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# UDSMR® IRF PPS Certification Program

UDSMR, now part of McBee, maintains the only certification program specifically designed around the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System (IRF PPS). Certified individuals have been tested against the strictest interpretation of the IRF PPS and have demonstrated confidence and credibility in their career. If you haven't earned your IRF PPS certification yet, now's the time! (Not sure if you're eligible? See the certification requirements below.)

## Certification benefits

Attendees receive a **professional, strategically organized binder** that will help them carry out their daily operations. This **user-friendly, all-in-one resource** includes IRF regulatory documents categorized by topic, quality indicator (QI) coding tools, other user-friendly coding resources, and much more. (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 invited to join an exclusive IRF PPS certification LinkedIn group that allows them to network with their peers across the country.

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.

## 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 online within a month of completing the course

*\*Certain workshops are excluded. Single-day workshops may be presented as multiple virtual sessions. The annual free registration cannot be transferred to others. For more information, contact [irfeducation@mcbeeassociates.com](mailto:irfeducation@mcbeeassociates.com).*



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## Workshop details

The certification course is a two-day workshop:

- **Day 1** 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** 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.

UDSMR offers UDS-PRO<sup>®</sup> System clients a separate four-hour webinar that focuses on increasing proficiency with the UDSPRO Central<sup>™</sup> website, the UDS-PROi<sup>®</sup> software, and specific outcome reports.

## Program details

- The registration fee for the certification course includes the resource binder and registration for the certification exam.
- 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. Paid consultation options are available.
- 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.

## Certification renewal process

Certification is valid for two years, after which certified individuals can maintain their certification status by passing an online renewal examination. UDSMR will contact renewal candidates in the months before their certification expires and will provide test takers with updated review materials and a review webinar, both of which will be included in the renewal fee. Recertification exams will be offered three times a year—in March, July, and December.

## Additional information

If you're interested in attending our next program, contact [irfeducation@mcbeeassociates.com](mailto:irfeducation@mcbeeassociates.com).