

Announcements and Reminders

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May 15 Deadline for FY 2014 Payment Determination

Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) providers should currently be engaging in two activities for the LTCH Quality Reporting (LTCHQR) Program: data *submission* for the FY 2014 payment update determination and data *collection* and *submission* for the FY 2015 payment update determination.

FY 2014 Payment Update Determination—Deadline for Data Submission: May 15, 2013

In the [FY 2012 IPPS/LTCH PPS Final Rule](#) (76 FR 51743 through 51756, and 51780 through 51781), three measures were adopted for data collection and reporting for October 1 through December 31, 2012 for the FY 2014 Payment Update Determination:

- Percent of Residents with Pressure Ulcers That Are New or Worsened (NQF #0678)
- Urinary Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) (NQF #0138)
- Central Line Catheter-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) (NQF #0139)

To avoid a 2-percentage-point reduction in their Annual Payment Update, providers must submit data for all three measures *by the May 15, 2013 deadline*. Current definitions for the three LTCH quality measures are available in the LTCHQR Program Manual in the “Downloads” section of the [LTCHQR Program](#) website.

The Percent of Residents with Pressure Ulcers That Are New or Worsened (NQF #0678) measure requires use of the LTCH Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set Version 1.01, approved on April 24, 2012, by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The OMB Control Number is 0938-1163, Expiration Date April 30, 2013. Please note that while the current PRA approval of the LTCH CARE Data set has an expiration date of April 30, 2013, the subsequent version of the data set is currently in the PRA approval process with the OMB; this acts to extend the PRA deadline of April 30, 2013 until the currently submitted PRA package receives approval. Details on the LTCH CARE Data Set technical submission specifications can be found at [LTCHQR Program Technical Information](#) web page.

For the submission of data for CAUTI and CLABSI measures, the deadline for enrollment in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) National Health Safety Network (NHSN) was December 31, 2012. If you have not registered with the NHSN, please visit the [NHSN LTCH](#) web page, and contact the NHSN at NHSN@cdc.gov for additional guidance. [Frequently asked questions](#) about the NHSN enrollment process are available on the CDC website.