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Subject: 2022 Publicly Reported DRA HAC Measures Preview Period

The 2022 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 (that is, general acute care hospitals paid under the Inpatient Prospective Payment System, as well as Maryland hospitals). **The 30-day Preview Period begins June 20, 2022, and ends July 20, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. PT.**

For more information on the DRA HAC measures, please refer to the Hospital-Acquired Conditions (Present on Admission Indicator) page on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services's (CMS) website: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HospitalAcqCond/index.html.

How to access your HSR:

The HSR is only available via the hospital's *MFT* inbox. Registered Security Officials (SOs) 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. Users can access the DRA HAC HSR by logging into the *MFT Dashboard* and entering your Healthcare Quality Information System (HCQIS) Access Role and Profile (HARP) username and password. From there, click "Mail" in the left-hand navigation pane and locate your DRA HAC HSR in the "Inbox" folder.

Only SOs and hospital users with the "Auto-Route (IQR)" permission and the basic "*Managed File Transfer (MFT)* Web User" permission will receive a notification and be able to access their DRA HAC HSR. Users who do not meet these criteria should contact their organization's SO to confirm that they have the basic *MFT* permission and receive an assigned "Auto-Route (IQR)" permission. Users may also contact their organization's SO to request a copy of their HSR. Once granted the required permissions, users will have access to any future HSR deliveries.

HSRs will only be available in the *MFT* inbox for 30 days.

For technical assistance with the *MFT* inbox, HARP, or other HQR System issues, please contact the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) Service Center at qnetsupport@hcqis.org or call 1-866-288-8912, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

HSR file contents:

The HSR includes hospital-level and national results for the four Publicly Reported DRA HAC Measures (Foreign Object Retained After Surgery, Blood Incompatibility, Air Embolism, and Falls and Trauma). It also includes detailed discharge-level data for those discharges that met the numerator inclusion criteria for the DRA HAC measures. The 2022 DRA HAC measures evaluated discharges between July 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019, and between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021.

How hospitals can use the HSR:

Hospitals can use the HSR to understand their performance on the DRA HAC measures and submit questions about the calculations before CMS publicly reports the results on the CMS website (https://data.cms.gov/quality-of-care/deficit-reduction-act-hospital-acquired-condition-measures) in the third quarter (Q3) of 2022.

During the 30-day Preview Period, hospitals may not submit corrections to the underlying claims data or add new claims to the data extract used to calculate the results.

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

How to submit questions about your HSR:

CMS encourages hospitals to review their HSR, including discharge-level data, and submit any questions or concerns about the calculations to the QualityNet Question and Answer Tool at https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_qa no later than **11:59 p.m. PT** on the final day of the Preview Period, July 20, 2022. Select "Ask a Question" and 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.

The HSR contains discharge-level data protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Any disclosure of personal identifiable information (PII) or protected health information (PHI) should only be in accordance with, and to the extent permitted by, the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules and other applicable law. When referring to the contents of the HSR, ONLY use the ID Number associated with the claim(s) in question.