



UDSMR® IRF PPS Certification Program

The UDSMR® IRF PPS Certification Program recognizes the knowledge and competency of individuals regarding IRF PPS guidelines and standards in the inpatient rehabilitation industry. By completing this course and passing the UDSMR® IRF PPS Certification Exam, a rehab professional demonstrates a higher understanding of the required guidelines.

What's in it for me?

Attendees receive a **professional, strategically organized binder** that will help them carry out their daily operations. This **user-friendly, all-in-one resource** includes federal clarifications categorized by topic, quality indicator (QI) coding tools, other user-friendly coding resources, and much more. The sections are separated by clearly labeled tabs for easy navigation. (This exclusive binder is so valuable that our own clinical staff members use it as *their* reference guide.)



Certification in this program also offers many benefits to your facility:

- It helps your IRF meet Joint Commission and CARF accreditation standards for demonstrating competency.
- It establishes your IRF's expertise in IRF PPS regulations and outcomes management.
- It optimizes compliance and reimbursement for your IRF.

Everyone who completes the program and maintains their certification status will receive **one free registration per year** to any single-day workshop held as part of a regional workshop, or any single-day pre-conference workshop held in conjunction with the Orlando User Group, the Las Vegas User Group, or the UDSMR® Annual Conference. In addition, all attendees will be added to a **special IRF PPS certification listserv** that allows them to network with their peers across the country via e-mail.

How do I know if I'm qualified?

Not sure whether the IRF PPS Certification Program is right for you? The answer depends on how much experience you have providing direct patient care or interacting with patients in an IRF, or how much IRF management experience you have as a program manager, PPS coordinator, senior/lead therapist, nursing supervisor, or social worker.

If you have at least **two years of experience in inpatient rehab** with some exposure to the IRF PPS *and* you have **passed the PPS coordinator version of the QI credentialing exam** with a grade of 90% or higher, you may be ready for this certification program. If you have at least **one year of experience in inpatient rehabilitation** and **experience with completing the IRF-PAI**, we recommend that you attend the PPS Boot Camp first. Once you pass the PPS coordinator version of the QI credentialing exam with a grade of 90% or higher, you will be ready for the IRF PPS Certification Program.

New to rehab? Don't panic!

If you are new to inpatient rehab, we've got you covered. Our two-day **PPS Boot Camp** focuses on the foundation of all key IRF PPS regulations and provides an overview of the IRF-PAI completion process and CMG assignment.

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Certification Requirements

1. At least two years of experience in inpatient rehabilitation with IRF PPS exposure, **or** one year of experience in inpatient rehabilitation with some experience completing the IRF-PAI
2. A passing score of 90% or higher on the PPS coordinator version of the QI credentialing exam
3. Attendance at the UDSMR® IRF PPS Certification Course
4. A grade of 85% or higher on the UDSMR® IRF PPS Certification Exam, taken at a later date

Certified individuals can maintain their certification by taking a renewal examination. UDSMR will conduct a webinar and provide updated materials for your resource binder.

Workshop Details

The certification course is a three-day workshop:

- **Day 1:** The first day of the program focuses on regulations, the payment system, and accurate completion of the IRF-PAI. This day includes an interactive exercise that tests your ability to complete the IRF-PAI accurately.
- **Day 2:** This day reviews the key responsibilities of a PPS coordinator, delves into the QI items, and outlines the IRF PPS coding rules. It ends with a challenging breakout session that tests your knowledge of QI coding and clinical scenarios.
- **Day 3:** This portion of the program focuses on increasing your proficiency with the UDSPRO Central™ website, the UDS-PROi® software, and the available outcome reports. It also provides an overview of the QI credentialing process.

Program Details

- The registration fee for the certification course and certification exam is \$825.
- 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 fourteen days. The retesting fee is \$30.
- Certification is valid for two years. After two years, renewal examinations will be provided online for \$99. When you apply for recertification, we will provide you with updated review materials for your binder and a review webinar, both of which are included in this cost.
- Certification will be revoked for those who do not renew in a timely fashion. If your certification is revoked, you will be required to attend the certification course before attempting to renew your status.
- This is an individual certification. All candidates who take the exam will own the title for two full years and will carry the title with them in the event of a change in employment.

If you are interested in attending our next certification program, contact Carole Stickels at 716-817-7815 or cstickels@udsmr.org.



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