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November 15, 2017

Updated Guidance on How to Update Demographic Data within ASPEN

The demographic data displayed on Hospice Compare is generated from the information stored in the Automated Survey Processing Environment (ASPEN) system. Guidance on how to update a provider's demographic information such as address, telephone number, and ownership with their state ASPEN coordinator is now available. View the [How to Update Demographic Data 11.14.17](#) PDF on the [Hospice Quality Public Reporting](#) webpage for further information as well as more details on the cutoff dates for changes to demographic information in the ASPEN system.

Please note: When requesting updates to your demographic data, it is important to ask for updates to your data within the ASPEN system, and not your data on the Hospice Compare site.

August 28, 2017

Guidance on how to update a provider's demographic information such as address, telephone number, and ownership with their state ASPEN coordinator is now available in the downloads section of the Hospice Quality Public Reporting webpage. In addition, the cutoff dates for changes to demographic information to appear on Hospice Compare is further explained.

June 14, 2017

April 25 Hospice Data Submission and Reporting Webinar Video Recording Is Now Available

A video recording of the **Hospice Data Submission and Reporting Webinar** which took place on Tuesday, **April 25, 2017**, is now available. See the [Hospice Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage for details.

June 14, 2017

Based on questions received on the Hospice Quality Help Desk, CMS is clarifying coding guidance for Response option J, Self-pay for Item A1400 on V2.00.0 of the Hospice Item Set (HIS). CMS recommends that providers review the updated guidance as well as the master guidance on A1400 located on the [Hospice Item Set \(HIS\)](#) webpage for additional instruction.

June 07, 2017

The [audio recording and written transcript](#) has been added for the April 27th Hospice Public Reporting Webinar. During this webinar, CMS discussed the new Preview Reports for Hospices that are now available to providers.

June 1, 2017

Hospice Provider Preview Reports Now Available

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Hospice Provider Preview Reports for the Hospice Item Set (HIS) are now available. Hospice providers are encouraged to preview their quality measure results based on Quarter 4- 2015 to Quarter 3-2016 data, prior to the inaugural release of Hospice Compare in summer 2017.

Providers have 30 days to preview their quality measure results (June 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017).

Hospice providers may continue to submit corrections to their HIS data for up to 36 months beyond the target date on a given assessment, although corrections that are made to any HIS assessment record for which the target dates fall within the applicable reporting period (initially Quarter 4- 2015 to Quarter 3-2016), will only be reflected in subsequent quarterly preview reports and Compare refreshes. Hospice providers may request formal CMS review of their preview reports during the preview period, if they believe their quality measure results are inaccurate.

For more information, visit the [Hospice Quality Public Reporting](#) webpage and [Preview Report Access Instructions](#).

May 25, 2017

April 2017 Hospice Data Submission and Reporting Webinar Post-training Presentation (with Answers) Now Available

Post-training materials (with answers to polling questions) from the April 25, 2017, Hospice Data Submission and Reporting are now available in the Downloads section of the [Hospice QRP Training](#) webpage.

Note: For the Hospice Compare, the HIS data will be displayed in late summer 2017 and the CAHPS data will be added for display in early winter 2018.

April 25, 2017

Q+A Document for the First Quarter of 2017 Now Available

A new Question and Answer (Q+A) document is now available in the “Downloads” section of the [Hospice Item Set \(HIS\)](#).

April 25, 2017

Presentation for Hospice Public Reporting Webinar Now Available

The presentation for the upcoming Hospice QRP Public Reporting Webinar on Thursday, April 27, 2017, is now available in the downloads section of the [Hospice QRP Training](#) webpage.

April 03, 2017

Training Material for the April 2017 Hospice Data Submission and Reporting Webinar Available

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The presentation (without answers to polling questions) for the upcoming Hospice Data Submission and Reporting Webinar on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, is now available under the downloads section of the [Hospice QRP Training](#) webpage. The training will start at 12:00 p.m. ET and end at 1:45 p.m. ET.

March 30, 2017

Hospice Quality Reporting Program: Public Reporting Webinar

When: Thursday, April 27, 2017

Time: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Eastern Time

Click [here](#) to register.

