



STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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March 21, 2022

Dear Administrator or Representative:

An amendment to Section 410-2-4-.08, Inpatient Physical Rehabilitation, of the *2020-2023 Alabama State Health Plan* became effective on August 14, 2020. As a part of the amendment the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) required the Health Care Information and Data Advisory Council (HCIDAC) amend the annual reports for Hospitals and Related Facilities, and for Skilled Nursing Facilities, to collect data used by Medicare Administrative Contractors to determine presumptive compliance with the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility compliance threshold requirement, commonly known as the “60% Rule”. Furthermore, the amendment required that the data to be collected should provide information related to the acuity level of patients and should collect data similar in type and format to allow for accurate comparisons while representing as many patients receiving inpatient rehabilitation services as possible.

The HCIDAC, as a part of the requirements of the SHCC, agreed to allow SHPDA to collect data from both Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities, in furtherance of this requirement. The data to be collected was derived from conversations with both hospital and nursing home representatives on the HCIDAC, and in cooperation with both the Alabama Hospital Association and the Alabama Nursing Home Association. After a proof-of-concept test involving a limited number of hospital and skilled nursing providers, the specific data elements to be collected were voted on and approved unanimously by the HCIDAC. These data elements have been added to the annual reports to be filed with SHPDA by both provider types and have been forwarded to the Certificate of Need Review Board for approval.

Furthermore, due to the time frames imposed on providers, SHPDA, and the HCIDAC by the amendment to the *State Health Plan*, the HCIDAC, with the cooperation and agreement of both the Alabama Hospital Association and the Alabama Nursing Home Association, agreed to a one-time, retroactive data collection to cover FY2021. This one-time collection, combined with the addition of this data to future annual reports to be submitted to this Agency, will allow for three (3) years’ worth of data to be analyzed by the Agency, with the results of that analysis to be presented to the SHCC.

Links to the data dictionary for the one-time, retroactive data collection (form IRFDD1Retro) for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2021, as well as needed instructions, are being provided in this e-mail. The data to be submitted for this collection is due by July 1, 2022. ALA. ADMIN. CODE r 410-1-3-.09 requires that this report be filed electronically to data.submit@shpda.alabama.gov.

Should you have any issues accessing the information via the links, all information is located on our website, www.shpda.alabama.gov. From the navigation box on the left, choose *Health Care Data*, then *Report Forms*. Scroll down to Hospital (Form BHD-134A) and choose 2021-Rehab-Supplement.

If you have any questions or if we may provide any assistance do not hesitate to contact me at bradford.williams@shpda.alabama.gov, (334) 242-4103.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bradford L. Williams', written in a cursive style.

Bradford L. Williams
Health Planning Administrator

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