

# IRF Quality Reporting Spotlight & Announcements - Jan through July 2017

## July 31, 2017

Specifications for the quality measures and standardized patient assessment data elements for the IRF QRP as finalized in the FY 2018 IRF PPS Final Rule are now posted. The measure specifications provide detailed information on the following finalized measure: Changes in Skin Integrity Post-Acute Care: Pressure Ulcer/Injury. The specifications can be found in the Downloads section of the [IRF Quality Reporting Measures Information webpage](#).

The IRF-PAI Version 1.5 (effective October 1, 2017) and IRF-PAI Version 2.0 (effective October 1, 2018), along with a table listing changes from the previous version for the measures and standardized patient assessment elements for the IRF QRP as finalized in the FY 2018 IRF PPS Final Rule can be found in the Downloads section of the [IRF-PAI and IRF QRP Manual webpage](#).

## July 18, 2017

### IRF Quality Reporting Program: Non-Compliance Letters

CMS has provided notifications to facilities that were determined to be non-compliant with Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) requirements for CY 2016, which will affect their FY 2018 APU. Notifications were sent from CMS via the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and non-compliance notifications were placed into facilities' CASPER folders in QIES on July 18, 2017. Facilities that receive a letter of non-compliance may submit a request for reconsideration to CMS via email no later than 11:59pm PST, August 17, 2017. If you receive a notice of non-compliance and would like to request a reconsideration, see the instructions in your notification letter and on the [IRF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) webpage.

## July 13, 2017

The submission deadline for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) is approaching. IRF-PAI assessment data and data submitted via the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for January-March (Q1) of calendar year (CY) 2017 are due with this submission deadline. **All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on August 15, 2017.**

View the list of measures required for this deadline on the [IRF Quality Reporting Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

As a reminder, it is recommended that providers run the applicable CMS CASPER validation reports and NHSN analysis reports prior to each quarterly reporting deadline to ensure all required data has been submitted. Providers are also encouraged to verify all facility information prior to submission, including their CCN and facility name. Only successful submissions will count toward your Annual Increase Factor requirement.

For additional information, visit:

- [Quick Reference to IRF-PAI Submissions, Submission Status and Validation Reports](#)
- [CMS Resources for NHSN Users](#)

**July 07, 2017**

**Registration Open- August 15 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Refresher Training**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is hosting a webinar for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) providers on Tuesday, August 15, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. ET. Visit the [IRF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage for more information and to register.

**June 21, 2017**

**A new Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) fact sheet is now available in the downloads section of the [IRF Quality Public Reporting](#) webpage.** This fact sheet contains information related to [IRF Compare](#) and how the site can serve as a resource to providers in understanding their current quality ratings. The fact sheet also suggest approaches to communicating with patients and family members about how the Compare site can inform their decision making process.

**June 06, 2017**

**IRF Compare Quarterly Refresh**

The June 2017 quarterly Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Compare refresh, including quality measure results based on data submitted to CMS between Q3 2015 – Q2 2016, is now available. Visit [IRF Compare](#) to view the data.

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**June 1, 2017**

**IRF QRP Provider Preview Reports Now Available**

IRFs now have the opportunity to review their performance data on each quality measure based on Quarter 4 - 2015 to Quarter 3 - 2016 data, prior to the September 2017 IRF Compare refresh, during which this data will be publicly displayed.

Providers have 30 days (June 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017) to review their performance data. As finalized in the FY 2017 IRF PPS final rule, corrections to the underlying data will not be permitted during this time; however, IRFs may request CMS review of the data contained within their Preview Report, should they believe it to be inaccurate. For more information and directions on how to retrieve these reports visit the [IRF Quality Public Reporting](#) webpage.

**May 24, 2017**

**May 2 Review and Correct Reports Provider Training Question and Answer (Q&A) Document Is Now Available**

The question and answer (Q+A) document from the **Review and Correct Reports Provider Training** is now available in the “Downloads” section of the [IRF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage. The Q+A document contains participant questions from the **Live Webcast which took place on Tuesday, May 2, 2017**.

