Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
ACA Section 3004: Quality Reporting Program for
Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs)
Thursday, October 18, 2012
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)
Conference Call Only

CMS has hosted a 4-part series of IRF Special Open Door Forums. The fourth & final of these Special Open Door Forums will take place on **Thursday, October 18, 2012** from **1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Eastern Time).**

Purpose of This IRF Special Open Door Forum:

Topics to be discussed at this IRF Special Open Door Forum will include (but are not limited to):

1) In-depth review of the different helpdesks that are available to IRFs:

    a) Names and contact information for each helpdesk associated with the IRF QRP;

    b) Description of the types if issues each helpdesk can handle,

    c) Examples of questions that are appropriate for each helpdesk;

2) An overview of the appeal process that will be available to IRFs, if they receive notice that they have been found to be non-compliant with requirements of the ACA section 3004 IRF Quality Reporting Program;

3) How to properly report pressure ulcer data to CMS:

    a) How to assess IRF patients for pressure ulcers;

    b) An overview of the Quality Indicator section of the IRF-PAI;

    c) How to properly document pressure ulcer data in the Quality Indicator section of the IRF-PAI;

4. How to report CAUTI data to NHSN;

5. Discussion of the "IRF Frequently Asked Questions."

6. Question & Answer sessions to follow the presentation.

Background:

The Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) 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.

Special Open Door Participation Instructions:

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