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PCHQR Reporting: Focus on Cancer-Specific Treatment Measures

Questions & Answers

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Question 1: My hospital is not a certified cancer hospital. We only report the first course of treatment on a state level, ours being Florida Cancer Data System. Is this webinar something that I need to listen to?

Answer 1: This presentation only applies to the PPS-exempt Cancer Hospitals that have the PPS-exemption by Federal Statute. While the content may be of interest to other cancer care providers, the PCHQR Program only applies to the PPS-exempt Cancer Hospitals.

Question 2: If we use the Rapid Quality Reporting System (RQRS) in order to submit our scores, we will continue to be reporting the measure with only 'analytic' cases. How do we square that with the definition of the measure on the NQF site that does not address class of case?

Answer 2: Analytic cases are defined as cases in which the hospital is involved in the initial diagnosis and/or the first course of treatment for the patient's cancer. The FORDS



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Manual of the ACoS states that the first course of treatment includes all methods of treatment recorded in the treatment plan and administered to the patient before disease progression or recurrence. The NQF Quality Positioning System™ lists the terminology “All or part of 1st course of treatment performed at the reporting facility” in the denominator statements for NQF #0059, NQF #0223, and NQF #0220. Therefore, while the NQF standards do not explicitly use the term “analytic case,” the intent is the same.

Question 3: What would be the value of this since the ACoS is not accepting additional cases?

Answer 3: The functionality of the RQRS system is still active for the entry of new cases and is available to identify the patients and their concordance status. Since ACoS will no longer send files to CMS, this new alternative method of obtaining the results and submitting the data was developed.

Question 4: If we have updated RQRS data, (Through case finding we will have updated info.), will we need to then use RQRS data and follow the process Leah outlined?

Answer 4: Yes, you will still need to use RQRS data and follow the process as outlined.

Question 5: For clarification, on November 15 CST [Cancer Specific Treatment measures] Q1 15 and Q3 14 will only be submitted for CST, not any past reports for Public Reporting?

Answer 5: That is correct. For the purposes of **Hospital Quality Reporting**, the deadline for submitting Cancer-Specific Treatment measures is 11/15/2015. The reporting period for NQF #0223 and NQF #0559 (Colon Cancer and Breast Cancer) is Quarter 1 2015. The reporting period for NQF #0220 (Adjuvant Hormonal Therapy) is Quarter 3 2014. There is a submission for **Public Reporting** for the April 2016 refresh of Hospital Compare due on 12/16/2015. CMS will use the validated Test File that was submitted by the ACoS prior to the termination of the contract for this submission so the PCHs do not have to submit data for this date. The next **Public Reporting** files that will have to be submitted by the PCHs are for the July 2016 Hospital Compare update. These Test Files will be due on 12/18/2015.