**Crosswalk for Changes to the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Data Set (LCDS) Version 5.2 to 5.3**

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| **Section # on Approved ADMISSION DRAFT LCDS (10/26)** | **Type of Change** | **Rationale for Change** |
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| SECTION A: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION | Remove A800. Gender. | This item is being updated to A0810 to be consistent with EO 14168 *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*. |
| SECTION A: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION | Add A0810. Sex | Item updated to be consistent with EO 14168 *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*. |
| SECTION A: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION | Add A1255. Transportation (from NACHC©) with citation. | Adding this item (replacing R0340. Transportation) to implement changes proposed in the FY 2026 IPPS/LTCH PPS proposed rule (available <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2025-06271>) |
| SECTION GG: FUNCTIONAL ABILITIES | Replace 3-day assessment period with 4-day assessment period for GG0130. Self-Care | Necessary to implement changes finalized in the FY 2025 IPPS/LTCH Final Rule. |
| SECTION GG: FUNCTIONAL ABILITIES | Replace 3-day assessment period with 4-day assessment period for GG0170. Mobility | Necessary to implement changes finalized in the FY 2025 IPPS/LTCH Final Rule. |
| SECTION H: BLADDER AND BOWEL | Replace 3-day assessment period with 4-day assessment period for H0350. Bladder Continence | Necessary to implement changes finalized in the FY 2025 IPPS/LTCH Final Rule. |
| SECTION H: BLADDER AND BOWEL | Replace 3-day assessment period with 4-day assessment period for H0400. Bowel Continence | Necessary to implement changes finalized in the FY 2025 IPPS/LTCH Final Rule. |
| SECTION R: HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS | Remove new Section of LCDS | Given the changes proposed in the FY 2026 IPPS/LTCH PPS proposed rule (available [<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2025-06271>f](https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2025-06336.pdf)), CMS will remove this section of the LCDS. |
| SECTION R: HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS | Remove R0310. Living Situation with citation. | Necessary to implement changes finalized in the FY 2026 IPPS/LTCH Final Rule. |
| SECTION R: HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS | Remove R0320.A and R0320B. Food with citation. | Necessary to implement changes finalized in the FY 2026 IPPS/LTCH Final Rule. |
| SECTION R: HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS | Remove R0330. Utilities with citation. | Necessary to implement changes finalized in the FY 2026 IPPS/LTCH Final Rule. |
| SECTION R: HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS | Remove R0340. Transportation with citation. | Necessary to implement changes finalized in the FY 2026 IPPS/LTCH Final Rule. |

| **Section # on Approved PLANNED DISCHARGE DRAFT LCDS (10/26)** | **Type of Change** | **Rationale for Change** |
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| SECTION A: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION | Add A0810. Sex | Item updated to be consistent with EO 14168 *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*. |
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| **Section # on Approved UNPLANNED DISCHARGE DRAFT LCDS (10/26)** | **Type of Change** | **Rationale for Change** |
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| SECTION A: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION | Remove A800. Gender. | This item is being updated to A0810 to be consistent with EO 14168 *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*. |
| SECTION A: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION | Add A0810. Sex | Item updated to be consistent with EO 14168 *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*. |

| **Section # on Current**  **EXPIRED LCDS (10/26)** | **Type of Change** | **Rationale for Change** |
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| SECTION O: SPECIAL TREATMENTS, PROCEDURES, AND PROGRAMS – DISCHARGE | Remove O0350. Patient’s COVID-19 vaccination is up to date. | Necessary to implement changes proposed in the FY 2026 IPPS/LTCH PPS proposed rule (available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2025-06271>f ) |