During this webinar, CMS will discuss the new Preview Reports for Hospices that will be available to providers in the near future. Participants will gain an understanding of how to access these reports, how to interpret the contents of these reports, and what to do if they believe their report contains an error.

March 20, 2017

REGISTRATION CLOSED AND CHANGE IN TIME: Hospice Data Submission and Reporting Webinar

The April 25, 2017, Hospice Data Submission and Reporting Webinar has been re-scheduled to start at 12:00 p.m. ET due to a scheduling conflict. We have reached our cap of 1,000 registrants.

Please see the [Hospice Training web page](#) for further details and for instructions on how to be placed on a wait list.

March 14, 2017

Registration Open- Hospice Quality Reporting Program Data Submission and Reporting Webinar on April 25, 2017

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is hosting a webinar for hospice providers on Tuesday, April 25, from 2:00 to 3:45 p.m. ET. Visit the [Hospice Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage for more information and to register.

March 7, 2017

An issue has been identified and corrected with the calculations that are performed for the Hospice-Level Quality Measure Report and the Hospice Patient Stay-Level Quality Measure Report. Providers are urged to rerun any reports between the implementation date of 12/18/2016 through 02/26/2017. Visit the [HIS Technical Information](#) webpage for more information.

March 03, 2017

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Question and Answer (Q+A) Document and Video Recordings of the Baltimore January 2017 Hospice Quality Reporting Program Provider Training Now Available

The question and answer (Q+A) document is now available in the “Downloads” section of the [Hospice Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage. The Q+A document contains participant questions from the January 18, 2017, in-person provider training in Baltimore, MD.

Video recordings of the actual training presentations are also available via a playlist on [YouTube](#).

February 17, 2017

A Quick Reference Guide for the Hospice QRP is now available on the [HQRP Requirements and Best Practices](#) webpage. The guide includes frequently asked questions, information on QRP help desks, and helpful links to additional resources for the Hospice QRP.

February 03, 2017

Update: Hospice QRP Provider Training, Baltimore MD, January 18, 2017, Post-training Presentations (with Answers) Now Available

Post-training materials from the January 18, 2017, Hospice QRP Provider Training in Baltimore, MD, are now available under the Downloads section of the [Hospice QRP Training](#) webpage.

January 24, 2017

Errata v2.00.1 for v2.00.0 of the HIS data submission specifications is now available

This errata contains one issue, which is a modification to edit -3070. This edit is a skip pattern, and one additional item has been added to the list of items to be skipped. The zip file is located on the [HIS Technical Information](#) webpage.

January 23, 2017

Q+A Document for the Fourth Quarter of 2016 Now Available

A new Question and Answer (Q+A) document is now available in the “Downloads” section of the [Hospice Item Set \(HIS\)](#). The Q+A document reflects frequently asked Hospice Item Set (HIS) related questions that were received by the Quality Help Desk during the fourth quarter (October-December) of 2016. This document also contains quarterly updates and events from the fourth quarter as well as a preview of upcoming activities in the first quarter of 2017.

January 19, 2017

Updated HIS Manual V2.00 and Associated Change Table Now Available

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An updated version HIS Manual V2.00 is available as a .zip file download on the [Hospice Item Set \(HIS\)](#) webpage. This version contains a correction to the HIS Discharge in Appendix D. This version of the HIS Manual accompanies V2.00.0 of the HIS that will be effective April 1, 2017. Also included in the .zip file is a change table that outlines major changes from the HIS Manual V1.02 to V2.00.

January 13, 2017

Webcast URL for January 18, 2017 Hospice QRP Provider Training in Baltimore, MD is Now Available

The URL for those participating in the 1-day Hospice Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Provider Training (on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, in Baltimore, MD) via webcast is now available. The URL to the host site is <http://livestreamconnect.com/>. **The link to the actual content will not stream until programming begins.**

Programming will start at 8:30 a.m. ET and end at 4:30 p.m. ET.

For those who would like to test their connectivity to YouTube and audio capabilities in advance, you can do so by clicking on the link to "Test Your Connection" at the bottom of the screen. There are also links to download presentation materials, submit questions electronically (we ask that you do not submit questions in advance of the training), and general troubleshooting tips on the host page.

Visit the [Hospice QRP Training webpage](#) for additional information on this training event.