



Functional & Cognitive Status Combined Subgroup Meeting

Time: Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm EST

Location: WebEx Meeting

Dial-in: 1-877-267-1577

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PACIO Project Website: www.PACIOproject.org

PACIO Project GitHub: <https://github.com/paciowg/PACIO-Project>

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Summary

1) Functional Status (Dave H., MITRE) (20 mins)

- Dave reviewed the functional data elements included in STU1 Ballot
 - Functional Test/Screen
 1. Prior level of function
 - Group defined this as the patient's functional status before the current injury/exacerbation for this episode
 - When a prior level of function assessment is captured, it is important to know 1) who provided the assessment information, 2) When the assessment was completed/
 - Prior level of function is also used to set functional goals for the patient.
 - PACIO members all agreed it would be helpful to exchange free text and coded data (if available) for prior level of function
 - Can provide additional guidance in the IG, advising users to exchange all prior level of function information
 - Important to know what condition the patient was in prior to their medical concerns, but the definition of prior level of function is not standardized.
 - PACIO members recommended including verbiage in the IG to identify specifics of exchanging data, rather than only having a catch all with the documentation.



- Should PACIO consider including a defined time frame of a year? Or are we unable to set a defined period?
- What parameters should be used to constrain the results? Should the query results only provide results from the last year.
 1. The focus should be transferring the data to get the best care for the patient, not deciding how far back the data should be exchanged.
- Prior level of function data is not standardized. It would be helpful if the information was dated, as it is critical for the patient's needs to know when the episode started.
- Provenance was discussed.
- There are some codes available for prior level of function of self-care
 - Consider using the CMS definition of prior level of function in the IG
- PACIO members recommended leveraging items from the FASI for prior level of function, as PAC assessments to do not have the same level of detail.
 - FASI is being added to LOINC (will be in the DEL prior to LOINC release)
 - May need to consider using placeholder codes, which the Gravity currently uses.
 1. If PACIO is going to the September ballot, it will difficult to make significant changes to the IG.
 2. PACIO will need to hold another connectathon after the May 2020 connectathon, to test the LOINC codes that will be released in June.
- The leadership team will continue reviewing the functional data elements to include in STU1
- Please review the functional data elements and follow up with dwhill@mitre.org and elrod@max.md with any feedback if the data elements should be included in STU1.

2) Cognitive Status (Dave H., MITRE) (20 mins)

- Dave reviewed the cognitive data elements included in the STU1 Ballot
 - Short BCAT should be listed as BCAT SF (Short Form)
 - PACIO members recommended the IG should provide supplementary guidance advising how to use the IG to satisfy each of the different assessment tests.



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1. It would be helpful if users could attach the form with the exchange

- PHQ for acute differs slightly from PAC—the scores are comparable but structured differently.
- Bundled observation—there could be an overall score included as well
- One PACIO member recommended including the GAD: generalized anxiety disorder assessment
 1. More identification of conditions
 2. Group all agreed to include the GAD assessment in the list as well

3) Leadership Updates (Dave H.; Siama R., MITRE) (40 mins)

- Formal vote on cognitive data elements
 - There was a unanimous vote among PACIO members agreeing to the cognitive data elements included in the STU1 Ballot.
- Next steps
 - PACIO is working to build the reference implementation guide and continue updating the IG.
 - May consider using Synthea, a sample data generator. We will try to add PAC data to this, to create several patients.
 - This will allow anyone to generate PAC information as well.
- Review additional use cases
 - Make a decision on using precautions as a PACIO use case

4) CMS Updates (Beth C., CMS) (10 mins)

- Delaying Implementation of the October 1, 2020 Minimum Data Set 3.0 v1.18.1 Release
 - CMS is delaying the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 v1.18.1 release, which had been scheduled for October 1, 2020, in response to stakeholder concerns.
 - CMS staff are actively engaged in discussions with various stakeholders, regarding the various changes, the impacts of these changes, as well as, the compressed timeline to educate and train facility staff and update software and IT systems.
 - Please direct any comments or questions regarding the above information to MDSCodinganswers@cms.hhs.gov mailbox.
- CMS Support for Providers, Hospitals and Facilities Participating in Quality Reporting Programs in Response to COVID-19
 - CMS is granting exceptions and extensions to assist healthcare providers and suppliers while they direct their resources toward caring for their patients and ensuring the health and safety of patients and staff.
 - For those programs with data submission deadlines in April and May 2020, submission of those data will be optional based on the facility's choice to report. In addition, no data reflecting services



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provided January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020 will be used in CMS's calculations for the Medicare quality reporting and value-based purchasing programs in order to reduce providers' data collection and reporting burden as they are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The 2019 MIPS data submission deadline will be extended by 30 days to **April 30, 2020**.

- Please visit www.coronavirus.gov for helpful information and announcements related to COVID-19
- There will be upcoming virtual trainings for SNF, IRF, LTCH QRP. Further information will be provided on the QRP webpages.

5) Upcoming Convening Opportunities

- HL7 May Work Group Meeting has been cancelled. A virtual connectathon is planned.
- Leading Age Summit will be held on June 14-16, 2020 in Washington, D.C.
 - https://www.leadingage.org/Collaborative_Care_HIT_Summit

6) Next Meeting:

- Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 1.30 pm – 3 pm EST

7) Adjourn