

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
ACA Section 3004: Quality Reporting Program for
Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs)
Thursday, November 14, 2013
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)
Conference Call Only

CMS will host an Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Special Open Door Forum:

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Purpose of This IRF Special Open Door Forum:

The purpose of this Special Open Door Forum is to make IRF providers aware of recent program updates and new measures that have been added to the IRF Quality Reporting Program. We will also discuss some of the issues and concerns that IRF providers experienced during the first reporting period and how they can be avoided; and also review the resources available to IRFs in the event that they need to seek help with reporting their IRF quality measure data.

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

- 1) A brief overview of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Section 3004(b) and the history of the IRF Quality Reporting Program (IRF QRP);
- 2) Overview of current IRF QRP quality measures;
 - a) NHSN Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection Outcome Measure (NQF#0138); and
 - b) A non-risk adjusted application of the Percent of Patients/Residents with Pressure Ulcers that are New or Worsened measure (NQF #0678) measure
- 3) A review of new quality measures to be added to the IRF QRP, including:
 - a) Adoption of the NQF endorsed (risk-adjusted) version of the Percent of Patients/Residents with Pressure Ulcers that are New or Worsened measure (NQF #0678) measure;
 - b) Percent of Residents or Patients Who Were Assessed and Appropriately Given the Seasonal Influenza Vaccine (Short-Stay) (NQF #0680);
 - c) Influenza Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel (NQF #0431);
 - d) All-Cause Unplanned Readmission Measure for 30 Days Post Discharge from Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities Measure;

- 4) Review of the new quarterly final data submission deadlines which began on 01/01/2013;
- 5) A discussion of the change in the data reporting cycle for IRF-PAI based measures from a calendar year basis to fiscal year basis that will take place on 10/01/2014;
- 6) A discussion of some common problems and concerns experienced by IRF providers during the 1st IRF QRP reporting period (i.e. - 10/01/2012 to 12/31/2012);
- 7) A review of some frequently asked questions (FAQs) that we received from IRF providers;
- 8) Information about the resources available to IRFs:
 - a. CMS IRF Quality Reporting Program Web site
 - b. CMS Help Desks related to the IRF QRP
- 9) A question & answer session will be held following 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>).

Data reporting for the IRF Quality Reporting Program began on October 1, 2012. Initially, IRF's were required to submit data for the following two quality measures. In the FY 2014 IRF PPS Final Rule, CMS finalized the addition of 3 new measures and one revised quality measures to the IRF Quality Reporting Program. In addition, CMS made several key policy decisions in the FY 2014 IRF PPS final rule that will have an impact on the way that IRFs report their quality measure data, including:

IRFs that do not comply with the reporting requirements of the IRF QRP will see their annual payment update (for the applicable payment year) reduced by two percentage points beginning with FY 2014.

To read more about the IRF QRP 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:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935

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