

**Crosswalk for Changes to the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation  
(CARE) Data Set (LCDS) Version 5.3  
(CMS-10409; OMB No. 0938-1163)**

In the FY 2027 IPPS/LTCH PPS proposed rule, we are proposing to remove the COVID-19 Vaccine: Percent of Patients/Residents Who Are Up to Date measure from the LTCH QRP beginning with the FY 2028 LTCH QRP. We are proposing that beginning with patients discharged on or after October 1, 2026, LTCHs would no longer be required to collect and submit the Patient/Resident COVID-19 Vaccine measure data to CMS. We are also proposing to remove the Patient's COVID-19 vaccination is up to date data element (O0350) from the LCDS as of October 1, 2028, since it is not technically feasible to remove this data element earlier. However, under our proposal, this data element would become voluntary and LTCHs would not be required to collect and submit Patient/Resident COVID-19 Vaccine data beginning with patients discharged on or after October 1, 2026.

We are also proposing to change the data submission deadlines for data submitted for the purposes of the LTCH QRP. If finalized as proposed, these updates would not add any additional collection burden for LTCHs or modify the LCDS Version 5.3.

**Table 1: Changes to the Previously Approved LCDS Version 5.3**

<b>Section # on Currently Approved LCDS (10/26) – Planned and Unplanned Discharge</b>	<b>Type of Change</b>	<b>Rationale for Change</b>
SECTION O: SPECIAL TREATMENTS, PROCEDURES, AND PROGRAMS – DISCHARGE	O0350. Patient's COVID-19 vaccination is up to date – burden removal	If finalized as proposed, item will be voluntary effective October 1, 2026 ( <a href="#">FY 2027 IPPS LTCH PPS Proposed Rule</a> )