

## 2018- IMPACT Act Spotlights and Announcements

**August 14, 2018**

A table providing a list of the self-care and mobility data elements included in Section GG of the Post-Acute Care Item Sets is posted and available in the downloads section of the [Post-Acute Care Quality Initiatives – Function Measures](#) webpage. The table includes Section GG data elements in the IRF-PAI version 2.0 (effective October 1, 2018), MDS 3.0 Version 1.16.0 (effective October 1, 2018), LTCH CARE Data Set version 4.00 (effective July 1, 2018), and OASIS-D (effective January 1, 2019).

**July 13, 2018**

Special Open Door Forum: The IMPACT Act and Standardized Patient Assessment Data Elements

CMS will be hosting a Special Open Door Forum (SODF) on July 25, 2018 from 2:00-3:00 pm Eastern Time. The dial-in information will be forthcoming. This conference call presentation will provide an update on the recent SPADE activities including progress on national field test data collection, early feedback from providers participating in the beta data collection, and upcoming stakeholder engagement activities that will help stakeholders remain engaged and informed during the upcoming year. We invite questions, comments, and ideas from providers, patients, consumers, researchers, and advocates in advance or during the Forum. Please submit questions, comments, and ideas to: [PACQualityInitiative@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:PACQualityInitiative@cms.hhs.gov).

The presentation is posted on the [IMPACT Act Downloads and Videos](#) webpage.

**July 10, 2018**

### **TEP Summary Report Available: Development of Quality Measures for the Transfer of Health Information and Care Preferences Domain - Transfer of Medication Profile**

The technical expert panel (TEP) Meeting 4 summary report for the Development of Measures under the Transfer of Health Information and Care Preferences domain is now available. This report summarizes proceedings from a follow-up cross-setting TEP meeting, which included in-depth discussion and input on the following topics:

- Revisions to the measure concept and measure specifications since the TEP last met
- The draft cross-setting Transfer of Medication Profile measures for Skilled Nursing Facilities, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Long-Term Care Hospitals, and Home Health Agencies
- The items used to calculate the quality measure
- Importance and feasibility of Information to be included in the medication profile to meet the measure criteria
- Items collecting routes of transfer of the medication profile

View the TEP summary report on the [IMPACT Act Downloads and Videos](#) webpage.

**June 29, 2018**

Register for July 11 Webinar on the CMS Data Element Library

On Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 1 p.m. ET, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a webinar on the recently launched Data Element Library (DEL).

CMS launched the first CMS Data Element Library (DEL) on June 21, 2018 --- a public resource for providers, vendors, researchers, and other stakeholders that use CMS assessments. End users are able to search and obtain reports on CMS post-acute care assessment contents, including questions, response options, relevant details, and importantly their associated health IT standards, in one location. The availability of the DEL will further support interoperability and the use and exchange of data across post-acute and other providers by using common assessment standards and definitions to facilitate coordinated care and improved health outcomes.

During this webinar, CMS will review the IMPACT Act, standardization, and interoperability, as well as provide an overview and demonstration of the DEL. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

### **Webinar Details**

- **Title:** CMS Data Element Library
- **Date:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018
- **Time:** 1-2 p.m. ET
- **Event Registration:** <https://engage.vevent.com/rt/cms/index.jsp?seid=1083>

**June 21, 2018**

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[Data Element Library \(DEL\)](#)

**June 12, 2018**

### **IMPACT Act: Frequently Asked Questions Call**

Thursday, June 21 from 2 to 3 pm ET

[Register](#) for Medicare Learning Network events.

During this call, learn more about the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014 (IMPACT Act). CMS answers your frequently asked questions on quality measures, standardized data elements, the CMS data element library, and future directions of the IMPACT Act. A question and answer session follows the presentation.

Target Audience: Post-acute care providers, including skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and long-term care hospitals; researchers; administrators; and other industry stakeholders and interested parties.

**May 09, 2018**

### **TEP Summary Document: Refinement of the Changes in Skin Integrity Post-Acute Care: Pressure Ulcer/Injury Quality Measure**

The Refinement of the Changes in Skin Integrity Post-Acute Care: Pressure Ulcer/Injury Quality Measure for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs), and Home Health Agencies (HHAs) TEP Summary Report is now available on the [IMPACT Act Downloads and Videos](#) webpage. This file summarizes proceedings from the TEP meeting including:

1. concept of "worsened" for numerically staged and unstageable pressure ulcers/injuries;
2. potential updates to manual guidance and definitions for unstageable pressure ulcers/injuries; and
3. guidance for providers regarding worsened unstageable pressure ulcers/injuries.

**April 26, 2018**

### **TEP Summary Report Available: Development and Maintenance of Quality Measures for Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program**

The technical expert panel (TEP) summary report for the Development and Maintenance of Quality Measures for Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP) is now available on the downloads and videos webpage. The objective of this TEP was to seek input from the expert panel on the identified care domains and focus areas to inform directions for potential future measure development for the SNF QRP.

