fistula	
49.11	Anal fistulotomy	
49.12	Anal fistulectomy	
49.73	Closure of anal fistula	
19.9	Other repair of middle ear (includes closure of mastoid fistula)	

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Table 2-7.
AHRQ CCS Single Level Procedure Codes and ICD-9 Procedure Codes Added to Yale's
Planned Readmission Algorithm, for the Post-Acute Care Setting (continued)

ICD-9 Procedure Codes	Description	Comment
20.93	Repair of oval and round windows (includes closure of fistula)	
21.82	Closure of nasal fistula	
31.62	Closure of fistula of larynx (includes laryngotracheal)	
31.73	Closure of other fistula of trachea (includes tracheoesophageal)	
33.42	Closure of bronchial fistula (includes bronchocutaneous, bronchoesophageal, bronchovisceral)	
34.73	Closure of other fistula of thorax (includes bronchopleural, bronchopleurocutaneous, bronchopleuromediastinal)	
34.83	Closure of fistula of diaphragm (includes thoracoabdominal, thoracogastric, thoracointestinal)	
34.93	Repair of pleura (includes closure of unspecified pleural fistula)	
61.42	Repair of scrotal fistula	
<u>Topic: Tendon Repair (eye)</u>		
15.7	Repair of injury of extraocular muscle (includes repair of tendon)	
<u>Topic: Aneurysm</u>		
39.51	Clipping of aneurysm	

NOTE: December, 2012 Yale added several additional AHRQ CCS Single-Level Procedure Codes. Two of these codes 169 (Debridement of wound; infection or burn) and 172 (Skin graft) had been on the prior RTI developed list.

Testing Results for the LTCH Setting

Table 2-8.
Potentially Preventable Unplanned Readmission Measure for 30 Days Post Discharge for Long-Term Care Hospitals: Logistic Regression Model Results from 2012-2013

Covariate	Count	Percent Total	Percent Readm	Estimate	Std. Error	P value	Odds Ratios	OR 95% Lower CL	OR 95% Upper CL
Age-Sex Groups (Reference group: Male 18-44)									
Male age 45-54	8,398	4.7	11.6	0.136	0.061	0.026	1.146	1.017	1.291
Male age 55-59	6,638	3.7	12.7	0.210	0.063	0.001	1.234	1.090	1.396
Male age 60-64	7,094	4.0	13.2	0.221	0.062	0.000	1.248	1.104	1.410
Male age 65-69	13,340	7.5	13.0	0.225	0.059	0.000	1.253	1.116	1.406
Male age 70-74	14,061	7.9	14.2	0.319	0.058	<0.001	1.375	1.228	1.541
Male age 75-79	12,503	7.0	15.2	0.413	0.058	<0.001	1.511	1.347	1.694
Male age 80-84	10,551	5.9	15.9	0.469	0.059	<0.001	1.598	1.422	1.795
Male age 85+	9,808	5.5	16.9	0.552	0.060	<0.001	1.736	1.543	1.952
Female age 18-44	3,251	1.8	9.9	-0.055	0.078	0.478	0.946	0.812	1.103
Female age 45-54	6,211	3.5	11.7	0.109	0.065	0.093	1.115	0.982	1.266
Female age 55-59	5,458	3.1	12.9	0.209	0.066	0.002	1.232	1.083	1.401
Female age 60-64	6,570	3.7	13.1	0.229	0.064	0.000	1.257	1.110	1.424
Female age 65-69	13,070	7.3	13.1	0.206	0.059	0.001	1.229	1.095	1.380
Female age 70-74	14,026	7.9	13.3	0.260	0.058	<0.001	1.297	1.157	1.453
Female age 75-79	13,835	7.8	14.0	0.338	0.058	<0.001	1.403	1.252	1.572
Female age 80-84	13,016	7.3	15.2	0.452	0.058	<0.001	1.572	1.402	1.762
Female age 85+	16,042	9.0	14.4	0.418	0.058	<0.001	1.519	1.356	1.701
CCS Groupings (Reference group: p_CCSv3_Misc - Misc Negative/Non Sign: Mental Illness (650-670), Gangrene (248), Female Infertility (174), Pregnancy (176-196), Birth (218-221), Perinatal (222-224), CongAnom (213-217), TIA (112), Aneurysm (115) Art embolism and Ot circul dx (116-117), Meningitis, Encephalitis, Other CNS infx (76-78), Orthopedics (201, 203-204, 206, 208-209, 211-212), Biliary (149-152), Rheum arth (202), SLE (210), OthConnTiss (211), Endocrn (48, 51, 53, 54), NervSystLow (84-94), Complic Devi & Complic Proc (237-238))									
Resp Syst: Adlt Resp Fl (131)	10,907	6.1	15.1	0.278	0.037	<0.001	1.320	1.227	1.420
Circ Syst: AMI & Cardiac arrst (100, 107)	2,977	1.7	14.8	0.391	0.059	<0.001	1.478	1.316	1.661
Resp Syst: Asp Pneumonia (129)	3,970	2.2	19.6	0.575	0.048	<0.001	1.778	1.620	1.951
Back Problem (205)	977	0.5	8.7	0.130	0.117	0.267	1.139	0.905	1.434
Diseases of blood and blood-forming organs (56-57, 59-64)	959	0.5	12.0	0.089	0.103	0.390	1.093	0.893	1.338

