

CMS LTCH Software Developer/Vendor Call

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Welcome -----Lori Grocholski, DQSAS

- Welcome to the CMS LTCH Software Developer / Vendor call. On this call we will cover the LTCH CARE Data Set Technical Data Submission Specifications v2.00 updates, and VUT information related to the April 1, 2016 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.

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

- Version 2.00 (DRAFT) of the LTCH Data Specifications will go into effect on April 1, 2016.
- It should be noted that the version numbers of the LTCH item set, the LTCH data specifications, and the LTCH Validation Utility Tool are independent of each other. There is no intent to have all the versions match up. The reason is that the data specifications can change even if the item set has not, and the Validation Utility Tool can be updated with new features while the item set and data specifications remain the same.
- There are many changes in the April 2016 release; therefore, the new version was incremented to v2.00.
- **IMPORTANT!** For LTCH it was decided that items that were voluntary **are no longer voluntary**; therefore, the equals sign (“=”) is no longer a valid value for those items, and edits for voluntary items have been revised accordingly.
- Highlights:
 - There are many new quality indicator items, including Expression of Ideas and Wants (BB0700), Understanding Verbal Content (BB0800), Cognitive Patterns (C1610 items), Functional Abilities and Goals (Section GG), Bladder Continence (H0350), Active Diagnoses (Section I), Falls (J1800-J1900), Worsened Pressure Ulcers (M0800 items), and Special Treatments (O0100 items).
 - The new A2525 program interruption date items replace the A2520 items. Also, it is now possible to list five program interruption date pairs (previously, there were three).
 - The comatose item, B0100, is now part of the Planned Discharge (LP) assessment. Some M0300 items have been removed from Admission (LA) assessments.
- **Section GG:** Please note that GG items in the admission portion of the item set are distinct from the items in the discharge section. Also, the GG0170 items have a few skip pattern edits within that section. Please pay particular attention to edits -3042, -3043, -3052, and -3943 through -3947.
- **Please monitor the LTCH Technical Information web page for updates!**

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

- The current version of the LTCH VUT is 1.0.3 and was last revised 03/26/2014.
- The VUT will be revised to enforce the new Version 2.00 specs. It will continue to support prior data spec versions.
- No enhancements to VUT functionality are planned at this time.

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

- The ASAP system will edit records with a target date on or after April 1, 2016, using the version 2.00 of the data specifications. It will continue to edit records with a target date prior to April 1, 2016 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 on a planned discharge, an unplanned discharge, or an expired assessment.
- The ASAP system will now create a system generated Final Validation Report in XML format. The current TXT version of the report will continue to be created.
- Error message -907 will be updated to state this is a duplicate assessment of a previously accepted record rather than a previously submitted record.
 - Old text: 'Duplicate Assessment: The submitted record is a duplicate of a previously submitted record.'
 - New text: 'Duplicate Assessment: The submitted record is a duplicate of a previously accepted record.'
- Add Reason for Record criteria to the record processing sort order.
 - 1) Sort records by state code and then Facility ID
 - 2) The next criterion applied shall be target date.
 - 3) If two records have the same target date, the next sort applied shall be the type of record (A0050); Inactivations (A0050 = 3) first, followed by new records (A0050 = 1) and then modification records (A0050 = 2).
 - 4) The next sort applied shall be by A0250 (Reason for Record code): first Admission (A0250 = 01) and then Discharge (A0250 = 10, 11, 12)
 - 5) The last sort applied shall be in ascending order by Correction Number.
- The Patient Medicare Number (HICN) will be added to the following reports: Both ASAP system-generated Final Validation Reports, the CASPER user-requested LTCH Provider Final Validation Report, and the CASPER user-requested LTCH Submitter Final Validation Report.
- The CASPER Report Submit page will limit the length of the Submission ID to a length of 15 on the LTCH Provider Final Validation Report and the LTCH Submitter Final Validation Report.
- The CASPER Report Submit page will limit the length of the Assessment ID to a length of 15 on the LTCH Assessment Print report.
- A new system edit (-919) will check to ensure the submission date is greater than or equal to the target date of the record.
- The LTCH ASAP system will fill the logical number values with leading or trailing zeros to pad to the full length of the item prior to storing the record in the database. This enhancement shall apply to numeric values submitted in items defined as a Number

data type in the data submission specifications. Reports will now display with the leading zeros for clinical (not control) submitted items.

- Error message -915 will be updated to state
 - Old Text: 'Patient Information Updated: Submitted value(s) for the item(s) listed do not match the values in the QIES ASAP database. The database has been updated.'
 - New Text: 'Patient Information Mismatch: Submitted value(s) for the item(s) listed do not match the values in the QIES ASAP database. If the record was accepted, the patient information in the database was updated. Verify that the new information is correct.'

Open Q&A Session-----Lori Grocholski, DQSAS
No questions were asked.

Closing-----Lori Grocholski, DQSAS

- If questions arise, please send an email to the technical issues mailbox at LTCHtechissues@cms.hhs.gov. Please take note of the important resources section at the end of the agenda and the end of the meeting minutes.
- Thanks to today's speakers and thank you for joining us to stay updated on the 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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