

# 2020 UDSMR® *Virtual* Annual Conference

## August 10–14, 2020

This year's conference will be broadcast virtually and features one dynamic, timely, and thought-provoking presentation each day.

Conference fee: \$295

### Monday, August 10, 2020

**1:45 p.m. • Welcome, UDSMR® update, industry news, and giveaway**  
**2:00 p.m. • Distinguishing Your Rehab Program**  
*Bob Bianchi, MSW, SVP of Strategy and Innovation, ClearSky Health, Austin, Texas*

There are 1,100 rehabilitation programs across the United States. Although they all follow the same set of rules, their rehabilitation programs range in complexity and service offerings. As we move into a new, changing landscape for rehabilitation services, it is incumbent upon program managers to assess their capabilities and service offerings in order to keep their programs fresh and responsive to the needs of their communities. This presentation will provide the rationale for creating new programs, explain how to develop new programs, and provide some new ideas to consider.

### Tuesday, August 11, 2020

**1:45 p.m. • Welcome, UDSMR® update, industry news, and giveaway**  
**2:00 p.m. • Functional Evolution: Examining Changes in Section GG Data**  
*Troy Hillman, Manager of Analytical Services UDSMR, Buffalo, New York*

IRFs began collecting section GG self-care and mobility functional status data in October 2016. Although this data has been used primarily for data completeness and quality measurement purposes, CMS implemented a new payment system for FY 2020 that uses these data elements for payment. This presentation will examine historical trends in these data elements and will provide additional information about payment factors affected by section GG data.

### Wednesday, August 12, 2020

**1:45 p.m. • Welcome, UDSMR® update, industry news, and giveaway**  
**2:00 p.m. • Role of an Advanced Practice Provider in the Rehab Setting**  
*Stephanie Duda, PA-C, Hillside Rehabilitation Hospital, Warren, Ohio*

Health care is a rapidly evolving field that is commonly left with physician shortages. Advanced practice providers can help fill that void in all settings, including rehabilitation medicine. This presentation will discuss the role of an advanced practice provider within the rehabilitation setting, as well as the benefits of adding one of these providers to your facility's team.

### Thursday, August 13, 2020

**1:45 p.m. • Welcome, UDSMR® update, industry news, and giveaway**  
**2:00 p.m. • Obtaining Executive Buy-In to Improve IRF-PAI ICD-10 Coding**  
*Stephanie Johnson-McKinney, CCS, Coding Supervisor UDSMR, Buffalo, New York*

Coding for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) is vital to every facility's success, but IRF-specific coding support is often overlooked. The presenter will highlight the potential effects of a lack of IRF-specific coding knowledge, including compliance rates and tiered comorbid conditions, with the goal of increasing executive buy-in in order to improve IRF coding practices.

### Friday, August 14, 2020

**1:45 p.m. • Welcome, UDSMR® update, industry news, and giveaway**  
**2:00 p.m. • Crisis Management: IRF Trends during the COVID-19 Pandemic**  
*Troy Hillman, Manager of Analytical Services, UDSMR, Buffalo, New York*

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all health-care providers in some way. This presentation will examine how IRFs responded to the crisis and the changes in IRF regulations meant to address the public health emergency. It also will examine trends in IRF data in order to identify any potential changes in patient population, payment factors, and quality-of-care measures.

## Continuing Education

This continuing nursing education activity will be submitted to the Northeast Multistate Division (NE-MSD) for approval to award contact hours. Northeast Multistate Division (NE-MSD) is an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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*We support our health-care heroes!* UDSMR is honored to serve those who serve on the frontlines during this public health emergency.



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Save the date: August 9–13, 2021, for next year's Annual Conference!

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