

2018 LTCH Quality Reporting Technical Information

The purpose of this web page is to provide technical updates and resources related to LTCH data collection, submission of quality data, information regarding the CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), and the LTCH Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set. Links to these resources can be found at the bottom of this webpage. Users may also find contact information on this page for where to direct questions related to technical issues.

This page is updated periodically as updates to technical information, LTCH CARE Data Set Submission Specifications, and reporting tools related to data submission become available.

Comments and Questions:

For questions related to technical issues: LTCHTechIssues@cms.hhs.gov

For the Quality Improvement and Evaluation Systems (QIES) Technical Support Office: help@qtso.com

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network Website

Information related to the procedures using the NHSN for data submission for CLABSI, CAUTI, MRSA, CDI, VAE, and the Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel measures can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn>

For NHSN questions: NHSN@cdc.gov

Updates

July 01, 2018

[LASER \(LTCH Assessment Submission Entry and Reporting\) v1.4.0](#), available in LASER Release Files in the Related Links section below, is a Java based software application that allows Long Term Care Hospitals to collect and maintain facility, patient and assessment information for subsequent submissions to the appropriate national data repository. LASER is free software provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and is offered in two configuration types, standalone and network client. The standalone configuration is self-contained on one workstation. The network client configuration uses a server to support one or more individual workstations, all accessing one central database.

Users do not need to have a previous installation of LASER to download or use [LASER v1.4.0](#). Current users who are unsure which configuration type they are currently using should contact the QIES Technical Support Office (QTSO) Help Desk for technical assistance, prior to installing upgrades, to avoid the potential risk of data loss.

Additional information may also be found in the LASER Installation and User Guides included with the LASER download and also available below.

[LASER \(version 1.4.0\)](#) is now available for download which includes the following enhancements:

- v3.00 LTCH Data Specifications
- v4.00 LTCH Data Set

LASER Guides [LASER_InstallationGuide_v1.4.0.pdf \(PDF 504 KB\)](#) [LASER_UserGuide_1.4.0.pdf \(PDF 2.07 MB\)](#)

June 08, 2018

The complete set of LTCH CARE Data Submission Specifications have been updated and posted. The new version is V3.00.2 and the documents containing the specifications are dated 05-07-2018. This FINAL version is scheduled for implementation on July 1, 2018. There are a couple of revisions to edit -3900; check the version note beginning with [V3.00.2].

The entry for the V3.00.2 submission specifications in the Downloads section below links to the zip file that contains the updated files. The files within this .zip are:

- LTCH Data Specs Overview (V3.00.2) FINAL 05-07-2018.pdf
- LTCH Data Dictionary (V3.00.2) FINAL 05-07-2018.zip
- LTCH Data Specs CSV files (V3.00.2) FINAL 05-07-2018.zip
- LTCH Data Specs HTML files (V3.00.2) FINAL 05-07-2018.zip
- LTCH Data Specs PDF files (V3.00.2) FINAL 05-07-2018.zip

March 16, 2018

The complete set of LTCH CARE Data Submission Specifications have been updated and posted. The new version is V3.00.1 and the documents containing the specifications are dated 03-04-2018. This second DRAFT version is scheduled for implementation on July 1, 2018. Revisions for this version can be seen in the item and edit version notes that begin with [V3.00.1].

The entry for the V3.00.1 submission specifications in the Downloads section below links to the zip file that contains the updated files. The files within this .zip are:

- LTCH Data Specs Overview (V3.00.1) DRAFT 03-04-2018.pdf
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January 26, 2018

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[LTCH QRP Technical Information Archives](#)

Downloads

- [LTCH Data Specs \(V3.00.2\) FINAL 05-07-2018 \[ZIP, 4MB\]](#)
- [LTCH Data Specs \(V3.00.1\) DRAFT 03-04-2018.zip \[ZIP, 4MB\]](#)
- [LTCH Data Specs \(V3.00.0\) DRAFT 09-18-2017.zip \[ZIP, 4MB\]](#)
- [LTCH Data Specs \(V2.02.1\) FINAL 07-05-2017.zip \[ZIP, 3MB\]](#)
- [LTCH Data Specs \(V2.02.0\) DRAFT 03-06-2017.zip \[ZIP, 3MB\]](#)
- [Errata V2.02.1 for LTCH Data Specs \(v2.02.0 DRAFT\) 04-20-2017.pdf \[PDF, 34KB\]](#)
- [LTCH Data Specifications \(V2.01.0\) 09-01-2016 FINAL \[ZIP, 3MB\]](#)
- [QIES MEMO LTCH Vendor \[PDF, 47KB\]](#)
- [LTCH CARE Data Submission Specifications \(v1.00.3\) \[ZIP, 3MB\]](#)
- [LTCH Preliminary Review Report Help Document \[PDF, 656KB\]](#)