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SNF Healthcare-Associated Infections Measure: Submit Comments by October 14

CMS seeks input on a draft measure for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program: Healthcare-Associated Infections Requiring Hospitalizations. Visit the Public Comments webpage for more information. Submit comments to QM-Public-Comment@acumenllc.com by October 14.

Participate in Medical Documentation Interoperability Pilot

Standardize Provider-to-Provider Documentation Exchanges

CMS encourages you to participate in an interoperability pilot to test medical documentation exchanges. The Electronic Medical Documentation Interoperability (EMDI) Initiative is designed to reduce provider burden by helping you standardize your workflow, so you can send and receive documentation electronically:

- Implementing interoperable workflows
- Providing educational sessions and workgroups
- Connecting you to collaboration with other providers
- Creating resources
- Supporting CMS policies, regulations, and initiatives

You’ll have an opportunity to test interoperable solutions by piloting one or more three use cases:

- Ordering
- Requesting medical documentation from another provider
- Requesting physician signatures

For More Information:

- Register for an EMDI Introduction Webinar
COVID-19 Lessons Learned & Infectious Disease Surge Annex Template

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) released:

- **The Exchange, Issue 11: COVID-19 Lessons Learned**: Resources on managing patient surge, safety and staff health, operations, telehealth, and what's next
- **Healthcare Coalition Infectious Disease Surge Annex Template**: Voluntary template for developing a surge annex
- **Interim Guidance: SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) and Field Trauma Triage Principles**: How COVID-19 impacts triage for first responders

For More Information:
- [ASPR TRACIE](https://www.asprtracie.org) Fact Sheet
- [ASPR TRACIE](https://www.asprtracie.org) website
- [ASPR TRACIE Novel Coronavirus Resources](https://www.asprtracie.org) webpage

Healthy Aging® Month: Discuss Preventive Services with Your Patients

Healthy Aging Month focuses national attention on all aspects of growing older. Talk with your patients about adopting a healthy lifestyle, including use of appropriate Medicare-covered preventive services; care coordination for chronic conditions; behavioral health integration; and cognitive assessment and care planning.

For More Information:
- [Medicare Preventive Services](https://www.asprtracie.org) Educational Tool
- [Chronic Care Management Services](https://www.asprtracie.org) Booklet
- [Connected Care: The Chronic Care Management Resource](https://www.asprtracie.org) webpage

Visit the [Preventive Services](https://prevention.health.gov) website to learn more about Medicare-covered services.

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer among American men. Talk to your Medicare patients about the nature and risk of prostate cancer and help them make an informed decision about screening.

For More Information:
- [Medicare Preventive Services](https://www.asprtracie.org) Educational Tool
- [CDC Prostate Cancer](https://www.cdc.gov) website
- [National Cancer Institute Prostate Cancer](https://cancer.gov) website

Visit the [Preventive Services](https://prevention.health.gov) website to learn more about Medicare-covered services.

Events

**Dementia Care Call — September 22**
National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care and Quality Assurance Performance Improvement
Tuesday, September 22 from 1:30 to 3 pm ET

Register for [Medicare Learning Network events](https://www.asprtracie.org).
During this call, learn about the unique challenges facing nursing home residents living with dementia during the COVID-19 pandemic and best practices to support them. A question and answer session follows the presentations.

Speakers:
- Cathleen Lawrence and Dara Graham, CMS
- Kara Jacobs Slifka, MD, MPH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Douglas Pace, Alzheimer’s Association

Target Audience: Consumer and advocacy groups; nursing home providers; surveyor community; prescribers; professional associations; and other interested stakeholders.

MLN Matters® Articles

October 2020 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System

CMS issued a new MLN Matters Article MM11963 on October 2020 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System. Learn about billing instructions and updates to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System codes.

New Waivers for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals, Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs), and Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs) due to Provisions of the CARES Act — Revised

CMS revised MLN Matters Special Edition Article SE20015 on New Waivers for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals, Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs), and Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs) due to Provisions of the CARES Act to add guidance on notifying your MAC when there is no evidence of a positive laboratory test.

Update to Hospice Payment Rates, Hospice Cap, Hospice Wage Index, and Hospice Pricer for FY 2021 — Revised

CMS revised MLN Matters Article MM11876 on Update to Hospice Payment Rates, Hospice Cap, Hospice Wage Index, and Hospice Pricer for FY 2021 to correct typos related to revenue codes 652 and 656.

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