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Covariate	Count	Percent Total	Percent Readm	Estimate	Std. Error	P value	Odds Ratios	OR 95% Lower CL	OR 95% Upper CL
Circ Syst: CHF, Nonhypertensive (108)	6,030	3.4	19.2	0.563	0.041	<0.001	1.755	1.619	1.903
Circ Syst: Carditis and Other heart dx (97, 104) Heart Valve (96)	2,121	1.2	13.2	0.328	0.076	<0.001	1.388	1.197	1.610
Circ Syst: Htn & Htn complcn (98-99)	1,102	0.6	19.1	0.581	0.082	<0.001	1.788	1.524	2.099
Circ Syst: Conduction & Dysrhythmia (105-106)	1,604	0.9	14.8	0.317	0.075	<0.001	1.373	1.185	1.591
Resp Syst: COPD & Asthma (127-128)	5,515	3.1	18.1	0.687	0.043	<0.001	1.987	1.825	2.163
Circ Syst: Coron Athero & Chest pain (101-102)	1,437	0.8	14.0	0.443	0.085	<0.001	1.557	1.318	1.838
Circ Syst: CVD (109-111, 113)	5,860	3.3	13.2	0.363	0.049	<0.001	1.438	1.306	1.584
Diseases of Digestive System (135-144, 146-148, 154-155)	6,902	3.9	12.2	0.258	0.044	<0.001	1.294	1.187	1.411
Fluid/elec dx (55)	1,209	0.7	13.8	0.320	0.087	0.000	1.377	1.160	1.634
NutritDef (52, 58)	500	0.3	13.8	0.440	0.134	0.001	1.553	1.196	2.017
Diseases of the genitourinary system (156, 160-166, 168-173, 175) UTI (159)	3,847	2.2	14.9	0.438	0.051	<0.001	1.550	1.402	1.714
GI Hemorrhage (153)	1,369	0.8	14.2	0.238	0.082	0.004	1.268	1.081	1.489
Fx hip (226)	2,115	1.2	12.0	0.470	0.076	<0.001	1.600	1.378	1.857
Infectious and parasitic diseases (1, 3-10)	1,215	0.7	13.4	0.312	0.088	0.000	1.366	1.149	1.624
Digestive System-Int Obstruct (145)	2,234	1.3	11.2	0.127	0.073	0.081	1.135	0.984	1.309
Intracrn Inj (233)	1,821	1.0	12.0	0.374	0.080	<0.001	1.453	1.243	1.698
Neoplasms: Low (22-26, 28-31, 36), Benign (44-47)	535	0.3	11.2	0.358	0.141	0.011	1.430	1.085	1.886
Neoplasms-Medium (11-15, 18, 20-21, 32-34, 37-41, 43), 2nd Malign (42) Neoplasms Hi (16-17, 19, 27, 35, 42)	2,909	1.6	10.2	0.272	0.069	<0.001	1.313	1.147	1.502
Parkinsons MS CNS (79-82)	312	0.2	14.4	0.615	0.165	0.000	1.850	1.339	2.557
Circ Syst: Phlebitis, Varicose vn, Hemorrhoids, Oth vein dx (118-121) Perip Athero (114)	2,534	1.4	10.3	0.104	0.070	0.134	1.110	0.968	1.272
Resp Syst: Pneum, Infl, Bronc, Ot up rsp (122-123, 125-126)	9,652	5.4	16.5	0.530	0.036	<0.001	1.699	1.582	1.825

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Regression Model Results from 2012-2013 (continued)**

