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This is a reminder that the 2023 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 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 began June 19, 2023, and ends July 19, 2023, 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 <u>Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service's (CMS) website</u>.

How to access your HSR:

Beginning in November 2022, claims-based measure (CBM) reports can now be downloaded directly from the <u>Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) system</u> (login required). Follow the steps below to access your HSR via the HQR system. You can also view a brief <u>instructional video</u> on how to download your reports.

Step 1: Log into the HQR system using a HARP account

• The HQR system requires users to have a Health Care Quality Improvement System (HCQIS) Access Roles and Profile (HARP) account with access to Managed File Transfer (MFT) to log in. If you currently have a HARP account, visit the HQR login page and log in using your HARP user ID and password. If you do not have a HARP account, you may register for a HARP ID.

Step 2: Access your HSR in HQR

- Log into the HQR system using your HARP ID credentials and navigate through the steps listed below to download your HSR:
 - From the left-hand navigation menu, select Program Reporting.
 - Then select Claims-based Measures.
 - Here, you can view your hospital specific reports (HSRs).
 - Select the release year for your report (2023), followed by the program in which you are interested (DRA HAC).
 - Under Report, you can see the list of files available for download (e.g., DRA HAC HSR [June]).
 - To download a file, select Export, and the file will be downloaded through your browser.
 Once downloaded, open the ZIP file to view your hospital's information.

The HSR is a read-only workbook, which prevents users from unintentionally altering content. To edit the file, use the "Save As" option to create a new version of the file under a different name.

HSRs will only be available in the HQR system.

If you have any issues accessing your HSR, please contact the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) Service Center at qnetsupport@cms.hhs.gov, or by calling, toll free, 866-288-8912 (TRS 711), weekdays from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm ET. For questions related to HARP registration, please visit the HARP Help webpage or contact qnetsupport@cms.hhs.gov.

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 2023 DRA HAC measures evaluated discharges between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2022.

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 in the third quarter (Q3) of 2023.

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 <u>QualityNet Question and Answer Tool</u> no later than **11:59 p.m. PT** on the final day of the Preview Period, July 19, 2023. 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. Do NOT send PII/PHI in your question.