Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP)

Reporting Requirements and Submission Deadlines

Table 1 Quality Measures for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017
Annual Payment Update (APU) Determination

National Quality Forum (NQF) Number	Measure Name	Data Submission Mechanism
NQF #0678	Percent of Residents or Patients with Pressure Ulcers That are New or Worsened (Short-Stay)	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility-Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI)
NQF #0138	National Health Safety Network (NHSN) Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) Outcome measure	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/NHSN
NQF #0431	Influenza Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel	IRF-PAI
NQF #0680	Percent of Residents or Patients Who Were Assessed and Appropriately Given the Seasonal Influenza Vaccine (Short- Stay)	IRF-PAI
NQF #2502 (Under Review by NQF)	All-Cause Unplanned Readmission Measure for 30 Days Post Discharge from Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs)	Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) Claims Based Measure*
NQF #1716	NHSN Facility-Wide Inpatient Hospital-Onset Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) Bacteremia Outcome Measure	CDC/NHSN
NQF #1717	NHSN Facility-Wide Inpatient Hospital-Onset *Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI) Outcome Measure	CDC/NHSN

* Only Medicare Claims data are used for this measure. No additional data submission is required.

Table 2 Data Collection Time Frame and Submission Deadline for
NQF #0138, NQF #1716, and NQF #1717 for FY 2017

NQF Number	Data Collection Time Frame	Data Submission Deadline
NQF #0138, NQF #1716, and NQF #1717	Q1-2015 (January - March) Q2-2015 (April - June) Q3-2015 (July - September) Q4-2015 (October - December)	August 15, 2015 November 15, 2015 February 15, 2016 May 15, 2016

**Table 3 Data Collection Time Frame and Submission Deadlines for
NQF #0678 and NQF #0680 for FY 2017 APU**

NQF Number	Data Collection Time Frame	Data Submission Deadline
NQF #0678 and NQF #0680	Q4-2014 (October - December) Q1-2015 (January - March) Q2-2015 (April - June) Q3-2015 (July - September)	May 15, 2015 August 15, 2015 November 15, 2015 February 15, 2016

**Table 4 Data Collection Time Frame and Submission Deadline for
NQF #0431 for FY 2017 APU**

NQF Number	Data Collection Time Frame	Data Submission Deadline
NQF #0431	October 1, 2015 (or when vaccine becomes available) through March 31, 2016	May 15, 2016

New Data-Submitter Tips

If you are a new user entering and submitting data, here is what you need to know:

Register for *CMSNet* and secure a CMSNet User ID on the Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (QIES) Technical Support Office (QTSO) website at CMSNet Online Registration.

Next, register for a QIES User ID. Once logged into the CMS Network, select the "IRF-PAI" link to open a screen where the IRF User Registration application link resides. The QIES User ID is needed to submit IRF-PAI assessments to the QIES Assessment Submission and Processing (ASAP) system and allows access to the submission reports in the Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reports (CASPER). CMS provides training available on the *QTSO* website.

**Please Note: The CMSNet and QIES User IDs are not used for submission of
Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) data to the CDC/NHSN.**

Registration for NHSN and SAMS

Because the user IDs listed above do not provide access for submission of HAI data, users need to register for Secure Access Management Services (SAMS) login credentials and register for CDC/NHSN in addition to registering for QIES and CMS Network credentials.

NHSN Facility Administrator Enrollment Guide (pdf): Facility Admin Enrollment Guide

CDC/NHSN site login page: CDC Page NHSN Login

SAMS registration login: SAMS Login page

IRF Quick Reference Resources

NHSN Patient Safety Component - Annual Survey for IRF (pdf): [IRF Annual Survey](#)

NHSN Overview of the Patient Safety Component (pdf): [NHSN Patient Safety Overview](#)

HAI Reporting Measures Requirements (pdf): [Reporting Requirements](#)

Instructions for Completion of UTI Form: [UTI Completion Instructions](#)

QIES: [QIES Login](#)

IRF-PPS CAUTI Rate Table (pdf): [IRF PPS CAUTI Rate Table](#)

CAUTI Reporting for Free-Standing IRFs (pdf): [Helpful Tips CAUTI IRF Freestanding](#)

CAUTI Reporting for Acute Care Hospital Units Designated as IRFs (pdf): [Helpful Tips CAUTI IRF Acute Ward](#)

HealthCare Professional (HCP) Influenza Vaccination reporting (pdf): [Tips for HCP reporting](#)

Steps for accessing CASPER Reports (user guide) (pdf): [CASPER Reports Guide](#)

Help Desk Assistance

[IRF.questions@cms.hhs.gov](#) (Quality Help Desk)
For questions about quality measures calculation, data submission deadlines, pressure ulcer coding and staging, wounds, patient influenza vaccine coding, 30-day post discharge all-cause unplanned readmission measure, and general quality reporting questions.

[Mdcn.mco@palmettogba.com](#) (CMSNet Help Desk)
For questions while registering for the CMSNet User ID for QIES access.

[Help@qtso.com](#) or 1-800-339-9313 (QIES Help Desk)
For questions about IRF-PAI data coding or IRF-PAI data submission as well as any access issues with QIES and CASPER reports.

[NHSN@cdc.gov](#) (NHSN Help Desk)
For NHSN registration questions such as, needing a hospital identifier to register, which facility type to choose during online enrollment, and submission completeness of CAUTI, MRSA, CDI, and Influenza Vaccination data.

[Samshelp@cdc.gov](#)
For assistance with SAMS login credentials.

[IRFQRPReconsiderations@cms.hhs.gov](#)
For reconsideration requests and follow-up questions after the facility has received a CMS determination of noncompliance letter.

[PCPricers@cms.hhs.gov](#)
For questions about IRF PC Pricer software.

[Help@hcareis.com](#) (Post Acute Care Support Team)
For questions about the APU knowledge packet contents.

Reconsideration Request Information

The process for filing a request for reconsideration is described on the IRF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension page.

CMS will only consider requests for reconsideration after a provider has been found to be non-compliant. The facility must have received a CMS letter of noncompliance in order to apply for reconsideration.

Reconsideration requests and supporting documentation must be submitted via email with the subject line: IRF ACA 3004 Reconsideration Request and your IRF CCN (e.g. IRF ACA 3004 Reconsideration Request, CCN = XXXXXX) to the following email address: IRFQRPReconsiderations@cms.hhs.gov.

CMS will review the IRF documentation and determine whether evidence to support a finding of compliance has been provided. The determination will be made based solely on the documentation provided. If clear evidence to support a finding of compliance is not present, the 2 percentage point APU reduction will be upheld. If clear evidence of compliance is present, the reduction will be reversed.

Appeal Process Information

If the CMS determination upholds the 2 percentage point APU reduction, a statement of the findings to support the decision will be provided to the request email contact. The IRF will be notified in writing and informed of the right to further appeal the 2 percentage point APU reduction using the appeals process detailed in 42 CFR Part 405, Subpart R via the Provider Reimbursement Review Board (PRRB). For details, select the "Instructions" link from the left-side navigation pane on the PRRB Review page.