IRF-PAI Data Specifications (Version 1.01A) in Effect On October 15, 2002

Section 4421 of The Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997, as amended by the Balanced Budget Refinement Act (BBRA) of 1999 and the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA) of 2000, authorizes the implementation of a per discharge prospective payment system (PPS) for inpatient rehabilitation hospitals and rehabilitation units – referred to as inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs). On August 7, 2001, a final rule was published in the Federal Register to implement the IRF PPS for cost reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2002 (a copy of this final rule can be found elsewhere on this website). Data from the IRF Patient Assessment Instrument (PAI) supports the establishment and administration of the IRF PPS. To implement and administer the PPS, IRFs are required to complete the IRF PAI for all Medicare patients at admission and at discharge. The IRF is required to encode the PAI information then must transmit this data in a file that conforms to the CMS IRF data specifications.

How will Data Specifications Version 1.01A and Version 1.10 of the CMG_100 Grouper software effect use of the IRVEN? [PDF, 20KB]

Version 1.01A of the IRF-PAI Data Specifications will be implemented on October 15, 2002. The Version 1.01A Specifications will replace the 1.00 Specifications on that date. As of October 15, 2002, all IRF-PAI transmissions must conform to the new Version 1.01A Specifications.

Providers are encouraged to obtain new versions of IRVEN or other vendor software for use after October 15, 2002. However, providers will be allowed to continue to use old versions of IRVEN or other vendor software after October 15, 2002. Regardless of whether old or new software is used, any records submitted after that date will be edited according to the new Version 1.01A Data Specifications. There are 5 changes to the specifications with version 1.01A that could cause records created with old versions of IRVEN or other vendor software to be rejected. These 5 specification changes are:

1. Item 2 (Patient Medicare Number) can no longer be blank if Item 20B (Secondary Payment Source) is coded as 02 (Medicare non-MCO) or 51 (Medicare MCO).
2. Items 20A (Primary Payment Source) and 20B (Secondary Payment Source) can no longer both indicate Medicare. If one of these items is coded as 02 (Medicare non-MCO) or 51 (Medicare MCO), then the other item cannot be coded as 02 or 51.
3. Item 21d (Impairment Code: Discharge) must now have a space in character 9 if character 8 is blank. Note that item 21a (Impairment Group: Admission) already had this requirement.
4. Item 39Na (Communication-Comprehension: Admission) can no longer be coded as 0 (did not occur).
5. Item 39Oa (Communication-Expression: Admission) can no longer be coded as 0 (did not occur).

Providers using old versions of IRVEN or other vendor software can avoid record rejections by manually insuring that these items do not violate the new specifications above. If a record is rejected for any of these reasons, then the provider can use the old version of IRVEN or other provider software, change the items in error to acceptable values, and then resubmit the record.

Version 1.01A Files Available for Downloading

Description: As of 8/1/2002, Version 1.01A of the Data Specifications has been finalized, and this web page now provides this version of the data specifications for download. The changes from version 1.00 to 1.01A are summarized in the DS101A.pdf document.

Download files available with Version 1.01A:

- IRFDS101A.pdf (PDF file, 636kb) a "readme" document that lists the different documents available with Version 1.01A.
- IRFPAI101A.zip (ZIP file, 1.21mb) a ZIP file containing the detailed and abbreviated data specifications for the IRF-PAI Data Records for Version 1.01A. Documents included in this ZIP file are:
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        - **DS101A.pdf**, the IRF-PAI Data Specifications Notes for Version 1.01A (11 pages)
        - **HD101A.pdf**, the detailed data specifications for the IRF Header Record with Version 1.01A (7 pages).
        - **HS101A.pdf**, the abbreviated data specifications for the IRF Header Record with Version 1.01A (2 pages).
        - **BD101A.pdf**, the detailed data specifications for the IRF Body Record with Version 1.01A (89 pages).
        - **BS101A.pdf**, the abbreviated data specifications for the IRF Body Record with Version 1.01A (16 pages).
        - **TD101A.pdf**, the detailed data specifications for the IRF Trailer Record with Version 1.01A (1 page).
        - **TS101A.pdf**, the abbreviated data specifications for the IRF Trailer Record with Version 1.01A (1 page).
        - **AppendixA.pdf**, the RIC codes and associated impairment groups (3 pages).
        - **ID101A.pdf**, the detailed data specifications for the IRF Inactivation Record with Version 1.01A (5 pages).
        - **IS101A.pdf**, the abbreviated data specifications for the IRF Inactivation Record with Version 1.01A (1 page).
- IRFPAIDB101A.zip (219 K) a ZIP file containing the Microsoft Access database named IRFPAI101A.mdb. This database was used to generate the data specifications for the Header, Body, Inactivation and Trailer records for Version 1.01A.

Version 1.00 of the IRF-PAI Data Specifications was implemented on January 1, 2002 and will remain in effect until October 15, 2002.