CMS LTCH Software Developer/Vendor Call
Minutes
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Welcome ---Emmanuel Kalluri

- Welcome to the CMS LTCH Software Developer / Vendor call. On this call we will cover changes for two upcoming Data Specification versions, Validation Utility Tool (VUT) information, ASAP System Enhancements and any submitted Q & As related to the July 1, 2018 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 www.qtso.cms.gov 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

- Version 3.00 of the final LTCH Data Specifications is coming soon! These specs support LTCH CARE Data Set Version 4.00 (yes, version 4.00 for the item set and version 3.00 for the data specs), and they go into effect on July 1, 2018. The specs are in the 508 process and will be posted after that.
- So what's new? We have Item set additions in Sections GG, I, N and O:
    - In Section GG, the admission and discharge items for GG0130 and GG0170 have a new allowed value of "10 - Not attempted due to environmental limitations."   For the goal items in GG0130 and GG0170, there are four new allowed values: 07 -Patient refused, 09 -Not applicable, 10 - Not attempted due to environmental limitation and 88 - Not attempted due to medical condition or safety concerns.
    - New Section I items include: I0103 - Metastatic Cancer, I0104 - Severe Cancer, I0605- Severe Left Systolic/Ventricular Dysfunction, I5455 - Other Progressive Neuromuscular Disease, I5480 - Other Severe Neurological Injury-Disease-Dysfunction. Also, there is the new I7100-I7104 Transplant series (Lung, Heart, Liver, Kidney and Bone Marrow).
    - We have a new Section N: N2001 – Drug Regimen Review, N2003 - Medication Follow-up, and N2005 – Medication Intervention.
    - We also have Section O changes. There are additions to O0100 (O0100H - IV Medications and O0100H2A - Vasoactive medications); a new O0150 series of items (A-E) for SBT; and a new O0200A - Invasive Mechanical Ventilator - Liberation Status.
- However, some items have gone away! Those include A2500, A2510, the A2525 series of items, GG0170H1 and GG0170H3, the M0800 items, and O0100F3 and O0100F4.
- Of course, we have edits that were added for the new items as well as edits that have gone away because of the item deletions. I call your attention to new edits -3940 and -3941, which are skips based on the values of GG0170I1 and GG0170I3. These skips replace the ones we had previously for GG0170H1 and GG0170H3, as those items were deleted.
- For those who have been monitoring the CMS website, you probably noticed that we posted a second draft of the full set of data specifications dated March 4, 2018. There

were quite a few revisions from the first draft, which you can pick out by looking for "[V3.00.1]" in the Item Change and Edit Change Reports. Here are some important things to note:

- o <u>The skip patterns within GG0170 only include admission performance items, not the discharge goal items.</u> This is different from how GG0170 skips work right now. As a result, several edits changed, and the caret was removed as a valid value for discharge goal items.
- o There are new lower bound warning edits for the height and weight items (K0200A and K0200B).
- o Items M0300B1 through M0300G2 should only get the payment reduction warning edit at discharge. Since these items are also active at admission, a new payment reduction edit was added (-3954) to ensure the edit only happens when A0250 is 10 or 11.

- For the final specs coming out soon, the only revisions were to edit -3900, the payment reduction edit. Two items that were mapped to this edit were removed – look for the "[V3.00.2]" version note. Also, we attempted to revise the version notes for clarity, as the items mapped to -3900 have changed greatly for this version.
  - o Some existing items that are currently mapped to -3900 are being deleted from the item set – so of course they won't be mapped to -3900 as of July 1, 2018.
  - o Some existing items that are currently mapped to -3900 will still be in the item set but won't be mapped to the edit anymore…and not only that, the changes are retroactive, which means they won't be considered mapped as of April 1, 2016. What if these items were mapped to -3900 PRIOR to April 1, 2016? Keep them mapped to -3900 until March 31, 2016. (That's how the VUT is doing it.)
  - o Some existing items that are NOT currently mapped to -3900 will still be in the item set AND will be mapped to the edit. Furthermore, the changes are retroactive, which means they will be treated as mapped on April 1, 2016.
  - o Some NEW items will be mapped to -3900 as of July 1, 2018.
- As always, please check the Item Change and Edit Change Reports in the specs for all the details.

Validation Utility Tool --**John Jackson**

- As you have come to expect, the LTCH VUT will be updated to reflect these new specs, while continuing to support the older spec versions for corrections.
- Since the V3.00 specs go into effect on July 1, 2018, the revised LTCH VUT is in the process of being posted now.
- Please check the LTCH Quality Reporting Technical Information web page periodically for any further updates on the VUT or Data Specs. I will now turn it over to Marni for updates on ASAP System Enhancements.

ASAP System Enhancements -- **Marni Bussell**

- The ASAP system will edit records with a target date on or after July 1, 2018 using the version 3.0 of the data specifications. It will continue to edit records with a target date prior to July 1, 2018 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.
- **As a reminder,** the ASAP system already includes the new MBI edit. Beginning April 1, 2018, the Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) or the Medicare Beneficiary ID (MBI) can be submitted in item A0600B (Patient Medicare Number). Following end of the

SSNRI transition period, which is currently December 31,2019, the ASAP system will reject any LTCH CARE record that contains a value other than the MBI in item A0600B (Patient Medicare Number).

I'll now turn it back over to Emmanuel.

Submitted Q and As---Emmanuel Kalluri

- There were no submitted questions prior to the call, we will now open the phone lines for questions.

Qs and As--Emmanuel Kalluri

05/17—There were no questions submitted prior to the call or brought up during the call. Please submit any questions to the LTCHtechissues@cms.hhs.gov email address. At the end of the agenda, please note the important resources listed.

Important Resources

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

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

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