

# **CMS Hospice Item Set (HIS) 2015**

**December 21, 2015**

## **“HQRP Requirements for FY 2018 Reporting Year” Fact Sheet Now Available**

An “HQRP Requirements for FY 2018 Reporting Year” Fact Sheet is now available in the “Downloads” portion of this webpage, below. This fact sheet contains information about requirements for the Hospice Quality Reporting Program (HQRP) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 reporting year (data collection period 1/1/16-12/31/16). These requirements include submission of both the Hospice Item Set (HIS) and the Hospice Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) as outlined in the fact sheet.

**December 16, 2015**

## **“Timeliness Compliance Threshold” Fact Sheet Now Available**

A “Timeliness Compliance Threshold” Fact Sheet is now available in the “Downloads” portion of this webpage, below. This fact sheet outlines the timeliness compliance threshold for HIS submissions, finalized by CMS in the FY 2016 Final Rule, and presents a preliminary algorithm for the timeliness compliance threshold calculation. These policies go into effect for the FY 2018 reporting year, which begins January 1, 2016.

**October 16, 2015**

## **Question and Answer (Q+A) Document for the Third Quarter of 2015 Now Available**

A new Question and Answer (Q+A) document is now available in the “Downloads” portion of this webpage, below. The Q+A document reflects frequently asked Hospice Item Set (HIS) related questions that were received by the Quality Help Desk during the third quarter (July-September) of 2015. This document also contains quarterly updates and events from the third quarter as well as upcoming updates for the next quarter.

**September 22, 2015**

## **Updated “Getting Started with the HIS” Fact Sheet Now Available**

An updated version of the “Getting Started with the HIS” Fact Sheet is now available in the “Downloads” portion of this webpage, below. Providers should review this updated fact sheet for more information about Hospice Item Set (HIS) reporting requirements.

This fact sheet outlines the three primary phases of HIS reporting and provides resources to help providers successfully execute each of these phases. Additionally, this fact sheet provides instructions for using Final Validation reports to verify that HIS records were successfully received and processed following submission to the QIES ASAP system. Lastly, the fact sheet includes a brief list of tips and best practices which were compiled based on feedback received from the provider community following the implementation of the HIS.

**July 14, 2015**

## **Question and Answer (Q+A) Document for the Second Quarter of 2015 Now Available**

A new Question and Answer (Q+A) document is now available in the “Downloads” portion of this webpage, below. The Q+A document reflects frequently asked Hospice Item Set (HIS) related questions that were received by the Quality Help Desk during the second quarter (April-June) of 2015.

**July 13, 2015**

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## **2015**

### **Slides with Speaker Notes from June 17<sup>th</sup> National Provider Call Now Available for Provider Download**

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, CMS hosted an MLN connects National Provider Call to cover updates made to V1.02 of the HIS Manual. CMS has posted the training slides, along with the speaker notes, from the National Provider Call at the bottom of this webpage in the “Downloads” section.

Content from the National Provider Call is available below as 4 segments:

- Module 1: HQRP and HIS Background
- Module 2: Updates to Chapter 1 of V1.02 of the HIS Manual
- Module 3: Updates to Chapter 2: Sections A and Z of V1.02 of the HIS Manual
- Module 4: Updates to Chapter 2: Sections F, J, and N of V1.02 of the HIS Manual

V1.02 of the HIS Manual is also available for provider download in the “Downloads” portion of this webpage.

### **June 30, 2015**

### **FAQs from June 17<sup>th</sup> National Provider Call Now Available for Provider Download**

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, CMS hosted an MLN connects National Provider Call to cover updates made to V1.02 of the HIS Manual. Following the National Provider Call, CMS developed a frequently asked questions (FAQs) document to address provider questions that were received prior to the MLN connects National Provider Call.

The FAQs document is now available for provider download at the bottom of this webpage in the “Downloads” section.

V1.02 of the HIS Manual is also available for provider download in the “Downloads” portion of this webpage.

### **June 23, 2015**

### **Clarification of HIS Manual and HIS data submission specification versioning: V1.02 of HIS Manual associated with V1.01.0 of HIS Data Submission Specifications, not V1.02.0**

CMS recently released an updated version of the HIS Manual, V1.02. CMS would like to clarify the relationship between guidance in V1.02 of the HIS Manual and the HIS data submission specifications.

Changes to V1.02 of the HIS Manual do not correlate with changes in V1.02.0 of the data submission technical specifications. These two documents run on separate versioning schedules. **Changes in V1.02 of the HIS Manual correlate with changes that were in V1.01.0 of the data submission specifications, which were effective 6/28/15** (the same effective date as V1.02 of the HIS Manual).

Updates to V1.01.0 of the data submission specifications that are included in updated guidance in the HIS Manual V1.02 include:

- Allowing the date in J2040B to precede the date in J2030B
- Allowing the date in F3000B to precede the admission date
- Allowing a dash for A0245

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In the future, if providers would like to “map” or “crosswalk” versions of the HIS Manual with versions of the data submission specifications, **these materials should be matched based on the effective date listed on materials, not the version number(s) of the materials.**

**Changes outlined in V1.02.0 of the data submission specifications are not included in V1.02 of the HIS Manual.** Changes outlined in V1.02.0 of the data submission specifications will be addressed by guidance released by CMS at a later date, closer to the implementation date of those specifications, which is 4/1/16.