Covariate	Count	Percent Total	Percent Readm	Estimate	Std. Error	P value	Odds Ratios	OR 95% Lower CL	OR 95% Upper CL
Circ Syst: Pulm hart dx (103)	908	0.5	14.4	0.396	0.099	<0.001	1.485	1.224	1.802
Genitourinary: Ac & Chr renl fail (157-158)	3,869	2.2	16.2	0.475	0.051	<0.001	1.609	1.455	1.779
Resp Syst: Pleurisy, Lung externl, Oth low resp, Oth uppr resp, Tonsillitis (124, 130, 132-134)	1,939	1.1	12.2	0.208	0.075	0.005	1.231	1.064	1.425
Spin cor inj (227)	313	0.2	14.4	0.747	0.168	<0.001	2.111	1.520	2.933
Infect & Paras Dx: Septicemia (2)	35,072	19.7	17.3	0.351	0.030	<0.001	1.421	1.341	1.506
Symptoms, Signs, and Ill-Defined Conditions and Factors influencing health status (245-247, 249-259)	1,973	1.1	12.9	0.327	0.072	<0.001	1.387	1.205	1.597
DisNervSyst: Epilepsy/CNV (83) & Oth Nerv Dx (95)	1,928	1.1	12.8	0.176	0.073	0.016	1.193	1.034	1.376
Fractures regroup (Path, Skull, Arm, Leg, Oth) (207, 228-231)	2,894	1.6	9.9	0.253	0.068	0.000	1.288	1.127	1.473
Injury(Joint inj, Sprain, Crush inj, Opn wnds, Superfic) (225, 232, 234-236, 239, 244) Skin-Diseases skin/subcut tissue; Burns (167, 197-200, 240)	11,946	6.7	11.0	0.282	0.038	<0.001	1.326	1.232	1.428
Diabetes (49-50)	6,394	3.6	10.5	0.292	0.047	<0.001	1.339	1.221	1.470
Poison (241-243)	383	0.2	11.7	0.226	0.163	0.166	1.253	0.911	1.724
Surgical Groupings									
Cardio Thoracic	7,730	4.3	12.4	-0.191	0.044	<0.001	0.826	0.758	0.901
General surgery, Obstetrics/Gynecology, and urologic surgical procedures	25,125	14.1	11.6	-0.115	0.025	<0.001	0.892	0.849	0.937
Neurosurgery, Vascular Surgery	6,363	3.6	10.3	-0.180	0.047	0.000	0.835	0.762	0.916
Orthopedics	17,418	9.8	9.3	-0.200	0.033	<0.001	0.819	0.768	0.873
Plastic Surgery	11,832	6.6	10.0	-0.144	0.034	<0.001	0.866	0.810	0.926
Ventilator Indicator									
Prolonged Ventilation in LTCH	24,242	13.6	17.7	0.148	0.022	<0.001	1.160	1.111	1.211
Comorbidities - Hierarchical Condition Categories (HCCs)									
Septicemia, Sepsis, Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome/Shock (prior HCC 2)	55,318	31.0	16.3	0.121	0.022	<0.001	1.129	1.081	1.179

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**Table 2-8.
Potentially Preventable Unplanned Readmission Measure for 30 Days Post Discharge for Long-Term Care Hospitals: Logistic
Regression Model Results from 2012-2013 (continued)**

Covariate	Count	Percent Total	Percent Readm	Estimate	Std. Error	P value	Odds Ratios	OR 95% Lower CL	OR 95% Upper CL
Serious Cancers: Metastatic Cancer, Acute Leukemia, Lung and Other Severe Cancers, Lymphoma, Colorectal, Bladder, and Other Cancers, Other Digestive and Urinary Neoplasms (prior HCC 8, 9, 10, 11, 14)	10,825	6.1	14.0	0.049	0.030	0.104	1.050	0.990	1.114
Diabetes with Acute Complications/Diabetes with Chronic Complications/Diabetes without Complication/ Type I Diabetes Mellitus (HCC 17, 18, 19, 20)	88,025	49.3	15.0	0.054	0.015	0.000	1.056	1.024	1.088
Protein-Calorie Malnutrition (prior HCC 21)	50,377	28.2	14.9	0.020	0.016	0.227	1.020	0.988	1.053
Morbid Obesity (HCC 22)	31,553	17.7	13.6	-0.086	0.020	<0.001	0.917	0.882	0.955
Disorders of Fluid/Electrolyte/Acid-Base Balance (prior HCC 24)	95,625	53.6	14.9	0.056	0.015	0.000	1.058	1.027	1.090
Peptic Ulcer, Hemorrhage, Other Specified Gastrointestinal Disorders (prior HCC 36)	23,889	13.4	15.4	0.029	0.021	0.165	1.029	0.988	1.072
Rheumatoid Arthritis and Inflammatory Connective Tissue Disease (HCC 40)	11,101	6.2	14.5	0.048	0.029	0.095	1.049	0.992	1.110
Dementia With or Without Complications (prior HCC 51 and 52)	29,819	16.7	16.4	0.094	0.020	<0.001	1.098	1.056	1.141
Nonpsychotic Organic Brain Syndromes/Conditions (prior HCC 53)	988	0.6	13.5	0.083	0.096	0.386	1.086	0.901	1.310
Profound, Severe, Moderate, Mild Mental Retardation/Developmental Disability, Autism, Down Syndrome (prior HCC 64, 65, 66, 67)	3,309	1.9	15.5	0.284	0.052	<0.001	1.329	1.201	1.470
Quadriplegia (prior HCC 70)	3,562	2.0	16.1	0.165	0.049	0.001	1.179	1.070	1.299
Paraplegia (prior HCC 71)	5,283	3.0	12.7	0.071	0.047	0.129	1.074	0.980	1.177
Muscular Dystrophy, MS, Parkinson's, Huntington's, Coma, Brain Compression/Anoxic (prior HCC 76 and 80)	12,138	6.8	15.9	0.103	0.028	0.000	1.108	1.050	1.170