**May 19, 2017**

**May 2 Review and Correct Reports Provider Training Video Recording & Post-Training Materials Are Now Available**

A video recording of the **Review and Correct Reports Provider Training – Live Webcast which took place on Tuesday, May 2, 2017**, is now available along with post-training materials (with answers to knowledge checks revealed). See the [IRF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage for details.

**May 01, 2017**

**TRAINING MATERIALS AVAILABLE for the May 2 Review and Correct Reports Provider Training – Live Webcast**

The training materials (without answers to knowledge checks) for the upcoming **Review and Correct Reports Provider Training – Live Webcast on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. ET** are now available under the Downloads Section of the [IRF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage.

For more information and to register, visit the [IRF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage.

#### **April 27, 2017**

Proposed specifications for the quality measures and standardized patient assessment data elements proposed for the IRF QRP through the FY 2018 IRF PPS Proposed Rule are now posted. The measure specifications document provides detailed information on the proposed measure, Changes in Skin Integrity Post-Acute Care: Pressure Ulcer/Injury. The standardized patient data element specifications and evidence of support for these data elements are also detailed in the document.

The specifications can be found in the Downloads section of the [IRF QRP Measures Information webpage](#).

#### **April 27, 2017**

The proposed IRF-PAI Version 1.5 (effective October 1, 2017) and proposed IRF-PAI Version 2.0 (effective October 1, 2018), along with a table listing changes, for the proposed measure and standardized patient assessment data elements as delineated for the IRF QRP in the FY 2018 IRF PPS Proposed Rule can be found in the Downloads section of the [IRF-PAI and IRF QRP Manual webpage](#).

#### **April 24, 2017**

#### **IRF QRP Review and Correct Reports Now Available**

The Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) review and correct reports are now available on demand in the Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CASPER) application. Providers can access these reports by selecting CASPER Reporting link on the “Welcome to the CMS QIES Systems for Providers” webpage. NOTE: You must log into the CMS Network using your CMSNet user ID and password in order to access the “Welcome to the CMS QIES Systems for Providers” webpage.

These reports:

- Contain quality measure information at the facility level
- Allow providers to obtain aggregate performance for the past four full quarters (when data is available)
- Include data submitted prior to the applicable quarterly data submission deadlines

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- Display whether the data correction period for a given CY quarter is “open” or “closed”

#### **April 14, 2017**

The submission deadline for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) is approaching. IRF-PAI assessment data for October-December (Q4) of calendar year (CY) 2016 and data submitted via the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) NHSN for July-September (Q3) **and** October-December (Q4) of calendar year (CY) 2016 are due with this submission deadline. **All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on May 15, 2017.**

View the list of measures required for this deadline on the [IRF Quality Reporting Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

As a reminder, it is recommended that providers run the applicable CMS CASPER validation reports and NHSN output reports prior to each quarterly reporting deadline to ensure all required data has been submitted. Providers are also encouraged to verify all facility information prior to submission, including their CCN and facility name. Only successful submissions will count toward your Annual Increase Factor requirement.

For additional information, visit:

- [Quick Reference to IRF-PAI Submissions, Submission Status and Validation Reports](#)
- [CMS Resources for NHSN Users](#)

#### **April 06, 2017**

##### **Registration Open: Review and Correct Reports Provider Training – Live Webcast on May 2, 2017**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is hosting a live webcast for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs) on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. ET. Visit the [IRF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage for more information and to register.

#### **March 21, 2017**

The March 2017 quarterly Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Compare refresh, including Healthcare-acquired infection (HAI) measures performance data, are now available. View [IRF Compare](#) to view the data.

#### **March 01, 2017**

## **IRF QRP Provider Preview Reports Now Available**

IRFs now have the opportunity to review their performance data on each quality measure based on Quarter 3 - 2015 to Quarter 2 - 2016 data, prior to the June 2017 IRF Compare refresh, during which this data will be publicly displayed.

