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Announcement: HFS/Toyon HCRIS Website Live as of 3/1/2013

The HFS/Toyon HCRIS Website went live on 3/1/2013. Our first two weeks of running live has been great. We have received a lot of feedback about what you like, what didn't work and what you would like to see. Thank you for your feedback. We have made several modifications and will continue to do so.

E-mail Notifications

This e-mail notification is going to all of our Hospital MCR users. Many of you were on our Beta test list or had expressed interest so we wanted to notify you that this product had gone live. We will NOT continue to send you HCRIS update notifications after today, unless you have a demo or have purchased the product. It is not our intent to e-mail you about the HCRIS product unless you have interest. If you would like to stay on the e-mail list, let us know at sales@hfssoft.com that you have an interest in our HCRIS update notifications and we will add you to the mailing list. We estimate that notifications will go out every two weeks.

Pricing Changes

Based on feedback from our HCRIS users with multiple sites and multiple users, we have changed our pricing structure. Our initial published pricing showed an additional fee for different sites. We take it back, we will not charge by location. We've also set up an additional user pricing structure so that our clients with many users will get a discount for high volume and we have set a cap for an unlimited use fee as well.

1-2 - $1,000
3-5 - $1,500
6-10 - $2,000
11-15 - $2,500
16-20 - $3,000
+20 - $4,000
+30 - $4,500
+50 - $5,000
+100 - $7,500

Beta Tester period has ended

Thank you again for all of your help and input. As stated in our initial release e-mail we are ending the beta test period as of today. If you have not had a chance to review the site, just let us know that you need some demo time and we will set you up for a two week demo.   If you would like a demo or to purchase a subscription to the website please click the links in the upper right of this e-mail or e-mail us at

sales@hfssoft.com.

What features are included and their status

Overview

The HFS/Toyon HCRIS Website currently contains data from the 2552-96 and 2552-10 cost reports that have been publicly released by CMS. The goal of the website is to give users access to the CMS public use Medicare Cost Repot data. The Medicare Cost Report data contains thousands of data elements per report for several thousand Hospital providers with several report time periods and iterations of those reports. In other words, it is a lot of data, too much for most users to be able to handle with the tools typically available. This website focuses on bringing key elements of the data into clear view, allowing users to look at only who and what they are interested in and easily filtering down to and extracting the data they want for further analysis.

Snap Shot reports

These reports have been created to look at key elements of the cost report

PPS Hospital Dashboard

IP PPS Dashboard

CAH Dashboard

Balance Sheet

Wage Index

DSH Overview

GME Summary

IME Summary

Reimbursement vs. Cost Analysis

Bad Debt Report

SCH/MDH Report

Protested Amounts

Available Facility Reports

Recreated Medicare Cost Reports for All 2552-10 Reports

If you prepare or review cost reports, you are probably not used to looking at massive amounts of information in databases or spreadsheets. CMS has included all of the necessary data elements in the 2552-10 Medicare Cost Report Public Use File to recreate full Medicare cost reports. The database has complete PDF versions of the recreated cost reports available to view or download. Users of HFS software can download a recreated HFS data file (.mcrx) for viewing, editing, applying adjustments, comparisons, or for use with any other function in the HFS software.

Comparisons to Other Facilities

Are you interested in how your provider compares to other providers? The database has a function that takes one provider, lets the user select 3 other providers, based on filter criteria or direct selection, and then compares the key data elements. (Snap Shot Reports - listed above).

Advanced Search and Extract

The Advanced Search and Extract option allows the user to filter searches down to a subset of hospitals using the following options: Provider Number or Name, FYB or FYE ranges, Report Status, City, State, MAC#, Type of Hospital, Provider Type/Sub provider Type, CBSA, Bed Size Range, Organ Y/N, DSH, Teaching, CAH, SCH/MDH, Urban/Rural. The user then chooses which cost report elements they would like to download. Users can choose the data elements in our Snap Shot Reports, a series of cost report worksheets (A, B, C...) or define their own (not yet available). The Advanced Search and Extract feature will work with one database at a time; either 2552-96 or 2552-10.

My Provider List

You will set up a "My Provider's List" that will make it very convenient to monitor and see data from particular of interest providers.

