MDS Transition from QIES to iQIES
(Information specifically for nursing home and noncritical access hospital swing bed providers)

On April 17, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) transitioned to the Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) for Minimum Data Set (MDS) record submissions and reports.

Register for iQIES Access

If your organization has not yet identified and registered a Provider Security Official (PSO), you will not be able to complete a user role request. At a minimum, at least one PSO needs to be registered for each provider, but CMS highly recommends at least two PSOs are designated so there is a higher likelihood someone will be available to approve/reject iQIES access requests. The PSO must work for the provider and cannot be a vendor.

To receive access to iQIES, please complete the following steps below.
1. **Create an account in the HARP** system using your corporate email address* at: **https://harp.cms.gov/register**.
   Note: HARP User IDs cannot be adjusted. As such, please refrain from using facility names or any special characters (such as # or &) when creating the HARP User ID.
   *If the facility handles 2 or fewer providers and does not have a corporate email domain, a personal email address may be used.
2. **Access iQIES at: https://iqies.cms.gov/** and log in with your HARP credentials (completed in step 1) **to complete the process to request your User Role** for your specific provider CMS Certification Number (CCN).
3. Once the user role request has been submitted AND approved, you will receive notification via email informing you that your iQIES account access request has been approved.

Note: CMS is only onboarding MDS on 4-17-23, you do not need to register for a HARP/iQIES account for Payroll Based Journal (PBJ) submissions at this time.

iQIES MDS User Guides and Manual: Located at https://qtso.cms.gov/providers/nursing-home-mdsswing-bed-providers/reference-manuals

- iQIES MDS FAQs for Providers
- CMS iQIES MDS Upload an Assessment
- iQIES Reports User Manual
- CMS iQIES MDS Error Message

iQIES documents: Located at https://qtso.cms.gov/software/iqies/reference-manuals

- iQIES Onboarding Guide
- iQIES Onboarding Process Quick Reference Guide – Provider Security Official
- iQIES Security Official: Manage Access Job Aide
- iQIES User Role Matrix

Additional iQIES Resources:

- HARP Help: https://harp.cms.gov/login/help
- Welcome to iQIES youtube video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRbh-VOtrcM&list=PLaV7m2-zFKpj2t7Qhn7ONiM0Zb_A1MTIq&index=1
- How to Run Reports youtube video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Xz9in9dgts&list=PLaV7m2-zFKpj2t7Qhn7ONiM0Zb_A1MTIq&index=4
- Upload an Assessment for MDS Users: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEU9MeBOKNk
- How to View and Download Final Validation Reports for MDS Users: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDmh0HYv5ho

If you have questions or require assistance, please contact the iQIES Service Center at iqies@cms.hhs.gov or by phone at (800) 339-9313.