Providers can download V1.02 of the HIS Manual from the “Hospice Item Set (HIS)” portion of the CMS HQRP website here: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Hospice-Quality-Reporting/Hospice-Item-Set-HIS.html>.

Providers can download V1.01.0 of the HIS data submission specifications from the “HIS Technical Information” portion of the CMS HQRP website here: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Hospice-Quality-Reporting/HIS-Technical-Information.html>.

**June 02, 2015**

**V1.02 of the HIS Manual now available for provider download; National Provider Call to be held 6/17 to cover updates made to the HIS Manual V1.02**

V1.02 of the HIS Manual, along with a change table that outlines changes from V1.01 to V1.02, is now available for provider download in the ‘Downloads’ portion of this webpage, below. V1.02 of the HIS Manual provides clarifications of HIS item definitions and expectations for use. Providers should download and review V1.02 for the most up-to-date guidance on HIS item completion.

To review updates made to V1.02 of the HIS Manual, CMS will host an HIS-focused National Provider Call on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This presentation will cover updates that were made to the HIS Manual from V1.01 to V1.02.

Providers can now register for the MLN Connects National Provider Call on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 1:30 – 3:00 PM ET. To register for the MLN Connects Call, please visit the MLN National Provider Calls and Events webpage: <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/NPC/National-Provider-Calls-and-Events.html>

The MLN Connects Call will be recorded and transcribed. This recording and transcription will be made available for provider download following the MLN Connects Call.

Since the call will focus on updates that were made to the HIS Manual from V1.01 to V1.02, it will be helpful for attendees to review V1.02 of the HIS Manual prior to the National Provider Call.

**05/22/2015**

**Registration for the June 17<sup>th</sup> Hospice Item Set (HIS) National Provider Call Training Now Available**

CMS will host an HIS-focused National Provider Call on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This presentation will cover updates that were made to the HIS Manual from V1.01 to V1.02. Updates to the HIS Manual, and the related National Provider Call presentation, will provide clarifications of HIS item definitions and expectations for use.

Providers can now register for the MLN Connects National Provider Call on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 1:30 – 3:00 PM ET. To register for the MLN Connects Call, please visit the MLN National Provider Calls and Events webpage: <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/NPC/National-Provider-Calls-and-Events.html>

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The MLN Connects Call will be recorded and transcribed. This recording and transcription will be made available for provider download following the MLN connects Call.

Since the call will focus on updates that were made to the HIS Manual from V1.01 to V1.02, it will be helpful for attendees to review V1.02 of the HIS Manual prior to the National Provider Training call. V1.02 of the HIS Manual will be made available on the “Hospice Item Set (HIS)” portion of the CMS website no later than 2 weeks prior to the training: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Hospice-Quality-Reporting/Hospice-Item-Set-HIS.html>.

**05/12/2015**

## **Save the Date: Upcoming Hospice Item Set (HIS) Training**

CMS will host an HIS training on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This training will cover updates that were made to the HIS Manual from V1.01 to V1.02. Updates to the HIS Manual, and the related HIS training, will provide clarifications of HIS item definitions and expectations for use.

CMS will host the training via an MLN Connects National Provider Call on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 1:30 – 3:00 PM ET. The MLN Connects Call will be recorded and transcribed. This recording and transcription will be made available for provider download following the MLN connects Call.

Providers cannot yet register for the MLN Connects Call. Instructions for registration will be posted on the MLN National Provider Calls and Events webpage: <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/NPC/National-Provider-Calls-and-Events.html>, as well as on the CMS HQRP HIS website: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Hospice-Quality-Reporting/Hospice-Item-Set-HIS.html> at a later date.

**05/04/2015**

## **Question and Answer (Q+A) Document for the First Quarter of 2015 Now Available**

A new Question and Answer (Q+A) document is now available in the “Downloads” portion of this webpage, below. The Q+A document reflects frequently asked Hospice Item Set (HIS) related questions that were received by the Quality Help Desk during the first quarter (January - March) of 2015.

**01/21/2015**

## **Question and Answer (Q+A) Document for the Fourth Quarter of 2014 Now Available**

A new Question and Answer (Q+A) document is now available in the “Downloads” portion of this webpage, below. The Q+A document reflects frequently asked Hospice Item Set (HIS) related questions that were received on the Quality Help Desk during the fourth quarter (October - December) of 2014.

The format of the Q+A document has been updated. It now contains a total of **3 sections**. The **first section** lists the quarterly questions and answer. The **second section** highlights important information from the previous quarter. The **third section** describes important information in the upcoming quarter. Providers can expect sections two and three to include information such as recently released/upcoming information on trainings, fact sheets, new requirements, etc.