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Potentially Preventable Unplanned Readmission Measure for 30 Days Post Discharge for Long-Term Care Hospitals: Logistic Regression Model Results from 2012-2013 (continued)

Covariate	Count	Percent Total	Percent Readm	Estimate	Std. Error	P value	Odds Ratios	OR 95% Lower CL	OR 95% Upper CL
Respiratory Arrest, Cardio-Respiratory Failure and Shock (HCC 83 and 84)	70,670	39.6	16.1	0.069	0.016	<0.001	1.072	1.038	1.106
Congestive Heart Failure (HCC 85)	81,494	45.7	16.5	0.080	0.017	<0.001	1.083	1.049	1.119
Coronary Atherosclerosis/Other Chronic Ischemic Heart Disease (prior HCC 89)	51,103	28.6	15.1	0.035	0.016	0.033	1.035	1.003	1.068
Valvular and Rheumatic Heart Disease (HCC 91)	22,249	12.5	16.6	0.026	0.021	0.212	1.027	0.985	1.070
Specified Heart Arrhythmias (HCC 96 and 97)	79,942	44.8	15.9	0.024	0.015	0.120	1.024	0.994	1.055
Ischemic or Unspecified Stroke (prior HCC 100)	3,592	2.0	15.9	0.137	0.049	0.005	1.146	1.043	1.261
Precerebral Arterial Occlusion and Transient Cerebral Ischemia, Cerebrovascular Atherosclerosis, Aneurysm, and Other Disease (prior HCC 101 and 102)	4,740	2.7	14.7	0.044	0.043	0.305	1.045	0.961	1.137
Hemiplegia/Hemiparesis, Monoplegia, Other Paralytic Syndromes (prior HCC 103 and 104)	11,163	6.3	16.4	0.163	0.030	<0.001	1.177	1.110	1.248
Late Effects of Cerebrovascular Disease, Except Paralysis (prior HCC 105)	5,318	3.0	16.6	0.097	0.039	0.013	1.102	1.021	1.190
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (HCC 111)	69,217	38.8	16.4	0.109	0.016	<0.001	1.116	1.082	1.151
Aspiration/Specified Bacterial Viral/Unspecified Pneumonias, Pleurisy (prior HCC 114 and 116)	54,615	30.6	16.7	0.104	0.017	<0.001	1.109	1.072	1.147
Legally Blind (prior HCC 119)	1,824	1.0	14.5	0.065	0.069	0.343	1.067	0.933	1.221
Kidney Transplant Status (prior HCC 132)	1,453	0.8	16.4	0.317	0.075	<0.001	1.374	1.187	1.590
End Stage Renal Disease, Chronic Kidney Disease, Stage 5 (prior HCC 133 and 136)	17,703	9.9	14.3	0.078	0.026	0.003	1.081	1.027	1.137
Dialysis Status (prior HCC 134)	398	0.2	16.1	0.263	0.140	0.059	1.301	0.990	1.711
Acute Renal Failure (prior HCC 135)	50,585	28.3	16.2	0.216	0.018	<0.001	1.241	1.199	1.285
Chronic Kidney Disease, Severe (Stage 4) (prior HCC 137)	1,644	0.9	17.2	0.271	0.069	<0.001	1.312	1.146	1.501
Chronic Kidney Disease, Moderate (Stage 3) (prior HCC 138)	4,854	2.7	14.8	0.112	0.043	0.010	1.118	1.027	1.217

