

The Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation (IMPACT) Act of 2014 requires Post-Acute Care (PAC) providers to report standardized patient assessment data and quality measure data to the Secretary. Currently, federal assessment instruments are setting-specific and contain assessment items with varying concepts, definitions, and measurement scales. Standardizing assessment data elements will facilitate cross-setting data collection, quality measurement, outcome comparison, and interoperable data exchange.

CMS has proposed and solicited public comment on several cross-setting post-acute care quality measures. The purpose of these proposals is to develop, maintain, re-evaluate, and implement measures reflective of quality care for the PAC settings. Measures would be implemented through CMS quality programs, including the Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program (LTCH QRP), the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program (IRF QRP), the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (SNF QRP), and the Home Health Quality Reporting Program (HH QRP). In addition, the proposals will address the domains required by the IMPACT Act, which mandates specification of cross-setting quality, resource use, and other measures for post-acute care providers.

CMS has [recently proposed or acted](#) on the following cross-setting quality measures. These measures are also included in [CMS' Measures Under Consideration \(MUC\) List for 2016](#). HHS is required under Section 1890A of the Social Security Act to publicly post the list of quality and efficiency measures HHS is considering adopting for use in the Medicare program. After time for [public comment](#), HHS will finalize and adopt certain measures for optional or mandatory reporting.

Source: [Quality Measures Public Comment Page](#); [Quality Measures Rulemaking and Selection Process](#); [2016 MUC List](#); [Quality Measures Rulemaking Timeline](#).

| Measure Name | Description | Details |
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| Percent of Home Health Episodes with an Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan That Addresses Function <i>Proposed new measure</i> Quality Measure Domain: Function Status, Cognitive Function and Changes in Function and Cognitive Function | The function quality measure reports the percent of patients with a start of care/resumption of care and a discharge functional assessment and a treatment goal that addresses function. The treatment goal provides evidence that a care plan with a goal has been established for the patient. It is an application of the quality measure Percent of Long-Term Care Hospital Patients with an Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan that Addresses Function (NQF #2631).CMS requests comments on the candidate or concept measures that may be suitable for this project. | Public Comment: Nov. 9 - Dec. 9, 2016Contractor: Abt AssociatesContract Name: Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) Quality Measure Development and Maintenance Project (contract number HHSM-500-2013-13001I, Task Order HHSM-500T0002) |

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| Percent of Residents or Patients with Pressure Ulcers That Are New or Worsened (Short-Stay) (<i>"Pressure Ulcer"</i>) <i>Refinement of current measure</i> | <p>This quality measure reports the percent of patients or short-stay residents with Stage 2-4 pressure ulcer(s) that are new or worsened since admission in SNF/NH; LTCH; and IRF. Data is collected separately for each setting. Areas of Focus for Comments: The addition of unstageable pressure ulcers due to slough or eschar, unstageable pressure ulcers due to non-removable dressing or device, and unstageable pressure ulcers presenting as deep tissue injuries in the numerator, as recommended by a cross-setting pressure ulcer Technical Expert Panel (TEP) and supported by the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP), and The use of M0300 (M1311 OASIS) items instead of M0800 (M1313 OASIS) items to calculate the quality measure. This modification is intended to reduce redundancies in assessment items and facilitate cross-setting quality comparison as specified by the IMPACT Act. The recent replacement of the term "pressure ulcer" with "pressure injury" by NPUAP for the Pressure Injury Staging System in April 2016</p> | <p>Public Comment: Oct. 17 - Nov. 17, 2016 NQF Number: 0678 Contractor: RTI International and Abt Associates Contract Name: Development and Maintenance of Symptom Management Measures (contract number HHSM-500-2013-13015I; Task Order HHSM-500-T0001) and Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) Quality Measure Development and Maintenance Project (contract number HHSM-500-2013-13001I, Task Order HHSM-500T0002)</p> |

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| Transfer of Health Information at Post-Acute Care Admission, Start, or Resumption of Care from Other Providers/Settings AND Transfer of Information at Post-Acute Care Discharge or End of Care to Other Providers/Settings <i>Two proposed new measures</i> | These measures collect data on the types of information received or provided at patient/resident transitions between healthcare providers. Currently, the types of information included in the measure are: Functional status Cognitive function and mental status Special services, treatments, and/or interventions Medical conditions and co-morbidities (e.g., pressure injuries and skin status, pain) Impairments (e.g., incontinence, sensory) Medication information Patient care preferences (e.g., advance directives) Goals of care Diet/nutrition Administrative information Discharge instructions | Public Comment: Nov. 10 - Dec. 11, 2016 Pilot Test Request: January 6, 2017; Response Due January 17, 2017 Investigate data collection methods and time to complete the items, the feasibility of implementing the Transfer of Health Information and Care Preferences quality measures, and measure properties Contractor: RTI International and Abt Associates Contract Name: Development and Maintenance of Symptom Management Measures (contract number HHSM-500-2013-13015I; Task Order HHSM-500-T0001) and Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) Quality Measure Development and Maintenance Project (contract number HHSM-500-2013-13001I, Task Order HHSM-500T0002) |

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| <p>Falls with Major Injury <i>The Public Comment Summary Report was released on November 14, 2016</i> Quality Measure Domain: Incidence of Major Falls</p> <p>The following measure is not included in the 2016 MUC List. CMS has not yet released specifications.</p> | <p>This measure is defined as the percentage of patients who experience one or more falls with major injury (defined as bone fractures, joint dislocations, and closed-head injuries with altered consciousness, or subdural hematoma) during the home health stay.</p> | <p>Public Comment: Sept. 10 – Oct. 14, 2016 Contractor: Abt Associates Contract Name: Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) Quality Measure Development and Maintenance Project (contract number HHSM-500-2013-13001I, Task Order HHSM-500T0002)</p> |
| <p>Drug Regimen Review Conducted with Follow-Up for Identified Issues-Post Acute Care (DRR) <i>The Summary of Findings Report was released on October 14, 2016</i> Quality Measure Domain: Medication Reconciliation</p> | <p>The DRR Item Pilot Test collected data on the DRR measure items in the IRF, SNF, and LTCH settings to inform CMS on the feasibility of collecting the DRR measure items in these settings. The pilot testing data suggested that use of the DRR measure items can facilitate use of a systematic approach to the processes of medication reconciliation (MR) and DRR, supporting the need for PAC facilities to collect the DRR measure items to drive enhanced quality assurance and patient/resident safety, especially surrounding transitions of care.</p> | <p>Pilot Test Conducted: December 2015 Contractor: RTI International Contract Name: Development and Maintenance of Symptom Management Measures (contract number HHSM-500-2013-13015I) and Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) Quality Measure Development and Maintenance Project (contract number HHSM-500-2013- 13001I, Task Order HHSM-500T0002)</p> |