

# Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Spotlights & Announcements

**August 30, 2022**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) email will be unavailable starting Friday, September 2 at 8 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST), and ending on Tuesday, September 6. To ensure your email is received, please refrain from sending any emails from September 2nd through September 6th.

**August 9, 2022**

## **Reminder of Upcoming Data Submission Deadline**

The submission deadline for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) is approaching. IRF-Patient Assessment Instrument (PAI) assessment data and data submitted via the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for January 1 – March 31 (Quarter 1) of Calendar Year (CY) 2022 is due with this submission deadline.

**All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on August 15, 2022.**

It is recommended that the applicable Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) reports and NHSN analysis reports are run prior to each quarterly reporting deadline to ensure that all required data were submitted. We encourage you to verify all facility information prior to submission, including Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Certification Number (CCN) and facility name.

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

For submission information, visit:

- [iQIES Reference & Manuals](#)
- [CMS Resources for NHSN Users](#)

Swingtech sends informational messages to IRFs that are not meeting Annual Increase Factor (AIF) thresholds on a quarterly basis ahead of each submission deadline. If you need to add or change the email addresses to which these messages are sent, please email [QRPHelp@swingtech.com](mailto:QRPHelp@swingtech.com) and be sure to include your facility name and CCN along with any requested email updates.

**July 27, 2022**

**IRF PPS for Federal FY 2023 and Updates to the IRF QRP (CMS-1767-F).**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule (CMS-1767-F) that updates Medicare payment policies and rates for facilities under the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) and the IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for fiscal year (FY) 2023. CMS is publishing this final rule consistent with the legal requirements to update Medicare payment policies for IRFs on an annual basis. CMS is also finalizing a policy to expand the IRF quality data reporting requirements under the IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) and summarizes comments from stakeholders on Requests for Information (RFI) on the inclusion of a new Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) digital outcome quality measure as well as the CMS health equity strategy for the IRF QRP. The final rule went on display at the Federal Register and will be available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>

**July 18, 2022**

**POST-EVENT TRAINING MATERIALS AVAILABLE:** The IRF and LTCH Updated Guidance Virtual Training Program

**Recorded Training Webinars, Workshop Sessions, and additional Post-Event Materials are now available.**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a virtual training program that provides instruction on the updated guidance for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) 4.0 and the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) 5.0 for providers in the IRF and LTCH settings.

For more information, please visit the [IRF Quality Reporting Program \(QRP\) Training](#) page.

**July 14, 2022**

### **Care Compare July Refresh of IRF QRP Data – Now Available**

The July 2022 refresh of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) data is now available on [Care Compare](#) and [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#).

For more information, please visit the [IRF QRP Public Reporting](#) website.

**July 13, 2022**

### **IRF QRP: Non-Compliance Notifications**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notifications to Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs) that were determined to be out of compliance with IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) requirements for calendar year (CY) 2021, which will affect their fiscal year (FY) 2023 Annual Increase Factor (AIF). Non-compliance notifications will be distributed by the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and will be placed into facilities' My Reports folders in Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) on **July 13, 2022**. Facilities that receive a letter of non-compliance may submit a request for reconsideration to CMS **via email no later than 11:59 pm, August 11, 2022**. 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.

***Please note:*** Any reconsideration containing protected health information (PHI) will not be processed. All PHI must be removed in order for a reconsideration to be reviewed.

**June 15, 2022**

### **CMS IRF-PAI Quarterly Q&As, June 2022, Consolidated June 2020 to June 2022**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) Quarterly Q&As, June 2022, Consolidated June 2020 to June 2022 document so that all IRF providers have the benefit of the clarifications to existing guidance. Through inquiries to the IRF Post-Acute Care (PAC) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Help Desk, CMS identifies the opportunity to clarify or refine guidance.

The Quarterly Q&A document can be accessed via **Downloads** section of the [IRF-PAI and IRF QRP Manual](#) webpage.

**June 15, 2022**

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

The Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Provider Preview Reports have been updated and are now available. These reports contain provider performance scores for quality measures, which will be published on [Care Compare](#) and [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#) during the **September 2022** release.

Please note that historically, in any given calendar year the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) performs the annual update to all IRF claims-based quality measures during the September refresh of the Care Compare/Provider Data Catalog sites. Because CMS only recently resumed public reporting of IRF claims-based measures during the June 2022 refresh, we will not be performing the normal annual update in September, as the data will not change enough to be meaningful. CMS will next update these IRF measures during the September 2023 update, after which we will resume our normal cadence of annual updates.

For more information, please visit the [CMS IRF QRP Public Reporting](#) website.

**June 14, 2022**

### **CMS IRF-PAI Manual Version 4.0 Errata**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing an errata to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) Manual, Version 4.0, effective October 1, 2022. This errata is being issued to clarify guidance in Chapter 2 Section D and its accompanying supplement.

The Errata documents can be accessed via the **Downloads** section of the [IRF-PAI and IRF QRP Manual](#) webpage.