



## **Automate the LTCH CARE Data Set with HCS INTERACTANT™**

### **AVOID THE 2% PAYMENT REDUCTION FOR NON-COMPLIANCE**

#### **LTCH Quality Reporting Program**

Mandated by the Affordable Care Act, LTCH, Inpatient Rehab Facilities (IRFs) and Hospice providers are required to submit data on three quality measures starting October 1, 2012. Non-compliance will result in a 2% reduction in annual payment update beginning fiscal year 2014.

For LTCHs, the three quality measures are:

- Catheter associated urinary tract infections (NQF#0138)
- Central-line associated bloodstream infections (NQF#0139)
- Percentage of patients with pressure ulcers that are new or have worsened (NQF#0678)

#### **New CMS Item Set – LTCH CARE Data Set**

In order to meet the third quality measure, LTCH providers must complete the LTCH (Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation) CARE Data set. This is the first time the LTCH community will complete an item set much like the MDS in long-term care, Oasis C in home health, and IRF-PAI for inpatient rehabilitation facilities.

#### **Experience with CMS Item Sets for Post-Acute Providers**

With the LTCH CARE Data set tied directly to a 2% annual payment reduction if not compliant, it is crucial to have a software partner who can automate the data collection process and provide tools to support responses for audit purposes.

In our more than 40 years of experience, HCS has spent the last 15 automating CMS item sets for our post-acute care clients. Our experience with CMS and various data set specifications provides us with the confidence and ability to react quickly to last minute changes, and the foresight to program an intuitive application to ease staff burden and ensure compliance.

#### **Automate the LTCH CARE Data Set with INTERACTANT**

Since this is a new process for LTCH facilities, let HCS leverage our experience to help you manage your team by

- Providing schedules of assessments due
- Keeping track of crucial due dates, such as completion and submission time frames
- Using prompts and alerts to maintain compliance

HCS **INTERACTANT** has a proven track record of scheduling the appropriate assessment based on discharge disposition captured in the medical record including automating hospital transfers, and scheduling a new admission assessment if returning after 72 hours.

The HCS **INTERACTANT** LTCH CARE Data Set goes far beyond automating the data set and submission. It ensures compliance through our scheduling features, and provides additional analytics for quality programs with exclusive, robust reporting.

### Health IT Partner

So what do you need to look for in a health IT partner when looking for the **tools that will help avoid the 2% payment reduction and assist with new payment delivery models?**

#### Experience

Look for a vendor that is dedicated to the post acute healthcare industry and understands the ever changing needs that come along with it. Also look for a vendor that has a solid client base within your lines of business. They will fully understand, support and be proactive with regulatory requirements and reimbursement model changes.

#### Functionality

Applications need to be intuitive, easy to use and include all of the required elements of an EMR, Quality Measure Reporting and Billing. With integrated clinical and financial applications, all departments and disciplines share real-time, vital information regarding clinical conditions and reimbursement.

#### Data Exchange

The ability to share information on patients eliminates redundant clinical activity and plays a vital role in your organization's success. Industry standard HL7 interfaces coupled with the availability of exchanging the Continuity of Care Document (CCD) can make this a reality.

#### Support

Support should include an experienced, highly-trained, account manager that is available 24/7 and is dedicated to your organization. Ideally, this account manager would become an extension of your staff to address the need for on-going software modifications as well as state and federal mandated regulatory requirements.

### About Health Care Software, Inc. (HCS)

Since 1969, HCS has remained exclusively dedicated to the development, installation, conversion, and ongoing support of healthcare information systems. HCS is recognized as a leader in providing integrated solutions across the continuum of care. Our focus is to provide comprehensive information system solutions to meet the ever-changing needs of diversified healthcare enterprises.

HCS is a proud supporting member of ALTHA and NALTH.

### About INTERACTANT™

**INTERACTANT** is a fully integrated, web-based clinical and financial software solution comprised of 27 applications designed to work as one. Over the past 10 years, **INTERACTANT** has become the IT solution for leading LTCH clients nationwide.

*"With HCS we are moving toward one goal of being able to fulfill the true promise of IT technology. In 2014, when it is required for the LTACHs to be able to produce quality data, many folks are going to be looking for an extension – more time. Here it is 2010, and Columbus is in compliance 4 years ahead of time – thanks to HCS." -*

*Matthew Hamilton, President of Columbus Hospital LTCH*



Contact HCS to learn more of how our LTCH clients are ready for the changing times ahead.