

CMS Hospice Software Developer/Vendor Call Minutes

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (ET)

Thank You -----Emmanuel Kalluri

- Thank you for attending the Hospice software developer/vendor call related to the Hospice Data submission of the Hospice Item Set (HIS).
- The call covered the Hospice Technical Data Submission Specification updates, VUT information, and ASAP enhancements.
- Please note that CMS policies related to the Hospice Item Set (HIS) are not the focus of the vendor calls.

Data Submission Specification Updates ----- John Jackson

- A new, FINAL version of the HIS Data Specifications was posted on the CMS Web Site on August 6, 2020. The version number is 3.00.0. These data specifications were initially expected to go into effect on January 1, 2021. However, we now know that OMB approval will not be given prior to January 15, 2021. Therefore, please keep watching the HIS Technical Information page for an update when the actual effective date for the data specs is determined!
- The primary change in this version is the removal of all Section O items and their associated skip pattern and consistency edits. Mappings of Section O items to format edits were also removed.
- As usual, ITM_SET_VRSN_CD and SPEC_VRSN_CD items were updated to include the new version (3.00) as a valid value.
- Once again, please continue to check the HIS Technical Information web page for the actual data spec effective date and any future updates.

Validation Utility Tool ----- John Jackson

- As always, the Hospice VUT will be updated to reflect the Version 3.00.0 data submission spec changes. Since Version 3.00.0 is expected to go into effect in early 2021, you can expect to see the VUT sometime in November. Support for past spec versions will continue to be there.
- The new Hospice VUT version will be 1.70.

ASAP System Enhancements ----- Shannon Magill

- This version will accommodate the changes made in version 3.00 of the Hospice Data Submission Specifications. As noted above, an implementation date has not been determined but will be communicated once OMB approval occurs.

- This will include the necessary updates related to the removal of Section O from the Hospice Item Set. More specifically, the removal of mappings to Section O within three edits and the complete removal of six other edits.
- The ASAP system will continue to process records with a target date up to 24 months prior to the current date using the appropriate set of data specifications in effect for the target date of the submitted record. The target date is the admission date on an admission record and the discharge date on a discharge record.

Open Q and A Session -----Emmanuel Kalluri

- There were no questions during the call.

Important Resources

QTSO.com

<https://qtso.cms.gov/>

<https://qtso.cms.gov/vendors/hospice-vendors>

CMS.gov - Hospice Quality Reporting

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Hospice-Quality-Reporting/index.html?redirect=/Hospice-Quality-Reporting>

CMS.gov - Spotlight & Announcements

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Hospice-Quality-Reporting/Spotlight.html>

CMS.gov - HIS Technical Information

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Hospice-Quality-Reporting/HIS-Technical-Information.html>

Hospice Item Set Information

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Hospice-Quality-Reporting/Hospice-Item-Set-HIS>

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