Providers have 30 days (March 1, 2017 through March 30, 2017) to review their performance data. As finalized in the FY 2017 IRF PPS final rule, corrections to the underlying data will not be permitted during this time; however, IRFs may request CMS review of the data contained within their Preview Report, should they believe it to be inaccurate. For more information and directions on how to retrieve these reports visit the [IRF Quality Public Reporting](#) webpage.

### **February 17, 2017**

A Quick Reference Guide for the IRF QRP is now available on the [IRF Quality Reporting Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage. The guide includes frequently asked questions, information on QRP help desks, and helpful links to additional resources for the IRF QRP.

### **February 14, 2017**

## **NHSN Data Submission Deadline Extended to May 15<sup>th</sup> for IRF QRP and LTCH QRP**

CMS is extending the February 15<sup>th</sup> submission deadline for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) **for data submitted via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Health and Safety Network (NHSN)** during Quarter 3 2016, allowing providers to submit their data until Monday, May 15, 2017. This extension will provide facilities additional time to submit this quality reporting data and run applicable reports to ensure accurate submission.

For more information, visit:

- [IRF Quality Reporting Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage
- [LTCH Quality Reporting Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage

### **February 08, 2017**

## **TEP Summary Report for Refinement of the Pressure Ulcer Measure is Now Available**

The summary report for the refinement of percent of residents or patients with pressure ulcers that are new or worsened (Short-Stay) ([NQF #0678](#)) is now available. This report summarizes proceedings from a follow-up cross-setting pressure ulcer TEP meeting, which included in-depth discussion on the following topics:

- Obtaining input on updates to the cross-setting pressure ulcer measure in post-acute care settings
- Obtaining feedback regarding potential updates to measure specifications and items used to calculate the quality measure
- Refining the cross-setting approach to data collection for pressure ulcers in post-acute care settingsView the TEP summary report on the [IMPACT Act Downloads and Videos](#) webpage.

**January 25, 2017**

#### **TEP on Development and Maintenance of Quality Measures for IRF QRP: Nominations due February 16**

Nominations are due February 16 for a Technical Expert Panel (TEP) to develop quality measures reflective of quality of care for IRFs in support of the CMS quality missions. Quality measures will be developed consistent with the three broad aims and six priorities of the National Quality Strategy, and the CMS Quality Strategy.

Visit the [Technical Expert Panels](#) webpage for more information

**January 19, 2017**

The submission deadline for the IRF QRP is approaching. IRF-PAI assessment data, as well as data submitted via the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) data for July-September (Q3) of calendar year 2016 are due with this submission deadline. **All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on February 15, 2017.**

The list of measures required for this deadline can be found under "What are the measures & deadlines for the FY 2018 payment determination?" on the [IRF Quality Reporting Data Submission Deadlines page](#) on the CMS IRF QRP website.

As a reminder, it is recommended that providers run the applicable [CMS CASPER validation reports](#) and [NHSN output reports](#) prior to each quarterly reporting deadline to ensure all required data has been submitted. Providers are also encouraged to verify all facility information prior to submission, including their CCN and facility name. Only successful submissions will count toward your Annual Increase Factor requirement.

For information on training resources available to assist with successful submission, visit the [IRF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage.

**January 06, 2017**

**Transfer of Health Information and Care Preferences Quality Measures Pilot Study – Response Due by January 17**

CMS has contracted with RTI and Abt to develop and implement two Transfer of Health Information and Care Preferences (TOH) quality measures. The TOH measures meet requirements under the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act (IMPACT Act) of 2014.

View the Transfer of Health Pilot January 2017 zip file on the [IMPACT Act Downloads and Videos](#) webpage for the Recruitment Letter that provides more information about the Pilot study and the Interest Form that can be completed electronically.

***To participate in the pilot test, Interest Forms should be submitted to [sclark@rti.org](mailto:sclark@rti.org) by Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.***