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Subject: Reminder for the 2021 Publicly Reported DRA HAC Measures Preview Period

This is a reminder that the 2021 Hospital-Specific Reports (HSRs) for the Publicly Reported Deficit Reduction Act Hospital-Acquired Condition (DRA HAC) Measures are now available in the Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) system [Managed File Transfer \(MFT\)](#) inbox for subsection (d) hospitals, including Maryland hospitals. The 30-day Preview Period **began on June 21, 2021 and ends on July 21, 2021 at 11:59 PM PT.**

For more information on the DRA HAC measures, please refer to the Hospital-Acquired Conditions Present on Admission Indicator page on the CMS website:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HospitalAcqCond/index.html>.

The HSR is only available via the hospital's [MFT](#) inbox. Registered Security Administrator/Officials (SA/Os) who have been assigned the "Auto-Route (IQR)" permission will receive an Auto Route File Delivery Notification email indicating that the DRA HAC HSR is available. The DRA HAC HSR will be accessible by logging into the *MFT Dashboard* and entering your HCQIS Access Role and Profile (HARP) username and password. From there, click on *Mail* in the left-hand navigation pane and locate your DRA HAC HSR in the *Inbox* folder. Users that are not a SA/O will not have the proper permissions to access their HSR. These users should contact the SA/O for their organization to confirm that they have the basic *MFT* permission and receive an assigned "Auto-Route (IQR)" permission. Users may also contact their SA/O to request a copy of their HSR. Once granted the proper permissions, users will have access to any future HSR deliveries.

HSRs will only be available in the *MFT* inbox for a 30-day period.

For technical assistance with the *MFT* inbox, HARP, or other HQR System issues, please contact the QualityNet Help Desk at qnet support@hcqis.org or call 1-866-288-8912, Monday-Friday from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. CT.

The HSR includes the hospital-level results for four publicly reported DRA HAC measures (that is, Foreign Object Retained After Surgery; Blood Incompatibility; Air Embolism; and Falls and Trauma), as well as detailed discharge-level data for those discharges that met the DRA HAC measures' numerator inclusion criteria. The 2021 DRA HAC measures evaluate discharges from July 1, 2018, through December 31, 2019.

Hospitals can use the HSR to understand their performance on the measures before CMS publicly reports the results on <https://data.cms.gov> in August 2021. The 30-day Preview Period allows hospitals to review the data used to calculate the DRA HAC measures and to ask questions about the measure calculations. The DRA HAC Preview Period process does not allow hospitals to submit corrections to the underlying claims data or add new claims to the data CMS used to calculate the rates.

Note: Hospitals with no eligible discharges will not receive an HSR. CMS will exclude these hospitals from public reporting.

CMS encourages hospitals to review their HSR, including discharge-level data, and submit any questions to the Quality Q&A Tool at https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_qa no later than **11:59 pm PT** on the final day of the Preview Period, July 21, 2021. Select “Ask a Question,” and then choose “DRA HAC – Deficit Reduction Act Hospital-Acquired Conditions” in the Program list. Select “DRA HAC Preview Period Request” in the Topic list, and enter “DRA HAC Preview Period Inquiry” on the Subject line. When referring to the contents of the HSR, use the ID Number.