

Date: March 24, 2023
To: Hospital Chief Financial Officers and Case Mix Liaisons
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Subject: **FY 2023 Q3 Data Forum Follow-up**

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Thanks to all who participated in the FY 2023 Q3 Data Forum held on March 10, 2023. Below is a summary of what was discussed and next steps.

Announcements

Grouper Transition: Staff reviewed the grouper versions that will be applied to the IP, OP and PPC case mix data for RY 2023 and 2024 (slide 4).

- **Case Mix Weights and Market Shift (RY 2023):** IP Weights: 37.1; OP Weights: 3.15; IP weights use CY 2019 (12 months); OP weights use CY 2019 – Q1 CY 2020 (15 months). These weights are applied to the following policies:
 - CY 2021 12-month Market Shift
 - CY 2022 6-month Market Shift
 - RY 2023 Demographic Adjustment
 - RY 2021 ICC Volume
- **Case Mix Weights and Market Shift (RY 2023):** IP Weights: 38; OP Weights: 3.16; IP weights use CY 2019 (12 months); OP weights use CY 2019 – Q1 CY 2020 (15 months). **Weights for FY 2023 are now available on the HSCRC website (<https://hscrc.maryland.gov/Pages/gbr-adjustments.aspx>) under “Market Shift Adjustments.”**

These weights are applied to the following policies:

- CY 2022 12-month Market Shift
- RY 2024 Demographic Adjustment
- RY 2022 ICC Volume

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- **Case Mix Weights and Market Shift (RY 2024):** IP Weights: 39; OP Weights: 3.17; IP weights use CY 2021 (12 months); OP weights use CY 2021 – Q1 CY 2022 (15 months). Weights for FY 2024 to be available in November 2023.

These weights are applied to the following policies:

- CY 2023 6-month Market Shift
- CY 2023 12-month Market Shift
- RY 2025 Demographic Adjustment
- RY 2023 ICC Volume

Grouper Transition: Staff reviewed the grouper versions that will be applied to MHAC, RRIP, QBR for RY 2025.

- **MHAC/RRIP/QBR (CY 2023):** APR DRG and PPC version 40; current CGS version. **Note:** RY 2025 policies begin January 1, 2022, in most cases. Base and performance periods are detailed on slide 5.

Number of Diagnosis and Procedure Codes used in all Groupers:

Grouper	Number of Diagnosis Codes Used	Number of Procedure Codes Used
IP APR DRG & MS DRG	Up to 30 (Principal + 29 Secondary)	Up to 30 (Principal + 29 Secondary)
OP APR DRG (Obs cases >23 hrs)	Up to 50 (Principal + 49 Secondary)	N/A
IP PPC	Up to 30 (Principal + 29 Secondary)	Up to 30 (Principal + 29 Secondary)
OP EAPG	1 (Primary Diagnosis)	All procedures listed in Type III record

Quality Update: Staff provided an update on the National VBP program and other quality-related data initiatives (slide 6). Additionally, staff reviewed the new eCQM measures that will be required or optional for the upcoming calendar years and the timeline for reporting the measures (slides 7-9).

FY 2023 Data Edit Revisions: Staff provided an update on 2 changes to the DSR for FY 2023. The HSCRC will be removing the warning for records where hospitals report a homeless Z-code but did not report the zip code as “88888” (Homeless) (slide 10); effective with FY 2023 Q3 submission. Additionally, the HSCRC is expanding the maximum length for the patients’ Medical Record Number (**MRNUM**) from

11 to 12 characters, effective April 1, 2023. This change is applicable to the Inpatient, Outpatient, and Inpatient Psychiatric datasets. HSCRC will post the updated DSRs in the coming weeks.

