

Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Spotlights & Announcements - Archive

Updates

May 5, 2026

Reminder of Upcoming Data Submission Deadline

The submission deadline for the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) is approaching. LTCH Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) assessment data and data submitted via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for Oct 1 – Dec 31 (Q4) of calendar year (CY) 2025 are due with this submission deadline. **The annual NHSN Measure Influenza Vaccination among Healthcare Personnel is also due with this deadline.**

All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 18, 2026.

It is recommended that the applicable Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) reports and NHSN analysis reports are run prior to each quarterly reporting deadline to ensure that all required data have been submitted. We encourage you to verify all facility information prior to submission, including CMS Certification Number (CCN) and facility name.

View the list of measures required for the May 18, 2026 deadline on the [LTCH Quality Reporting Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

For submission information, visit:

- [iQIES Reference & Manuals](#)
- [CMS Resources for NHSN Users](#)

Swingtech sends informational messages to LTCHs that do not meet the Annual Payment Update (APU) threshold on a quarterly basis ahead of each submission deadline. If you need to add or change the email addresses to which these messages are sent, please email QRPHelp@swingtech.com and be sure to include your facility name and CCN along with any requested email updates.

July 31, 2025

Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) and Updates to the Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for FY 2026 LTCH PPS Final Rule (CMS-1833-F).

On July 31, 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule (CMS-1833-F) that provides updates to the fiscal year (FY) Long Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program (LTCH QRP). In this final rule, CMS is removing the COVID-19 Vaccine: Percent of Patients/Residents Who Are Up to Date vaccine item (O0350) from the LTCH Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) as it pertains to patients who expire in an LTCH and four assessment items in the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) category: one item for Living Situation, two items for Food, and one item for Utilities. CMS is also amending the LTCH QRP reconsideration policy and process. Finally, CMS is summarizing feedback on three Requests for Information (RFI) including future quality measure concepts for the LTCH QRP; potential revisions to the data submission deadlines for assessment data collected for the LTCH QRP; and advancing digital quality measurement in LTCHs that were in the proposed rule.

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

July 21, 2025

LTCH Quality Reporting Program: Non-Compliance Notifications

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notifications to Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs) that were determined to be out of compliance with LTCH Quality Reporting Program (QRP) requirements for calendar year (CY) 2024, which will affect their fiscal year (FY) 2026 Annual Payment Update (APU). 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 Evaluation System (iQIES) on July 21, 2025. 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 26, 2025**. 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 [LTCH 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 for a reconsideration to be reviewed.

Additionally, all submissions must be less than 20 MB overall (email message and attachments). Submissions that are greater than 20 MB in size cannot be processed.

April 11, 2025

Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) and Updates to the Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for FY 2026 LTCH PPS Proposed Rule (CMS-1833-P).

On April 11, 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-1833-P) that provides updates to the fiscal year (FY) Long Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program (LTCH QRP). In this proposed rule, CMS is proposing the removal of the COVID-19 Vaccine: Percent of Patients/Residents Who Are Up to Date vaccine item (O0350) from the LTCH Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) as it pertains to patients who expire in an LTCH and four assessment items in the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) category: one item for Living Situation, two items for Food, and one item for Utilities. CMS is also proposing to amend the LTCH QRP reconsideration policy and process. Finally, CMS is seeking feedback with three Requests for Information (RFI) including future quality measure concepts for the LTCH QRP; potential revisions to the data submission deadlines for assessment data collected for the LTCH QRP; and advancing digital quality measurement in LTCHs.

The proposed rule went on display at the Federal Register and will be available at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/current>