Improving Medicare Post Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014

Special Open Door Forum

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Welcome

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, along with its contractor, RAND Corporation, Welcomes You To This Special Open Door Forum
Focus of this Special Open Door Forum

- The IMPACT Act: Standardized Data Elements for PAC (RAND Contract)
  - Update on National Beta Test activities
  - Plans for ongoing stakeholder engagement
Overview of the RAND Contract

• Project goal is to develop, implement, and maintain standardized PAC patient assessment data

• Project phases:
  1. Information Gathering: Sep 2015 – Apr 2016

• Focus on clinical categories outlined in IMPACT Act
Upcoming Project Activities

• National field test of all data elements being considered for standardization (in progress)

• Information gathering and consensus building activities for data elements being tested
  o Survey, and focus groups with facility staff and administrators participating in beta field test to better understand workflow issues, ways to mitigate burden, and patient assessment experience
  o Targeted outreach to professional and provider associations and PAC providers to hear concerns and discuss ideas
  o Ongoing project updates (SODFs, website, Forum)
National Beta Test

- Goal is to test reliability and validity of candidate data elements and identify best, most feasible subset for standardization to meet requirements of IMPACT Act

- Field test will take place over a span of six months starting in November 2017

- 14 geographic/metropolitan areas were randomly selected and eligible providers have been randomly selected from within these 14 areas
Data Element Categories

• Assessment will focus on:
  - Cognitive status
  - Mental status
  - Pain
  - Impairments
  - Special services, treatments and interventions
  - Other categories
    - Care preferences
    - Global health
    - Medication reconciliation
Map of Recruited Providers (11.21.17)

*NOTE: Number in parenthesis is the count of facilities that are committed or has a fully executed agreement (potential and tentative interest facilities were excluded) as of 11/21/17*
Recruitment update

• Have successfully recruited 172 facilities/agencies
• One last round of recruitment across all markets taking place now to offset early drop outs
• Final round of trainings (one per region) to be conducted January 31- February 1 2018
Beta Participants

• Beneficiaries selected will be Medicare only or dually eligible (Medicare-Medicaid) that are admitted to participating providers during the field period

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Stakeholder Engagement Activities

• In the first half of 2018, CMS and RAND will engage with a broad range of associations and providers to hear concerns and ideas for data element standardization
  o Conference presentations
  o One-on-one interviews with purposive sample of organizations and providers

• RAND will also hold targeted webinars in mid-2018 on special populations (e.g., pediatric patients) to inform future PAC standardization efforts
Stakeholder Engagement Activities

• CMS and RAND will host a mini-conference on Data Element Standardization in PAC in late 2018 to discuss findings of testing and stakeholder engagement activities, answer questions, and hear feedback on candidate data elements

• Mini-conference will provide opportunity for open discussion of candidate data elements with CMS leadership
Stakeholder Engagement Activities

• RAND will leverage the experience of assessors from national beta test to understand workflow and other assessment challenges, and patients’ experience with additional assessment items
Stakeholder Engagement Activities

• Survey of Beta assessors
  o All Beta assessors will complete a survey about their experience and opinions of the items (e.g., burden, clinical relevance, feasibility)
  o Beta assessors will be asked about the patient experience with the candidate data elements (e.g., burdensome, confusing)

• RAND will then conduct follow-up focus groups with groups of assessors on the leading concerns identified through the survey
## National Data Element Testing

### Events and Dates

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### Stakeholder Engagement

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<td>Jan - June 2018</td>
<td>Outreach to PAC stakeholders (associations, providers, patient representatives)</td>
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Milestones Timeline

- **Oct 2 - Oct 6**: Beta Research Nurse Training
- **Oct 9 - Nov 30**: Field trainings in 14 markets
- **Oct 23 - May 25**: Beta data collection
- **Jan 1 - Dec 31**: Stakeholder outreach (e.g., conversations with associations and providers, feedback from Beta assessors)

**2017**
- Sep 24: Start of OY2
- Dec 12: Dec SODF

**2018**
- Mar 15: Mar SODF (est.)
- Jun 8: Final Beta data delivery
- Nov 15: TEP (est.)
- Sep 14: Sept SODF (est.)
- Jul 13: June SODF (est.)

**CMS/RAND Forum on Data Element Standardization (est.)**: Oct 15
Points of Contact

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