**April 17, 2018**

### **IMPACT Act Frequently Asked Questions Document Available**

An IMPACT Act Frequently Asked Questions document is available on the [IMPACT Act Downloads and Videos](#) webpage. The Q+A document reflects IMPACT Act-related questions that were received by the PACQualityInitiative Help Desk, as well as during National Provider Calls, and is intended to provide guidance on the IMPACT Act. CMS will continue to offer new FAQs on a periodic basis to ensure our stakeholders receive the most up-to-date information.

**April 13, 2018**

### **Alpha 2 SPADE Summary Report**

CMS has contracted with the RAND Corporation to develop standardized patient assessment data elements to meet the requirements of the IMPACT Act, Section 2(a). As part of its data element development process, RAND conducted a pilot test of candidate items to assess several of the following clinical categories delineated in the IMPACT Act: (1) cognitive function and mental status; (2) special services, treatments, and interventions; (3) medical conditions and comorbidities; (4) impairments; and (5) other categories. Conducted between April 2017 and July 2017, the test was the second of two Alpha tests used to assess the feasibility of candidate items. Like the Alpha 1 pilot test, the results of this small-scale feasibility test informed the design of the national Beta test. The Alpha 2 summary report entitled, Alpha 2 SPADE Summary Report, is posted in the Downloads and Videos page.

**April 02, 2018**

### **OASIS Field Test Summary Report**

*The OASIS Field Test Summary report is now available on the [Outcome and Assessment Information Set \(OASIS\) web page](#) and the [IMPACT Act Downloads and Videos](#) web page. This report summarizes the findings from a comprehensive field test of existing and potential new OASIS items, and a feasibility test of the Patient Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System® (PROMIS®)10 item Global health survey (v1.1) with home health patients. Twelve Medicare-certified home health agencies were recruited to participate as clinical*

*sites and data were collected between 2016-2017. Findings support reliability and validity of OASIS items, and demonstrate feasibility of the PROMIS Global health survey in home health.*

**March 20, 2018**

**IMPACT Act Transfer of Health measures: Public Comment Period- Ends May 3**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with RTI International and Abt Associates to develop cross-setting post-acute care transfer of health information and care preferences quality measures in alignment with the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014 ([IMPACT Act](#)). As part of its measure development process, CMS requests interested parties to submit comments on two draft measure specifications:

1. Medication Profile Transferred to Provider
2. Medication Profile Transferred to Patient

The call for public comment period closes on May 3, 2018.

View the [public comment](#) webpage for more information.

**March 07, 2018**

**Upcoming IMPACT Act Special Open Door Forum**

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

2:00-3:00 pm ET

This Special Open Door Forum (SODF) will provide information and solicit feedback pertaining to development and testing of Standardized Patient Assessment Data Elements as mandated by the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014 (the [IMPACT Act](#)). This SODF will provide an update on the national field test, ongoing stakeholder engagement activities, and will highlight ways for stakeholders to remain engaged and informed during the upcoming year.

View the [IMPACT Act SODF Announcement 3-28-18](#) for more information.

**February 22, 2018**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with the RAND Corporation to develop standardized assessment-based data elements to meet the requirements as set forth under the IMPACT Act of 2014, Section 2(a). A summary TEP document for this standardized data element work is now posted on the IMPACT Act Downloads and Videos webpage.

**February 22, 2018**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with RTI International and Abt Associates to develop cross-setting post-acute care transfer of health information and care preferences quality measures in alignment with the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014 (the IMPACT Act). As part of its measure development process, CMS requested interested parties to submit comments on the candidate or concept measures that may be suitable for this project. The summary public comment report for this measure development work is now posted on the IMPACT Act Downloads and Videos webpage.

**February 21, 2018**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with the RAND Corporation to develop standardized assessment-based data elements to meet the requirements as set forth under the IMPACT Act of 2014, Section 2(a). As part of its data element development process, CMS encourages interested parties to submit comments on the data elements described in this posting, which are being considered for this project. The summary public comment report is now posted on the IMPACT Act Downloads and Videos webpage.

### **February 21, 2018**

The Technical Expert Panel (TEP) Meetings 2 and 3 summary report for the Transfer of Health Information and Care Preferences measures, which were current as of October 1, 2017, is now posted on the [IMPACT Act Downloads and Videos](#) webpage. The Transfer of Health Information and Care Preferences measures are under development in order to meet the mandate of the IMPACT Act for the domain of "Transfer of health information and care preferences when an individual transitions".

### **January 25, 2018**

An [audio recording and transcript](#) are posted for the December 12, 2017 [SODF](#) on the IMPACT Act Improving Care Coordination.

Please refer to the Archived Information webpage for announcements prior to 2018.