

CMS Hospice Software Developer/Vendor Call

Wednesday, January 28, 2015
Time: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. (ET)
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Welcome----- Lori Grocholski, CMS

- Welcome and thank you for joining our Hospice software developer/vendor call related to the Hospice Data submission of the Hospice Item Set (HIS).
- On this call we will cover the Hospice Technical Data Submission Specification Updates, VUT information, and questions relating to the June 28, 2015 release.
- If you do not have the agenda for this call, it may be found at www.qtso.com under the Vendors link on the left navigation bar then the Hospice link in the navigation bar at the top of the page.
- 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. GDIT

- Version 1.01.0 of the HIS Data Submission Specifications has been posted to the CMS site. There are several links there for the overview, data dictionary (Access database), CSV, HTML and PDF files that are part of the specs. Each link has the publish date of 12-22-2014. These specifications go into effect on June 28, 2015.
- There are three item-related changes:
 - SPEC_VRSN_CD: A new allowed value was added (1.01).
 - STATE_CD: GU (Guam) was added to the value list, per the v1.00.1 errata.
 - A0245: The dash [-] is now an allowed value for this item.
- There are three edit-related changes:
 - Edit -3032: This is the date item consistency edit. The less than or equal to sign after J2030B was removed, and J2040B was moved to its own line. Also, F3000B was moved from Group B to Group C.
 - Edit -3063: Item F3000B is now associated with this edit. The edit now reads as follows: If any of the items F2000B, F2100B, F2200B, or F3000B are active, they should be greater than or equal to A0220 (admission date) minus 7 days.
 - Edit -3064: This is a new warning edit for item A0245. It is triggered when the value of A0245 is set to the dash. The edit reminds the user that a dash should only be used when the patient was discharged prior to the start of the initial nursing assessment.
- NOTE: The item and edit changes are **retroactive**, except for the addition of "1.01" as a valid value for SPEC_VRSN_CD.
- The Overview document now contains a Table Of Contents!

- Please check the technical specs web page on a regular basis to look for updates to ensure you are using the latest version of the specifications.
- Please continue monitoring the technical information web page for additional updates.

Validation Utility Tool ----- John Jackson, GDIT

- The VUT will be updated to accommodate the changes in the data specifications.
- There will be a bug fix for the enforcement of edit -3059: If N0500A=[1] or N0510A=[1], then if N0520A is active it must not equal [^]. The N0510A logic was not coded correctly.
- New feature: If the VUT is launched with the command-line parameter NOSETUP, then the VUT will proceed to listener mode, bypassing the user interface screen and using the parameters previously specified in VUT.XML.

ASAP System Enhancements ----- Jean Eby, Telligen

- The ASAP system will be enhanced to accommodate the changes in the data specifications.
- The ASAP system will edit records with a target date on or after June 28, 2015 using the version 1.01 of the data specifications and edit records with a target date prior to June 28, 2015 using the version 1.00 of the data specifications. The target date is the admission date on an admission record and the discharge date on a discharge record.

Submitted Q and As ----- Lori Grocholski, CMS

- No questions were submitted.

Open Q and A Session ----- Lori Grocholski, CMS

Q. Will there be any updates to the ICD-10 interpretation after June 28th?

A. There are no ICD-10 items on the Hospice Item Set. Therefore, there will be no impact of ICD-10 to this version of the HIS.

Closing Comments----- Lori Grocholski, CMS

Please visit the important websites listed below. You may submit questions to the Technical Issues mailbox at HOSPICETECHNICALISSUES@cms.hhs.gov.

Important Resources

QTSO.com

<https://www.gtso.com>

<https://www.gtso.com/vendor.html>

<https://www.gtso.com/vendorhospice.html>

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>

CMS.gov - Details for CMS Form Number: CMS-10390 (Hospice Item Set)

<http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing-Items/CMS1252151.html?DLPage=1&DLSort=1&DLSortDir=descending>

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