

Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Spotlights & Announcements Archive

September 12, 2023

REGISTRATION OPEN: LTCH QRP Listening Session:

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 17th from 12pm-1:00pm ET

Registration Link: Registration can be completed online through [Webex](#).

Acumen LLC on behalf of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is hosting a public, virtual listening session. On behalf of CMS, we are seeking feedback from industry stakeholders on the current reporting requirements in the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) quality reporting programs (QRP). The goal of this listening session is for CMS to continue exploring how administrative burden on LTCHs can be further addressed. **Space is limited to the first 1,000 registrants.**

Prior to the listening session, you are encouraged to prepare to speak to the following topics during the call:

- Reporting burden of the LTCH QRP, including the addition and removal of LTCH QRP data elements and measures
- Utility of the current measures in the LTCH QRP
- LTCHs use of electronic health records (EHRs) in their work flow and the potential use of Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) to reduce burden for data exchange and information sharing
- Provider education needs

June 21, 2023

Care Compare June Refresh of LTCH QRP Data – Now Available

The June 2023 Refresh of the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) data is now available on [Care Compare](#) and [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#).

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

June 21, 2023

CMS LCDS Quarterly Q&As, June 2023, Consolidated September 2020 to June 2023

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) Quarterly Q&As, in June of 2023. The document contains the consolidated Q&As from September 2020 to June 2023 so that all LTCH providers have the benefit of the clarifications to existing guidance. Through inquiries to the LTCH 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 the **Downloads** section of the [LTCH CARE Data Set and LCDS Manual](#) webpage.

June 15, 2023

LTCH Provider Preview Reports – Now Available

The Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) 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 2023** refresh.

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

May 19, 2023

NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE: J0510-J0530 Pain Interview Explainer Video

A brief explainer video, **J0510-J0530 Pain Interview: Understanding How a Patient Communicates Pain** is now available for Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) providers. This resource can be accessed through the [Long-Term Care Hospital \(LTCH\) Quality Reporting Program \(QRP\) Training](#) page.

May 4, 2023

Reminder of Upcoming Data Submission Deadline

The submission deadline for the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) is approaching. LTCH Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) assessment data and data submitted via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for October 1 – December 31 (Q4) of calendar year (CY) 2022 are due with this submission deadline. **The annual NHSN measure Influenza Vaccination among Healthcare Personnel is also due with this deadline.**

All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2023.

It is recommended that the applicable Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 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 CMS Certification Number (CCN) and facility name.

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

For submission information, visit:

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

Swingtech sends informational messages to LTCHs that are not meeting the Annual Payment Update (APU) threshold 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 and be sure to include your facility name and CCN along with any requested email updates.

April 10, 2023

LTCH PPS and Updates to the QRP for FY 2024 IPPS/LTCH PPS Proposed Rule (CMS-1785-P).

On April 10, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-1785-P) that provides proposals for the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Long Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program (LTCH QRP). This rule includes two new measure proposals, one measure modification proposal, and two measure

removal proposals. The new measure proposals include the Discharge Function Score measure and the COVID-19 Vaccine: Percent of Patients/Residents Who Are Up to Date measure. CMS is also proposing to modify the COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel measure (CBE #3636) to report the number of HCP who are up to date with recommended COVID-19 vaccinations per the latest The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance. In addition, CMS is proposing the removal of two measures including the Application of Percent of Long-Term Care Hospital Patients with an Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan That Addresses Function. Furthermore, we are proposing changes to the data completion thresholds for the LTCH Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) data items and to begin the public reporting of the Transfer of Health Information to the Patient-Post-Acute Care and Transfer of Health Information to the Provider-PAC measures Finally, we are seeking information on principles for selecting and prioritizing LTCH QRP quality measures and concepts and providing an update on CMS' continued efforts to close the health equity gap.

The proposed rule went on display at the Federal Register and is available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>