

**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
(CMS-10409; OMB No. 0938-1163)**

Section # on Approved ADMISSION DRAFT LCDS (10/26)	Type of Change	Rationale for Change
SECTION A: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION	Remove A800. Gender.	This item is being updated to A0810 to be consistent with EO 14168 <i>Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government</i> .
SECTION A: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION	Add A0810. Sex	Item updated to be consistent with EO 14168 <i>Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government</i> .
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/2025-06271f), CMS will remove this section of the LCDS.
SECTION R: HEALTH-	Remove R0310. Living	Necessary to implement changes finalized in the

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RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS	Situation with citation.	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
SECTION A: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION	Remove A800. Gender.	This item is being updated to A0810 to be consistent with EO 14168 <i>Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government</i> .
SECTION A: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION	Add A0810. Sex	Item updated to be consistent with EO 14168 <i>Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government</i> .

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

Section # on Current EXPIRED LCDS (10/26)	Type of Change	Rationale for Change
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/2025-06271f)