

Screen Positive for HRSN Indicator

CONFIDENTIAL FEEDBACK REPORT

Post-Acute Care Quality Reporting Programs (PAC QRPs)



GOAL OF THE REPORT: To empower PAC providers with health-related social needs (HRSNs) data necessary to develop effective strategies to improve quality care for their patients/residents.

BACKGROUND: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is committed to advancing health equity by addressing health disparities across its programs. Increasing understanding of beneficiary HRSNs is an important first step towards improving quality of care for patients and advancing health equity. In Fall 2024, CMS is releasing a new quarterly Screen Positive for HRSN Indicator Confidential Feedback Report to PAC providers in Home Health (HH), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF), and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) settings.¹ These reports will be accessible through the [Internet Quality Improvement & Evaluation System \(iQIES\)](#) from the 'Reports' tab. The Screen Positive for HRSN Indicator Confidential Feedback Report will present summary information for four PAC HRSN data elements:²

Health Literacy

Need for Interpreter Services

Social Isolation

Transportation

WHAT RESULTS ARE PRESENTED IN THE REPORT?

For each HRSN data element (Health Literacy, Need for Interpreter Services, Social Isolation, Transportation), specific responses trigger a patient to “screen positive”. The report displays the **count** and **rate of**:

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Unique patients/residents in your facility/agency who screened positive for at least one of four HRSNs

Example:



$$\frac{7}{10} = 70.00\%$$

At this facility/agency (n=10), seven (70%) of all patients/residents **screened positive for at least one HRSN.**

- Health Literacy
- Need for Interpreter Services
- Social Isolation
- Transportation
- No HRSN reported

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Unique patients/residents in your facility/agency who screened positive for each of the four individual HRSNs

Example - Need for Interpreter Services:



$$\frac{3}{10} = 30.00\%$$

At this facility/agency (n=10), three (30%) of all patients/residents **screened positive for a Need for Interpreter Services.**

- Health Literacy
- Need for Interpreter Services
- Social Isolation
- Transportation
- No HRSN reported

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Number of HRSNs reported by unique patients/residents

Example - Patients/Residents who Screened Positive for 2 HRSNs:



$$\frac{4}{10} = 40.00\%$$

At this facility/agency (n=10), four (40%) of all patients/residents **screened positive for exactly 2 HRSNs** (in any combination).

- 0 HRSNs
- 1 HRSN
- 2 HRSNs
- 3 HRSNs
- 4 HRSNs

WHAT BENCHMARKING DATA ARE AVAILABLE IN THE REPORT?

Each of your facility/agency's rates is presented alongside the state (for HH only)³ and national average rates for providers in your care setting. Benchmarks are included to give a sense of how your patient/resident HRSNs compare to those of patients/residents in your state and nationally.

PUTTING THIS ALL TOGETHER: EXAMPLE REPORT TABLES⁴

IRF Screen Positive for Health-Related Social Need Indicator Report

FACILITY NAME: SAMPLE IRF Facility

TABLE 1. HRSN INDICATOR

Total Facility Patient Count (N): 132

HRSN Indicator	Unique Patient Count (N)	IRF Rate (%)	National Average Rate (%)
At least one of four HRSNs	57	43.18	33.69
Need for Interpreter Services (A1110B)	0	0	2.56
Need for Transportation (A1250)	3	2.27	2.47
Health Literacy (B1300)	47	35.61	26.43
Social Isolation (D0700)	12	9.09	8.47

TABLE 2. PATIENTS WITH HRSNs

Total Facility Patient Count (N): 132

Patients with HRSNs	Unique Patient Count (N)	IRF Rate (%)	National Average Rate (%)
Patients with 4 HRSNs	2	1.52	.01
Patients with 3 HRSNs	1	.76	.40
Patients with 2 HRSNs	6	4.55	5.4
Patients with 1 HRSN	48	36.36	27.88
Patients with 0 HRSNs	75	56.82	66.31

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¹ CMS will release the Screen Positive for HRSN Indicator Confidential Feedback Report for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) providers starting in Fall 2025, which is when a full fiscal year of HRSN data will become available for this setting.

² PAC QRP HRSN data elements are collected via the HH, IRF, LTCH, and SNF assessment tools (OASIS, IRF-PAI, LCDS, and MDS, respectively) items A1110B (Need for interpreter services), A1250 (Transportation), B1300 (Health Literacy), and D0700 (Social Isolation). Patient/resident information is collected at start of care/resumption of care (SOC/ROC) for HH and at admission for IRF, LTCH, and SNF.

³ State benchmarks are only presented in HH agency reports to align with existing HH reporting, which includes state benchmarks. State averages are not reported for IRF, LTCH, and SNF and therefore are not presented in the Screen Positive for HRSN Indicator reports for these settings.

⁴ The example tables included in this document are for an IRF but apply to all PAC settings. HH report tables will include an additional column to include state benchmark data.