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Potentially Preventable Unplanned Readmission Measure for 30 Days Post Discharge for Long-Term Care Hospitals: Logistic Regression Model Results from 2012-2013 (continued)

Covariate	Count	Percent Total	Percent Readm	Estimate	Std. Error	P value	Odds Ratios	OR 95% Lower CL	OR 95% Upper CL
Chronic Kidney Disease, Mild or Unspecified (Stages 1-2 or Unspecified), Unspecified Renal Failure (prior HCC 139 and 140)	8,596	4.8	15.6	0.163	0.033	<0.001	1.177	1.104	1.255
Pressure Ulcer of Skin with Necrosis Through to Muscle, Tendon, or Bone (prior HCC 157)	10,617	6.0	16.3	0.278	0.032	<0.001	1.321	1.240	1.406
Pressure Ulcer of Skin with Full Thickness Skin Loss (prior HCC 158)	7,165	4.0	17.5	0.214	0.034	<0.001	1.239	1.160	1.324
Pressure Ulcer of Skin with Partial Thickness Skin Loss (prior HCC 159)	5,820	3.3	18.1	0.205	0.036	<0.001	1.227	1.144	1.317
Pressure Pre-Ulcer Skin Changes or Unspecified Stage (prior HCC 160)	6,398	3.6	16.4	0.127	0.036	0.000	1.136	1.059	1.218
Cellulitis, Local Skin Infection, and Other Dermatological Disorders (prior HCC 164 and 165)	29,056	16.3	12.3	0.035	0.021	0.094	1.036	0.994	1.079
Major Fracture, Except of Skull, Vertebrae, or Hip (prior HCC 171)	1,597	0.9	12.4	0.152	0.080	0.057	1.164	0.996	1.360
Major Organ Transplant or Replacement Status (prior HCC 186)	726	0.4	17.5	0.160	0.101	0.114	1.174	0.962	1.432
Artificial Openings for Feeding or Elimination (prior HCC 188)	13,961	7.8	19.3	0.184	0.025	<0.001	1.202	1.145	1.262
Supplemental Oxygen (prior HCC 197)	8,646	4.8	16.4	0.062	0.032	0.054	1.064	0.999	1.133
Prior Acute Care Length of Stay (Reference group: LOS when prior acute was inpatient psychiatric facility)									
Prior Acute Length of Stay 1-7 days	69,988	39.2	13.0	0.304	0.150	0.043	1.355	1.009	1.820
Prior Acute Length of Stay 8-11 days	38,514	21.6	13.6	0.337	0.151	0.026	1.401	1.042	1.884
Prior Acute Length of Stay 12-30 days	60,066	33.7	14.6	0.394	0.151	0.009	1.482	1.102	1.994
Prior Acute Length of Stay 30+ days	9,024	5.1	15.6	0.447	0.157	0.004	1.564	1.151	2.125
Prior Acute ICU/CCU Days (Reference Group: 0 ICU/CCU days associated with prior acute stay)									
1-2 ICU/CCU days associated with prior acute stay	12,765	7.2	13.6	0.057	0.030	0.057	1.058	0.998	1.122