FY 2024 Proposed Data Submission Requirements (DSR) Updates: HSCRC staff reviewed potential deletions and revisions to the Inpatient and Psychiatric Datasets. HSCRC is also considering the addition of the hospital admission variable for the outpatient dataset (slides 11)

CDS-A Reports: Staff reminded all participants that the CDD-A Report is available on the CRISP Portal (slides 13-14). This report allows hospitals to review growth in the cost of outpatient infusion and chemotherapy drug utilization for outlier dosage units based on 3rd Monthly case mix data in CRISP. The expectation is that hospitals will use this information to correct errors prior to submission of Quarterly case mix data. **Please be aware, hospitals will be subject to fines if any material error is found in a hospital's CDS-A audit.**

Data Forum Survey: Staff reminded all meeting participants to complete the survey in Survey Monkey (slide 15). **The link will be sent on March 24, 2023.** Please use this opportunity to provide the HSCRC staff feedback on the data forums. If you did not receive a link to the survey, please contact hscrc@hmetrix.com.

Uncompensated Care (UCC) Data Collection Update

Staff reminded participants about the changes to the processing of UCC data submissions from hospitals (slides 17-22). hMetrix has taken over the submissions and error reports for the quarterly reporting. This process was fully transitioned to hMetrix after January 2023. Staff also discussed modifications to the edits rules that will be implemented for the FY 2023 Q3 data submission. Staff also announced that the method for matching UCC data to case mix is being evaluated based on hospital feedback. The slides from the training webinar that was held on December 9, 2022 are included in Appendix 1-2 and available on the HSCRC website (https://hscrc.maryland.gov/Pages/hsp_info2.aspx).

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Collection (SOGI) Survey Results

Staff presented on the results of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) survey that was sent out to hospitals last month (slides 23-30). Staff presented the SOGI field options that are currently being collected by hospitals as well as barriers to expanding the collection of SOGI variables. Staff will be convening a work group to further discuss the options and will present recommendations for

implementation at the next Data Forum in June. If you are interested in participating in this workgroup, please contact Princess Collins (Princess.Collins@maryland.gov).

Data Processing Vendor Update

Mary Pohl, representing hMetrix and Burton Policy, reported on data processing updates. Mary reminded hospitals to submit **monthly and quarterly production data** (data that is grouped and used by the HSCRC) to the “**Submit folder**” in RDS to process the monthly data (slide 33). hMetrix has instituted automated logic that can determine the type of file submitted. For **test data**, hospitals should submit to the “**Test folder**” in RDS. The Test Site is always available for testing (for instance for a new hospital coming on board or a system conversion).

Mary also reminded UCC submitters to use DAVE to review error reports and submit requests for extensions or to submit with errors. Refer to Appendix 2 in the slide deck for more information.

Case Mix Review Vendor Update

Brenda Watson from Advanta Government Solutions, LLC., reviewed the definitions for Point of Origin and Discharge Disposition, two variables that have high error rates across hospitals (slide 35). Brenda also discussed coding socioeconomic and psychosocial conditions in the case mix data areas hospitals should focus on for outpatient coding (slides 36-37).

Data Repository Vendor Update

Jen Vogel from St. Paul Group reminded participants of the folders that are available to submit data to the HSCRC in RDS and the password reset portal (slide 39). Please contact Jen Vogel (jen.vogel@thestpaulgroup.com) with any questions about the RDS, including if you need access to the folder to submit the UCC files.

Upcoming Workgroups and Next Data Forum Meeting

Staff reminded participants of a new workgroup to discuss the feasibility of expanding the definitions for Gender and Sexual orientation and expanding the race and ethnicity categories to align with the new DHHS (inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) reporting requirements. Meetings will be held virtually between April and May 2023.

Additionally, staff will convene a workgroup to review potential additions to the DSR for FY 2024. Please contact Oscar Ibarra (oscar.ibarra@maryland.gov) if interested in participating in this workgroup.

The next Quarterly Data Forum Meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 9, 2023.

If you have any agenda items, please send them to Oscar or me by June 2, 2023. If you have any questions or concerns about the topics discussed above, please contact me (Claudine.Williams@maryland.gov) or Oscar Ibarra (Oscar.Ibarra@maryland.gov).