Documentation

We are working on a real manual and adding Help to the screens. We will also publish Report Specifications for each report. In the meantime, call or e-mail us with any questions

What to expect in the future
The Advanced Search and Extract feature currently has limits to how much data can be extracted. We are in the process of upgrading our server so that we can handle larger requests.

The Advanced Search and Extract feature will allow for the input of custom extract specifications and filter criteria.

New Snap Shot Reports. Users have already started requesting additional reports and we will add them. Let us know if you have suggestions.

We will get the Wage Data by CBSA feature working and the My Provider Roll Up Reports operational.

We will add other form sets as additional subscriptions; 2540, 1728, 1984, 265.

The site will incorporate data from other than the HCRIS MCR database.

This site will continue to grow with data and features. Please let us know your priorities, needs and ideas.

3/15/2013 Release Notes

Advanced Search and Extract- Added queue system to Worksheet extracts to allow larger reports to run in background. An email confirmation will be sent once completed. Limit for Worksheet extraction is 100. If Worksheet extract is less than 25 the report will be produced instantly. (D001-00-006852)

Advanced Search and Extract- A 'Back' button was added. This button allows you to go from step 3 to step 2 and to step 1. (D001-00-006874)

Advanced Search and Extract- The directions at the top of the screen for step 2 were modified. (D001-00-006918)

Advanced Search and Extract- Step 3 text has been modified to better reflect how the dashboard data extractor works. The text also explains how long the reports will be saved and where these reports can be found. (D001-00-006919)

Advanced Search and Extract- The .xls and .csv extracts had extra fields/columns that were not applicable to this report so were removed. (D001-00-006933)

Advanced Search and Extract- Added queue system to Snap Shot extracts to allow larger reports to run in background. An email confirmation will be sent once completed. Limit for Snap Shot extraction is 10,000. If Snap Shot extract is less than 1,000 the report will be produced instantly. (D001-00-07114)

Advanced Search and Extract- When choosing to sort results by 'Beds' the sort order was only looking at the first number, not the complete number. The Bed sort has been fixed. (D001-00-007032)

Available Facility Reports- Fiscal Year Begin and Fiscal Year End text has been fixed. (D001-00-006825)

Available Facility Reports- The .xls export headings have been corrected and unnecessary columns have been removed. (D001-00-006848)

Balance Sheet- The .xls export has been fixed and now opens properly. (D001-00-006876)

Gen- Interface- Re-structured 96 database like 10 databases to allow worksheet extracts. (D001-00-006871)

Gen- Interface- Using characters when naming the extracts will no longer cause an error. The characters will not be used in the naming of the extract- but if the user chooses to save the extract to their computer they are able to rename the file and use the characters if wanted. (D001-00-007031)

Gen- Interface- When searching to add a single provider, it is now required that something be entered into this field before selecting the search button. (D001-00-007053)

Gen- Interface- Saved Reports heading text was modified and corrected. (D001-00-007054)

Gen- Interface- Email notification text was modified to remain consistent with text throughout the website. (D001-00-007055)

Gen- Interface- Support drop down box user name and password lookup link was corrected and now works. (D001-00-007056)

Gen- Interface- Clickable headings on HCRIS website now take user to appropriate pages. (D001-00-007081)

Gen- Interface- Updated speed of Snap Shot reports to allow faster downloading speed and extract. (D001-00-007112)

Gen- Interface- Added over 30,000 reports found in Toyon database, making reports total of 250,000 96 and 10 data. (D001-00-007113)

Gen- Interface- Added pricing to HCRIS home page. Modified some of the options and request demo. (D001-00-007131)

My Provider List- When selecting more than one box to add a provider to your list, a duplicate copy of the provider selected will not be added. (D001-00-006877)

My Provider List- The titles for each column have been properly formatted and text has been fixed. (D001-00-006942)

My Provider Multi Facility Compare- The speed of the filtering process was increased. (D001-00-007036)

My Provider Multi Facility Comparisons- Removed options from the search criteria on the sidebar that will not pertain to this particular search. (D001-00-007062)

My Provider Multi Facility Comparisons- Sorting by all the titles now works and will sort correctly. (D001-00-007083)

My Provider Multi Facility Comparisons- Downloading the cost report has been enabled and fixed. (D001-00-07084)