

## Introducing the UDSMR<sup>®</sup> PPS Coordinator Certification Program

The PPS coordinator position has evolved beyond reviewing and collecting data on each patient to complete the IRF-PAI. A highly skilled PPS coordinator ensures compliance with all state and federal requirements, oversees the accuracy and the completion of the IRF-PAI, and collaborates with clinical, financial, and administrative staff regarding issues essential for optimal IRF performance.

Our new **PPS Coordinator Certification Program** recognizes the knowledge and competency of individuals regarding IRF PPS guidelines and standards in the inpatient rehabilitation industry. By completing the certification preparation course and passing the UDSMR<sup>®</sup> PPS Coordinator Certification Exam, a PPS coordinator demonstrates a higher understanding of the required guidelines and standards.

### Benefits

- Establishing expertise in IRF PPS regulations and outcomes management
- Developing leadership in complying with Medicare IRF regulations
- Optimizing compliance and reimbursement

### Prerequisites

1. Completion of the UDSMR<sup>®</sup> PPS Coordinators Boot Camp (post-January 1, 2010, implementation of the *Medicare Benefit Policy Manual*) or, in the absence of Boot Camp attendance, basic knowledge demonstrated through a competency test

*All candidates who fail their first attempt at passing the competency exam must attend a Boot Camp before registering for the certification course.*

2. Grade of 88.8% or higher (32 of 36 correct) on a licensed FIM<sup>®</sup> mastery test
3. Six months of clinical experience in an inpatient rehabilitation facility

### Certification Requirements

1. Attendance at the UDSMR<sup>®</sup> PPS Coordinator Certification Course
2. Grade of 85% or higher on the UDSMR<sup>®</sup> PPS Coordinator Certification Exam, taken at a later date

### Recommendations

- Basic UDS-PRO<sup>®</sup> software training, including on-demand reporting features
- Participation in the *Perfecting Your FIM<sup>®</sup> Accuracy* webinar series
- Participation in the *Conquering IRF PPS Coding* webinar series



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## Introducing the UDSMR<sup>®</sup> PPS Coordinator Certification Program

### Workshop Details

The certification course is a 3-day workshop:

- **Day 1:** This review day will focus on topics from the PPS Coordinators Boot Camp.
- **Days 2 and 3:** This portion will focus on a demonstration of accurate completion of an IRF-PAI form and an intense review of documentation in a medical record to determine its compliance with the *Medicare Benefit Policy Manual*.

UDSMR will provide materials for the review day and a study guide to all attendees. Attendees must take the online certification examination within 30 days of completing the workshop.

### Regulations

- The competency exam for demonstrating basic knowledge (in lieu of attending the Boot Camp) will be delivered online. The fee for this exam is \$125. Proctoring guidelines will be enforced. The passing grade for the competency exam is 90%.
- The registration fee for the certification course and certification exam is \$799.
- The certification exam will be delivered online. Proctoring guidelines will be enforced.
- Any attendee who fails the first attempt to pass the certification exam may retake the exam after a 14-day waiting period. The retesting fee is \$99.
- Certification is valid for 2 years. After 2 years, renewal examinations will be provided online for \$99. A review book will be sold separately.
- Certification will be revoked for those who do not renew in a timely fashion or fail the renewal exam. For those whose certification is revoked, attendance at the certification course will be required prior to the renewal attempt.

This is an individual certification. All candidates who take the exam will own the title for 2 full years and will carry the title with them in the event of a change in employment.

If you want to be placed on a mailing list for more information about this extraordinary opportunity, contact Carole Stickels at 716-817-7815 or [estickels@udsmr.org](mailto:estickels@udsmr.org).



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