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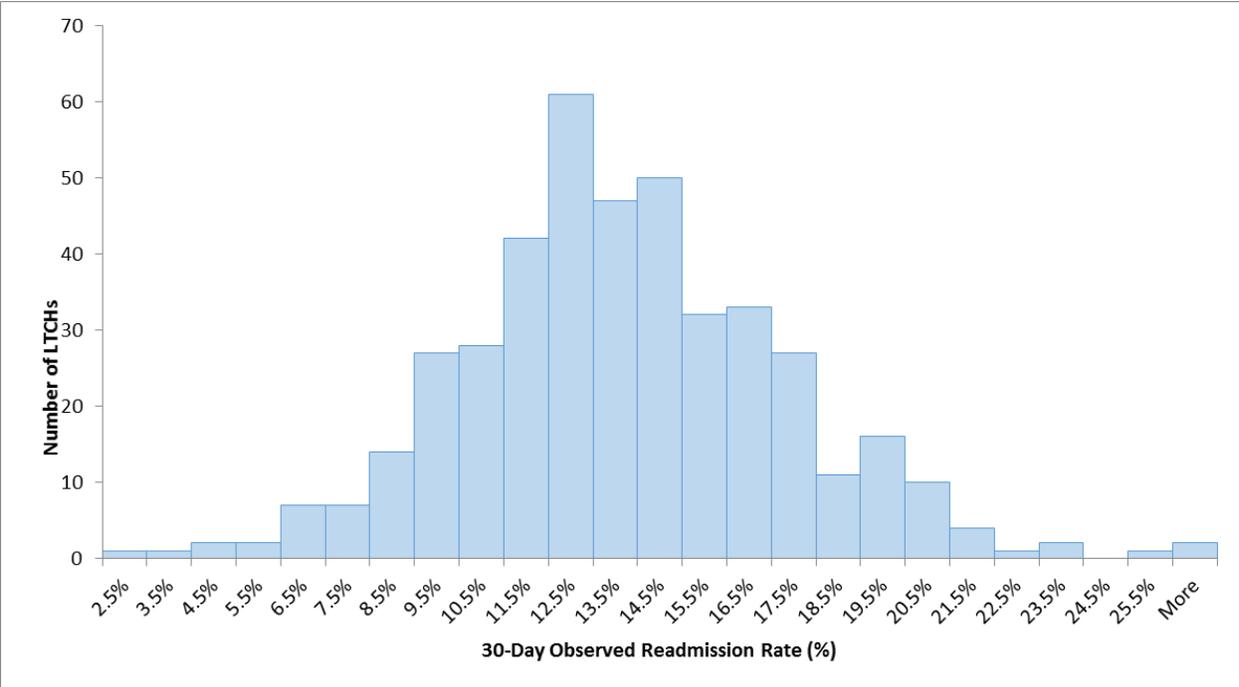
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Covariate	Count	Percent Total	Percent Readm	Estimate	Std. Error	P value	Odds Ratios	OR 95% Lower CL	OR 95% Upper CL
3 ICU/CCU days associated with prior acute stay	7,962	4.5	14.9	0.126	0.035	0.000	1.135	1.059	1.215
4-6 ICU/CCU days associated with prior acute stay	22,423	12.6	15.1	0.116	0.024	<0.001	1.123	1.071	1.177
7-9 ICU/CCU days associated with prior acute stay	17,932	10.0	14.6	0.074	0.028	0.008	1.076	1.020	1.136
10-13 ICU/CCU days associated with prior acute stay	16,809	9.4	15.1	0.103	0.030	0.001	1.109	1.046	1.175
14-18 ICU/CCU days associated with prior acute stay	14,217	8.0	15.4	0.130	0.034	0.000	1.139	1.065	1.218
19-24 ICU/CCU days associated with prior acute stay	10,034	5.6	16.1	0.201	0.038	<0.001	1.222	1.134	1.317
25+ ICU/CCU days associated with prior acute stay	10,343	5.8	16.3	0.226	0.044	<0.001	1.254	1.149	1.368
Original Reason for Entitlement Codes									
Over 65, Original reason for entitlement other than age: 1-Disability Insurance Benefit (DIB), 2-ESRD; 3-BOTH DIB and ESRD	29,174	16.4	15.3	0.080	0.021	0.000	1.083	1.040	1.128
Prior Acute Care Utilization-Count of prior stays									
1 Stay - Acute history	42,235	23.7	12.2	0.288	0.022	<0.001	1.334	1.277	1.393
2 Stays - Acute history	26,197	14.7	12.8	0.330	0.025	<0.001	1.391	1.324	1.461
3 Stays - Acute history	19,455	10.9	15.8	0.560	0.027	<0.001	1.751	1.662	1.844
4 Stays - Acute history	11,146	6.2	16.6	0.615	0.032	<0.001	1.850	1.738	1.968
5 Stays - Acute history	8,567	4.8	18.8	0.762	0.034	<0.001	2.141	2.005	2.288
6 Stays - Acute history	5,436	3.0	20.3	0.868	0.039	<0.001	2.382	2.205	2.572
7 Stays - Acute history	4,219	2.4	20.5	0.891	0.043	<0.001	2.436	2.238	2.652
8 Stays - Acute history	2,641	1.5	21.1	0.926	0.052	<0.001	2.525	2.279	2.798
9 Stays - Acute history	2,368	1.3	24.5	1.128	0.053	<0.001	3.089	2.787	3.424
10+ Stays - Acute history	6,762	3.8	27.2	1.294	0.035	<0.001	3.647	3.407	3.904

Note: Number of Observations in 2012/2013: 178,433. There were 24,603 unplanned readmissions. The C-Statistic was 0.66.

