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PROPOSED SPECIFICATIONS FOR IRF QRP QUALITY MEASURES AND STANDARDIZED DATA ELEMENTS


CMS continues to use the term pressure ulcer in this document. The following paragraph provides some updated information about CMS use of NPUAP terms and definitions:

“The terminology and definitions developed by the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) for the care of pressure ulcers are often used to inform the PAC patient and resident assessment instruments and corresponding assessment manuals, specifically the IRF-PAI, the LTCH CARE Data Set, the MDS for SNFs, and the OASIS for HHAs. Considering the recent updates made by the NPUAP to its Pressure Ulcer Staging System, CMS intends to continue the adaptation of NPUAP terminology for coding the patient and resident assessment instruments. CMS will provide guidance that emphasizes that terminology related to these wounds may include injuries, as well as pressure ulcers, while retaining current holistic assessment instructions definitions and terminology. Further guidance and information on adaptation of the NPUAP guidelines, and definitions, and terminology, via assessment manuals and assessment instruments will be posted on the Web site at: www.cms.gov/Medicare/QualityInitiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/IRF-Quality-Reporting/IRF-PAI-and-IRF-QRP-Manual.html.”15

However, in the documents for a variety of settings (SNF, IRF, LTCH) in Appendix 1 (Data Elements Used in Calculation of Changes in Skin Integrity Post-Acute Care: Pressure Ulcer/Injury) on page 59, the term pressure ulcers/injuries is used. Similarly, in appendix 2 on pages 63-64 on the forms, the terminology of pressure ulcers/injuries is also used.”

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Abbreviations: HHA, Home Health Agency; IRF, inpatient rehabilitation facility; IRF-PAI, inpatient rehabilitation facility- patient assessment instrument; IRF-QRP, inpatient rehabilitation facility quality reporting program; LTCH, Long-Term-Care Hospital; MDS, Minimum Data Set; OASIS (Outcome and Assessment Information Set); PAC, post-acute care; SNF, skilled nursing facility.