

# **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Special Open Door Forum (SODF)**

**Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Section  
3004: Quality Reporting Program for  
Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs)**

**Thursday, October 18, 2012**

# Overview

- Highlights
  - Program overview
  - Information on LTCH CARE Data Set
  - Available resources and whom to contact for help

# LTCH Quality Reporting Overview

- Affordable Care Act Section 3004(a)
- 3 Quality Measures for reporting by LTCHs starting Oct. 1, 2012
  - CAUTI, CLABSI, Pressure Ulcer
- 2 Quality Measures for reporting by LTCHs starting Jan. 1, 2014
  - Percent of Patients or Residents Who Were Assessed and Appropriately Given the Seasonal Influenza Vaccine (Short Stay) and Influenza Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel

# Affordable Care Act

## Section 3004(a)

- Directs establishment of quality reporting program for LTCHs
- Requires providers to submit data on selected quality measures for FY 2014 payment determination and subsequent FY payment determinations
- Mandates 2% reduction in annual payment update (APU) for noncompliance

# LTCH Quality Measures

CMS finalized 3 quality measures for data collection starting Oct. 1, 2012, for FY 2014 APU Determination:

- National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) Outcome Measure (NQF #0138)
- NHSN Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) Outcome Measure (NQF #0139)
- Percentage of patients or residents with pressure ulcers that are new or have worsened (short stay) (NQF #0678)

# CAUTI and CLABSI Measures

- Data collection began Oct. 1, 2012
- Data collection by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) via NHSN: <http://www.cdc.gov/NHSN/>
- LTCHs must register with NHSN to submit required data for CAUTI and CLABSI measures.
- LTCHs can find more information, with important CDC links and contact information, in Chapter 5 of LTCHQR Program Manual available for download at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/Downloads/LTCHQRPMManual1-1.zip>.

# Pressure Ulcer Measure

- Data collection using LTCH Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set V1.01 began Oct. 1, 2012.
- Items on LTCH CARE Data Set allow calculation of pressure ulcer measure.

# Pressure Ulcer Measure

## (continued)

- LTCHs can find current version of LTCH CARE Data Set in Appendix C of LTCHQR Program Manual, available for download at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/Downloads/LTCHQRPMannual1-1.zip>.
- Data submission via Quality Improvement Evaluation System (QIES) Assessment Submission and Processing (ASAP) system



# Available Resources

- CMS LTCH Quality Reporting web site
- CMS LTCH Quality Reporting technical information web site
- LTCHQR Program Manual
- CMS LTCH quality questions mailbox
- CMS LTCH tech issues mailbox
- QIES Technical Support Office (QTSO) web site
- QTSO Help Desk
- CDC NHSN web site
- CDC NHSN Help Desk

# Resources: CMS LTCH Quality Reporting Web Site

- CMS web site with information on Quality Reporting program:  
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/index.html>
  - Background
  - Resources
  - Updates
  - Transcripts of CMS Special Open Door Forums

# Resources: CMS LTCH Quality Reporting Technical Information Web Site

- CMS web site with information on Quality Reporting technical information:  
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/LTCHTechnicalInformation.html>
  - LTCH CARE Data submission specifications
  - LTCH Assessment Submission Entry & Reporting (LASER) updates

# Resources: LTCHQR Program Manual

- CMS LTCH Quality Reporting Program Manual is the primary source of information for completing the LTCH CARE Data Set.
- Chapter 3 contains detailed instructions for completing each included section of LTCH CARE Data Set.
- Available for download at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/Downloads/LTCHQRPMannual1-1.zip>

# Resources: LTCHQR Program Manual (continued)

- Information for each LTCH CARE Data Set item
  - Intent/rationale
  - Item display
  - Assessment and coding tips
  - Coding instructions
  - Examples

# Resources: CMS LTCH Quality Questions Mailbox

- CMS has also created an e-mail box: [LTCHQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:LTCHQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov).
- You are encouraged to submit quality questions and comments to this e-mail box.
- To receive mailing list notices, please submit your name, e-mail address, and organization.

# Resources: CMS LTCH Tech Issues Mailbox

- CMS has also created an e-mail box: [LTCHTechIssues@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:LTCHTechIssues@cms.hhs.gov).
- LTCH software developers, vendors, and providers are encouraged to submit technical questions (e.g., submission requirements, measure specifications) to this e-mail box.

# Resources: QTSO Web Site

- QIES Technical Support Office (QTSO) web site with information on data submission: <https://www.qtso.com/lrch.html>
  - Background
  - Updates
  - Recorded training sessions
  - LASER downloads and documentation
  - LASER WebEx training videos



# Resources: QTSO Help Desk

- QTSO has also created an e-mail box: [help@qtso.com](mailto:help@qtso.com).
- LTCH software developers, vendors, and providers are encouraged to submit questions related to CMSNet, QIES User IDs, and LASER to this Help Desk.

# Resources: CDC Web Site

- CDC web site with information on CAUTI and CLABSI measures:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/LTACH/ltc-welcome.html>
  - Background
  - Enrollment information
  - Operational guidance

# Resources: CDC NHSN Help Desk

- CDC NHSN has also created an e-mail box: [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov).
- LTCH providers are encouraged to submit questions related to the CLABSI and CAUTI measures to this Help Desk.

# CMS Needs to Hear from You

CMS appreciates your continuing input to develop and implement the LTCH Quality Reporting Program.

