

# CMS LTCH Software Developer/Vendor Call

## MINUTES

Topic: Technical Changes Related to the April 1, 2017 LTCH Release

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00p.m. (ET)

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### Welcome -----Lori Grocholski, DQSAS Division of Quality Systems for Assessments and Surveys

- Welcome to the CMS LTCH Software Developer / Vendor call. On this call we will cover the LTCH CARE Data Set Technical Data Submission Specifications v2.01.0 updates, VUT information, and any submitted Q & As related to the April 1, 2017 release. If time allows we will have an open Q & A session at the end of this call.
- Please note that CMS policies related to the LTCH CARE data set are not the focus of vendor calls.
- If you do not have the agenda for this call, it may be found at <https://www.qtso.com> under the vendor link on the left navigation bar.
- I will now turn the call over to John Jackson to discuss the data submission spec updates.

### Data Submission Specification Updates ----- John Jackson, General Dynamics

- The draft version, 2.01.0, of the LTCH Data Submission Specifications was posted on the CMS web site on April 21, 2016. This version goes into effect on April 1, 2017.
- There are no new items.
- The data specs do reflect changes identified in the Errata document for Version 2.00.0. The 'Item Notes' distinguish new changes from previous errata changes.
- Please note the addition of "2.01" as a valid value for the item SPEC\_VRSN\_CD.
- While most of the edit-related revisions are from the version 2.00.0 Errata document, there are a couple of new edit changes:
  - **Edit -3933:** The text of edit -3933 has been revised to read as follows (the new sentence is underlined): Self-Care and Mobility Discharge Goals: At least one of the Discharge Goal items (GG0130A2, etc.) should be equal to [01,02,03,04,05,06]. Entering the dash [-] as the response to all of the Discharge Goal items may result in a payment reduction for your facility of two percentage points for the affected payment determination. Goal items were not all mapped to edit -3900 and we expect some of the goal items will be equal to a dash. However, it is expected that at least one of the goal items will not contain a dash.
  - **Edit -3939:** A new edit, -3939, has been introduced for the relationship between the items for Invasive Mechanical Ventilator (weaning and non-weaning):
    - (a) If O0100F3=[1], then O0100F4 must not be equal to [1]
    - (b) If O0100F4=[1], then O0100F3 must not be equal to [1]
    - (c) If O0100F3=[-], then O0100F4 must be equal to [-]
    - (d) If O0100F4=[-], then O0100F3 must be equal to [-]

**Validation Utility Tool----- John Jackson, General Dynamics**

- The VUT will be updated to reflect the version 2.01.0 data submission spec changes. Since version 2.01.0 goes into effect on April 1, 2017, the VUT will be available in February 2017. The VUT will function as it does now. As always, support for past data spec versions will continue to be available.

**ASAP System Enhancements ----- Jana Linthicum, Telligen**

- The ASAP system will edit records with a target date on or after April 1, 2017 using the version 2.01.0 of the data specifications. It will continue to edit records with a target date prior to April 1, 2017 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 assessment and the discharge date is the target date on a planned discharge, unplanned discharge, or an expired assessment.

**Question and Answer Session-----Lori Grocholski, DQSAS**

**Question:** Do you expect to write a new edit with a payment-reduction warning message to be applied to the flu items once they are changed from seasonal collection to year-round collection?

**Answer:** We cannot address how we would respond to future changes. We can confirm that whenever any change is decided upon by the policy group at CMS and passed along to DQSAS to implement, we certainly will share technical information with vendors, when appropriate, about how the change will impact the submission data specs.

**Closing Comments -----Lori Grocholski, DQSAS**

At the end of the agenda, please note the important resources listed. Please feel free to email Lori Grocholski through the [LTCHtechissues@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:LTCHtechissues@cms.hhs.gov) mailbox if you have technical questions. Thank you for taking the time to join the call today and keep informed about changes to the LTCH program.

**Important Resources**

QTSO.com

<https://www.qtso.com>

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

<https://www.qtso.com/vendorltch.html>

<https://www.qtso.com/ltch.html>

CMS.gov - LTCH Quality Reporting

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

CMS.gov – LTCH Quality Reporting Overview & Announcements

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

CMS.gov – LTCH Quality Reporting Technical Information

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

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