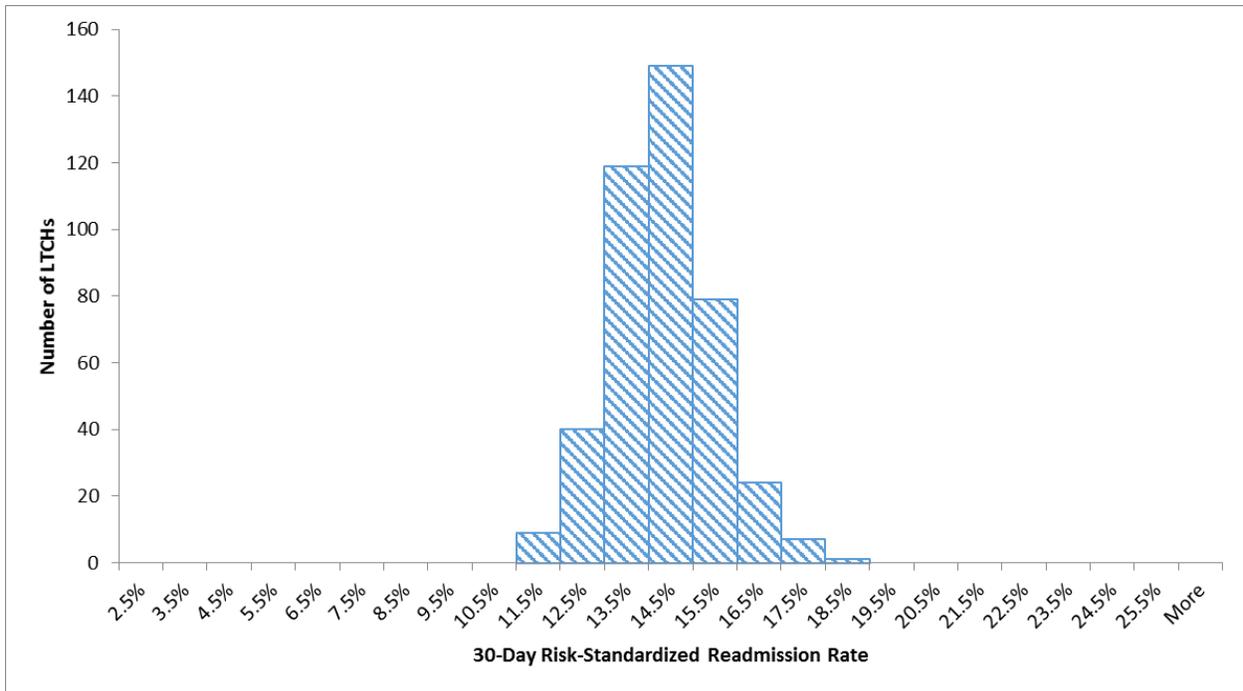
Source: RTI International analysis of Medicare claims data, 2012-2013. (RTI program reference: nc05_ltc_ltc1213logistic; nc05_ltc_ltc1213logisticpar.xlsx; nc05lctgli_mean_1213.xlsx)

Figure 2-2.
Distribution of Unadjusted Potentially Preventable Readmission Rates among LTCHs with at Least 25 Index Stays [N=428; Mean(StD) 13.2(3.6)]



Source: RTI International analysis of Medicare claims data, 2012-2013. (RTI program reference: nc05ltcgli_ALL_rsr_1213.xlsx)

Figure 2-3.
Distribution of Risk Standardized Potentially Preventable Readmission Rates (RSRR)
among LTCHs with at Least 25 Index Stays [N=428; Mean(StD) 13.8(1.2)]



Source: RTI International analysis of Medicare claims data, 2012-2013. (RTI program reference: nc05ltcgli_ALL_rsrr_1213.xlsx)

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APPENDIX 3A
DRUG REGIMEN REVIEW CONDUCTED WITH FOLLOW-UP FOR IDENTIFIED
ISSUES- PAC LTCH QRP

Table 3-1 below summarizes the setting specific language used to describe the resident or patient within the PAC setting. There are no other differences in the content language within each Drug Regimen Review quality measure item.

