

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Spotlights & Announcements-Archive

September 30, 2024

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Listening Session: Revising the Transmission Schedule for IRF-PAI Assessment Data

RTI International, on behalf of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), is hosting a public, virtual listening session on the possible revision of the transmission schedule for the IRF Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) assessment data used in the IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP). IRFs are required to report these data with respect to admission and discharge of all patients, regardless of payer, discharged on and after October 1, 2024. The IRF setting is unique from other post-acute care (PAC) settings, such as Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs) and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), because of its single patient assessment data transmission requirements. On behalf of CMS, we are seeking feedback from clinical staff, administration and management staff, and software vendors.

Prior to the listening session, you are encouraged to prepare to speak to the following topics during the call:

- Data collection, submission, and systems considerations related to separating the submission of the IRF-PAI into multiple time points, e.g., admission, discharge, or patient expiration.
- The feasibility of creating an interim assessment, like the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Interim Payment Assessment (IPA) that would only include items necessary to calculate a case mix group (CMG).
- Other feedback about technical aspects of IRF-PAI data collection and the submission of quality data.

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 2pm ET

Registration Link: Registration can be completed online through Zoom using this link:
https://rtiorg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BiXCR4QTQR2pEqy8eYA1Fw

September 25, 2024

Care Compare September Refresh of IRF QRP Data – Now Available

The September 2024 refresh of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) data is now available on the compare tool on [Medicare.gov](#) and [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#).

For more information, please visit the [IRF QRP Public Reporting](#) website.

September 16, 2024

IRF Provider Preview Reports – Now Available

The Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Provider Preview Reports have been updated and are now available. These reports contain provider performance scores for quality measures, which will be published on the compare tool on [Medicare.gov](#) and [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#) during the **December 2024 refresh**.

For more information, please visit the [CMS IRF QRP Public Reporting](#) website.

September 4, 2024

UPDATED RESOURCE AVAILABLE: From Data Elements to Quality Measures Cross-Setting Web-Based Training

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering an updated web-based training course that provides a high-level overview of how data elements are used to construct quality measures used across post-acute care settings.

This resource can be accessed through the [IRF QRP Training](#) webpage.

September 3, 2024

IRF QRP FAQs for FY 2025

An update to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document is now available. This document has been updated to reflect the finalized policies for the IRF QRP in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and includes other useful resources available to providers.

The FAQ document can be accessed via the **Downloads** section of the [IRF Quality Reporting FAQs](#) webpage.

September 3, 2024

IRF QRP Data Elements Used for Reporting Assessment-Based QMs and Standardized Patient Assessment Data Elements Affecting FY 2027 AIF Determination and Data Collection and Final Submission Deadlines for FY 2027 posted

The Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Overview of Data Elements Used for Reporting Assessment-Based Quality Measures and Standardized Patient Assessment Data Elements Affecting Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Annual Increase Factor (AIF) Determination table and the IRF QRP Data Collection and Final Submission Deadlines for the FY 2027 IRF QRP are now available.

The FY 2027 IRF QRP AIF Table can be accessed via the **Downloads** section of the [IRF QRP Measures Information](#) webpage. The FY 2027 IRF QRP Data Collection and Final Submission Deadlines document can be accessed via the **Downloads** section of the [IRF QRP Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

August 30, 2024

IRF QRP Quality Measure Calculations and Reporting User's Manual V6.0, Change Table, Risk Adjustment Appendix File, Imputation Appendix File, and HCC ICD-10 Crosswalks – Now Available

The Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Quality Measure Calculations and Reporting User's Manual Version 6.0 and accompanying documents are now available. These documents serve as an update to the specifications used to calculate quality measures that are included in the IRF QRP effective October 1, 2024.

These files can be found in the **Downloads** section of the [CMS IRF QRP Quality Reporting Measures Information](#) webpage.

August 26, 2024

Rehabilitation Innovation Centers 2024

On August 26, 2024, CMS published the inaugural list of the Dr. Joanne Smith Memorial Rehabilitation Innovation Centers 2024. This designation recognizes rehabilitation facilities that lead the nation in medical research, complex treatment and that drive innovative research for the entire field of rehabilitation. The inaugural list can be found on the [Rehabilitation Innovation Centers](#) webpage.

August 26, 2024

UPDATED RESOURCE AVAILABLE: Section GG Web-Based Training Series

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering an updated series of web-based training courses that provide an overview of the assessment and Section GG guidance found in the IRF-Patient Assessment Instrument (PAI) Version 4.2 to promote accurate coding of the post-acute care (PAC) cross-setting data elements.

This resource can be accessed through the [IRF QRP Training](#) webpage.

July 31, 2024

IRF PPS for FY 2025; and Updates to the IRF QRP (CMS-1804-F)

On July 31, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule (CMS-1804-F) that provides policy updates for the fiscal year (FY) 2028 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program (IRF QRP). This final rule includes the addition of four new assessment items in the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) category: Living Situation, Food, and Utilities to the IRF-Patient Assessment Instrument (PAI). CMS also modified the Transportation item and removed the Admission Class item from the IRF-PAI. Finally, CMS sought feedback with two Requests for Information (RFIs) on quality measure concepts under consideration for future IRF QRP years and a star rating system for the IRF QRP and provided a comment summary back to interested parties.

The final rule went on display at the Federal Register and is available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>

1. **July 24, 2024**
2. **NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE:** Patient Mood Interview (Patient Health Questionnaire PHQ-2 to 9[®]) Video Tutorial
3. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a video tutorial for completing D0150, Patient Mood Interview (PHQ-2 to 9) and D0160, Total Severity Score. Within the video, the PHQ-2 to 9 assessment and related coding is demonstrated using excerpts from two patient interviews.
4. This resource can be accessed through the [Home Health Quality Reporting Program \(QRP\) Training](#) page.

July 19, 2024

NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE: What You Need to Know: PAC QRP Key Program Updates – FY/CY 2025 Web-Based Training

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a web-based training course that provides an overview of key updates to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.

This resource can be accessed through the [IRF QRP Training](#) page.

July 3, 2024

IRF Quality Reporting Program: Non-Compliance Notifications

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notifications to Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs) that were determined to be out of compliance with IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) requirements for calendar year (CY) 2023, which will affect their fiscal year (FY) 2025 Annual Increase Factor (AIF). Non-compliance notifications will be distributed by the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and will be placed into facilities' My Reports folders in the Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) on July 03, 2024. Facilities that receive a letter of non-compliance may submit a request for reconsideration to CMS **via email no later than 11:59 pm, August 14, 2024**. If you receive a notice of non-compliance and would like to request a reconsideration, see the instructions in your notification letter and on the [IRF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) webpage.

Please note: any reconsideration containing protected health information (PHI) will not be processed. All PHI must be removed in order for a reconsideration to be reviewed.