CMS IRF-PAI Software Developer/Vendor Call Notes

Thursday, January 29, 2015
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (ET)

Welcome -- Lori Grocholski, DQSAS, Host

- Welcome and thank you for joining our IRF-PAI software developer/vendor call related to the IRF-PAI Data submission of the IRF-PAI Item Set effective October 1, 2015.
- 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 IRF-PAI link in the navigation bar at the top of the page.
- On this call, we will cover the CMG Grouper updates, IRF-PAI Technical Data Submission Specification Updates, VUT information, and ASAP system enhancements. All of these updates and enhancements will be effective October 1, 2015.
- If time allows, we will hold an open Q and A session at the end of this call.
- Please note that CMS policies related to the IRF Item Set are not the focus of the vendor calls.

CMG Grouper Updates – October 2015 ------------------------ Bob Godbout, Stepwise Systems

- There is only one change to the CMG grouper (version 2.80). That change is to use ICD-10 comorbidity diagnosis codes (Items 25A through 24Y) rather than ICD-9 diagnosis codes. Note that comorbidity tier is determined by both single ICD-10 diagnosis codes (as with ICD-9) but also clusters of two or more ICD-10 diagnosis codes.

Data Submission Specification Updates ---------------------- Bob Godbout, Stepwise Systems

- 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. The posted specs for October 1, 2015 are Version 1.12.0.
- Please continue monitoring the technical information web page for additional updates.
- Changes with Version 1.12.0:
    - ICD-10 diagnosis codes are used for all diagnosis items (22A through 22C, 24A through 24Y, 46, and 47A through 47F). The formatting of ICD-10 codes must exactly conform to the new ICD-10 edit (-1100). The previous format edit for ICD-9 codes (-1119) has been deleted.
    - The list of valid values has been changed for several items.
    - New items have been added with appropriate edits:
        - Etiologic diagnosis items expanded from 1 to 3 (Item 22 replaced with 22A through 22C).
        - A new item (24A1) indicates whether arthritis conditions are recorded.
        - 24 new items (O0401AA through O0402CD) indicate the minutes of rehabilitation therapy received over a two week period.
    - The editing of the consistency of the influenza vaccination items has been revised to change the payment reduction warning to only apply to assessments within the influenza season, and the editing influenza vaccination date has been revised to allow the vaccination to occur before the IRF admission date.
    - The payment reduction warning has been added to the height and weight items.

Validation Utility Tool -- John Jackson, General Dynamics

- The VUT will be enhanced to accommodate the changes in the data specifications.
- A new feature will be added to the VUT that allows the user interface screen when in listener mode, to be bypassed. Launch the VUT with the parameter NOSETUP, and the VUT will begin polling the input directory in VUT.XML without the user needing to press the 'Go' button on the user interface.

ASAP System Enhancements --Jean Eby, Telligen

- The ASAP system will be enhanced to accommodate the changes in the data specifications.
- The text of the duplicate record error message -907 will be revised to state 'previously accepted record' rather than 'previously submitted record.'
- The HICN item will be added to the Final Validation Reports. It will be populated when included in the assessment and the assessment file can be read.
- The ASAP system-generated final validation report will be available in an XML format in addition to the current text format.
- The IRF-PAI Assessments with Error Number xxxx report shall be enhanced to add the patient's last and first name to the report. The sort will be revised to include the patient's name.
- The patient's HICN will be added to the IRF-PAI Submission Activity report when it is included on the assessment.

Open Q and A Session --Lori Grocholski, DQSAS

Question 1: I have two questions about the new data specs, v1.12.0.
In the medical information section, my question is about the new items for arthritis conditions recorded. In the specifications, the item ID is 24A1 but the XML tag is R241. Which is correct? Should the XML tag be R24A1?

Answer: Bob Godbout and Jean Eby will review. If we find it is in error, we will write and post an Errata document to the v1.12.0 data specs.

Question 2: My second question regards items in the therapy information section. Item O0401AA matches the XML tag. However, items O0401AB through O0401AD (four items), have an XML tag of O0401AA. I assume the XML tags should match the item ID.

Answer: Jean Eby thanked Terry for closely examining the specs and bringing those issues to our attention. An errata will be issued.

Closing Remarks -- Lori Grocholski, DQSAS, Host

- Please note the important resources at the bottom of the agenda and check the CMS.gov IRF Technical Information webpage (URL below) regularly for updates.

Important Resources

QTSO.com

https://www.qtso.com
https://www.qtso.com/vendor.html
https://www.qtso.com/vendorirf.html

CMS.gov - IRF Quality Reporting

http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/IRF-Quality-Reporting/IRF-Quality-Reporting-Program-Details.html

CMS.gov - IRF Technical Information

http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/InpatientRehabFacPPS/Software.html

Email – IRF-PAI Technical Issues

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