**Table 3-1.
Drug Regimen Review Quality Measure Setting-Specific Language**

SNF	IRF	LTCH
Beginning of stay	Beginning of stay	Beginning of stay
<p>N2001 Drug Regimen Review:</p> <p>Did a complete drug regimen review identify potential clinically significant medication issues?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - No - No issues found during review</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Yes - Issues found during review</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 9 - NA – Resident is not taking any medications</p>	<p>N. 2001 Drug Regimen Review:</p> <p>Did a complete drug regimen review identify potential clinically significant medication issues?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - No - No issues found during review</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Yes - Issues found during review</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 9 - NA – Patient is not taking any medications</p>	<p>N. 2001 Drug Regimen Review:</p> <p>Did a complete drug regimen review identify potential clinically significant medication issues?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - No - No issues found during review</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Yes - Issues found during review</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 9 - NA – Patient is not taking any medications</p>
<p>N. 2003 Medication Follow-up:</p> <p>Did the facility contact a physician (or physician-designee) by midnight of the next calendar day and complete prescribed/recommended actions in response to the identified potential clinically significant medication issues?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Yes</p>	<p>N. 2003 Medication Follow-up:</p> <p>Did the facility contact a physician (or physician-designee) by midnight of the next calendar day and complete prescribed/recommended actions in response to the identified potential clinically significant medication issues?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Yes</p>	<p>N. 2003 Medication Follow-up:</p> <p>Did the facility contact a physician (or physician-designee) by midnight of the next calendar day and complete prescribed/recommended actions in response to the identified potential clinically significant medication issues?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Yes</p>

(continued)

**Table 3-1. (continued)
Drug Regimen Review Quality Measure Setting-Specific Language**

SNF	IRF	LTCH
End of stay	End of stay	End of stay
<p>N. 2005 Medication Intervention:</p> <p>Did the facility contact and complete physician (or physician-designee) prescribed/recommended actions by midnight of the next calendar day each time potential clinically significant medication issues were identified since the Admission?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 9 - NA -There were no potential clinically significant medication issues identified since Admission or resident is not taking any medications.</p>	<p>N. 2005 Medication Intervention:</p> <p>Did the facility contact and complete physician (or physician-designee) prescribed/recommended actions by midnight of the next calendar day each time potential clinically significant medication issues were identified since the Admission?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 9 - NA -There were no potential clinically significant medication issues identified since Admission or patient is not taking any medications.</p>	<p>N. 2005 Medication Intervention:</p> <p>Did the facility contact and complete physician (or physician-designee) prescribed/recommended actions by midnight of the next calendar day each time potential clinically significant medication issues were identified since the Admission?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 9 - NA -There were no potential clinically significant medication issues identified since Admission or patient is not taking any medications.</p>

APPENDIX 3B
DRUG REGIMEN REVIEW PILOT TESTING IN INPATIENT REHABILITATION FACILITIES, SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, AND LONG-TERM CARE HOSPITALS - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Drug Regimen Review (DRR) Pilot Testing included four Skilled Nursing Facilities, four Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), and four Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs). Home Health Agencies were not included in this pilot testing.

The DRR pilot testing data was collected during the following dates: Quantitative data collection began December 8, 2015 and ended December 21, 2015; Qualitative data collection began December 01, 2015 and ended December 30, 2015.

These post-acute care (PAC) facility settings were selected to represent variation across several key characteristics: geographic location, size, profit status, clinical records system (electronic medical record (EMR), or paper-based system). Each facility selected two clinicians (known as Data Collectors for this pilot testing) to complete Pilot Data Collection Forms, including DRR items and other relevant information, for the same sample of 10–20 patients/residents within their facility. The pilot sites participated in a pilot training conference call using the DRR Training Manual and materials sent to each site. Pilot participants from each facility also participated in one conference call before the onset of pilot data collection and one conference call at the conclusion of pilot data collection. These calls were used to obtain qualitative information related to data collection for the three DRR items.

This quality measure assesses whether SNF, IRF, LTCH providers were responsive to potential or actual clinically significant medication issue(s) when such issues were identified. Specifically, the quality measure reports the percentage of patient/resident stays in which a drug regimen review was conducted at the time of admission and timely follow-up with a physician occurred each time potential clinically significant medication issues were identified throughout that stay.

RTI analyses revealed the following performance gaps in participating pilot facilities:

- 1) Analyses of the coding of the DRR measure items collected for the pilot suggested a performance gap related to physician follow-up and resolution for identified potential clinically significant medication issues (PCSMIs). These findings suggest that use of the DRR items can facilitate the identification of PCSMIs that were not resolved by midnight of the next calendar day supporting the need for PAC facilities to collect DRR data to drive enhanced quality assurance in the domain of medication reconciliation in order to improve patient/resident safety and transitions of care.
- 2) Analyses suggested insufficient documentation of medication reconciliation (MR)/DRR activities at certain facilities, contributing to skewed distribution of identified PCSMIs at the facility-level.
- 3) Analyses of DRR quantitative and qualitative data indicate the need for further clarification of DRR item elements, as evidenced by common coding errors. These

analyses demonstrate the need for additional DRR training/guidance related to certain item elements.

The complete DRR Pilot Testing Report is available for review at the following web site:
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Post-Acute-Care-Quality-Initiatives/IMPACT-Act-of-2014/IMPACT-Act-Downloads-and-Videos.html>