

## ACA 3004: Long Term Care Hospitals Announcements

- The CMS **LASER** (LTCH Assessment Submission Entry Reporting) software is **now posted** on the QIES Technical Support Office Website: [www.qtso.com](http://www.qtso.com).
- **LASER** is also undergoing its posting on the CMS LTCH QR Program website: [http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/index.html?redirect=/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/05\\_LTCHTechnicalInformation.asp](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/index.html?redirect=/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/05_LTCHTechnicalInformation.asp). Please continue to monitor the LTCH QRP website frequently for the posting of this downloadable software there as well.
- CMS has made available the last two new recorded training sessions for LTCHs on the QIES Technical Support Office (QTSO) website. The last two sessions to be posted are:
  1. **The LTCH Assessment Submission Process** - provides the necessary instructions for submitting the LTCH CARE Data Set to the QIES ASAP Submission System beginning October 1, 2012.
  2. **CASPER Reports for LTCHs** - provides information about accessing and interpreting the ASAP system-generated LTCH Provider Final Validation Report, identifies other reports available to LTCHs and gives an overview of the basic functionality of the CASPER Reporting application.
- With the addition of the 2 last WebEx trainings, **all** of the **LTCH CARE Data Submission and LASER WebEx Trainings** are now posted. CMS wants to ensure that LTCHs are aware of the following WebEx technical trainings related to the LTCH CARE Data Submission and LASER that are available for downloading on Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (QIES) Technical Support Office (QTSO) website ([www.qtso.com](http://www.qtso.com)):
  - Data Submission Trainings:
    - a. **CMSNet and QIES User ID Registration Training**
    - b. **LTCH Assessment Submission Process**
    - c. **LTCH Assessment and Validation Reports**
  - LASER Trainings:
    - d. **LASER Login Process**
    - e. **LASER Patient and Assessment Entry**
    - f. **LASER Import and Export Process**
    - g. **LASER Reports**
    - h. **LASER Demonstration Version of the tool**
- The recordings can be accessed via the e-University page on the QTSO website at <https://www.qtso.com/webex/qiesclasses.php>. Please contact the QTSO Help Desk at (800) 339-9313 or [help@qtso.com](mailto:help@qtso.com) if you have questions regarding the training sessions.

- An Errata Document Titled LTCH QRP Manual Errata Sheet-Sept 2012, has been posted under Downloads on the CMS LTCH QRP Website: [http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/index.html?redirect=/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/05\\_LTCHTechnicalInformation.asp](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/index.html?redirect=/LTCH-Quality-Reporting/05_LTCHTechnicalInformation.asp).
- The slides used during the August 30, 2012 LTCH Special Open Door Forum (SODF) where Section M of the LTCH QRP Manual was reviewed, as well as FAQs submitted to the LTCH QRP help desk mailbox are now posted and available for download on the LTCH QRP website. The audio file from this LTCH SODF has now been made available. It is accessible by going to the CMS Special Open Door Forums Web Page (<http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/OpenDoorForums/index.html?redirect=/opendoorforums>).
- The next LTCH SODF will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2012 from 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm. Please continue to check the CMS LTCH Quality Reporting webpage for updates, call-in information, conference materials, and agenda items related to the SODF call. Additionally, you can go to the CMS Special Open Door Forum web page <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/OpenDoorForums/ODFSpecialODF.html>.