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The Functional Assessment Specialists

UDSMR® *Virtual* 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.

Benefits of becoming certified

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.*

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.



New to rehab? Don't panic!

If you are new to inpatient rehab, we've got you covered. Our 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.

**Certain workshops are excluded. Single-day workshops may be presented as multiple virtual sessions. The annual free registration cannot be transferred to others. Contact UDSMR for more information.*

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Certification Requirements

1. At least one year of experience in inpatient rehabilitation, some experience completing the IRF-PAI, and successful completion of the PPS Boot Camp, **or** at least two years of experience in inpatient rehabilitation with IRF PPS exposure
2. A passing score of 90% or higher on each section of the QI credentialing exam, regardless of which template is used
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 mandatory two-day virtual workshop:

- **Day 1:** The first day of the program focuses on CMS's IRF PPS regulations and accurate IRF-PAI completion. This day includes interactive exercises and the resource binder to help attendees prepare for the certification exam, as well as a breakout session that tests each attendee's ability to complete the IRF-PAI accurately.
- **Day 2:** This day reviews the key responsibilities of the PPS coordinator, delves into the QI items, and outlines IRF PPS coding rules. It also includes a challenging interactive breakout session that tests each attendee's knowledge of clinical scenarios and QI coding.
- **Day 3:** This optional four-hour session focuses on increasing proficiency with the UDSPRO Central™ website, the UDS-PROi® software, and specific outcome reports. (The IRF PPS Certification Exam will not include questions from this half-day session.)

Program Details

- The registration fee for the certification course is as follows:
 - \$640 to attend day 1 and day 2, which includes the resource binder and registration for the certification exam
 - \$260 to attend day 3
- 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 but must retake the exam within three months. The retesting fee is \$30.
- Certification is valid for two years. After two years, renewal examinations will be provided online for \$99. UDSMR will provide those who apply for recertification with updated review materials for the binder and a review webinar, both of which are included in this cost. Recertification exams are offered twice a year—in March and in September.
- Certification will be revoked for those who do not renew in a timely fashion. Those whose certification is revoked will be required to attend the certification course before attempting to renew their 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 estickels@udsmr.org.

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