

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
ACA Section 3004: Quality Reporting Program for
Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs)
Thursday, September 20, 2012
1:00 p.m. - 2:30pm Eastern Time
Conference Call Only

CMS will be hosting a 4-part series of IRF Special Open Door Forums. The third of these Open Door Forums will take place on *Thursday, September 20, 2012* from *1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)*.

1. Purpose of These Open Door Forums:

The main purpose of this Open Door Forum Series is to present information on various topics related to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Section 3004 IRF Quality Reporting Program, so that IRFs can be better prepared when the program goes live on October 1, 2012. Topics will include (but are not limited to):

- (a) An overview of the legislative requirements of the ACA Section 3004 statute,*
- (b) How to properly assess pressure ulcers in IRF patients,*
- (c) An overview of the Quality Indicator section of the IRF-PAI;*
- (d) How to properly document pressure ulcer data in the Quality Indicator section of the IRF-PAI;*
- (e) How to report CAUTI data to NHSN;*
- (f) Information about upcoming technical Webex presentations;*
- (g) Discussion of major topics from “IRF Frequently Asked Questions.”*
- (h) Question & answer sessions following each presentation.*

The main focus of this Special Open Door Forum will be issues related to the reporting of pressure ulcer data (i.e. - staging of pressure ulcers, documentation of pressures in the Quality Indicator section of the IRF-PAI, etc.). However, other topics may be discussed as well. Also, at the conclusion of this Open Door Forum, we will offer a Question and Answer session, in which we invite any questions that are related to the IRF Quality Reporting Program.

2. Background:

This quality reporting program was mandated by Section 3004 of the Affordable Care Act. A Final Rule announcing the IRF Quality Reporting Program was published in the Federal Register on August 5, 2011 (Vol. 76, No. 151). (See <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-08-05/pdf/2011-19516.pdf> .

The IRF Quality Reporting Program requires that beginning on October 1, 2012, IRF's must begin to submit quality measure data to CMS on two measures. These measures include: (1) a urinary catheter-associated urinary tract (CAUTI) infection measure; and (2) a measure for new or worsening pressure ulcers.

Data for the CAUTI measure will be submitted to CMS via the Center for Disease Control's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Data for the pressure ulcer measure will be collected using the IRF-PAI instrument. The IRF-PAI has been in use in IRFs for many years for payment purposes.

IRFs that do not comply with the requirements of the new IRF quality reporting program will see their yearly Federal update payments reduced by two percentage points beginning in rate year 2014 and continuing each subsequent rate year thereafter.

Some IRF providers are unsure of what they need to be prepared to prepare for the start of the new IRF Quality Reporting Program. During this Special Open Door Forum, we will discuss various resources and training opportunities that will be made available to IRF providers before the IRF Quality Reporting Program goes live on October 1, 2012.

To read more about the IRF Quality Reporting Program and to view presentation materials, visit the IRF Quality Reporting webpage: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/IRF-Quality-Reporting/index.html?redirect=/IRF-Quality-Reporting/>

We look forward to your participation.

3. Special Open Door Participation Instructions:

- **Dial: 1-800-603-1774**

- **Conference ID: 25074257**

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