| **Section # on Approved IRF-PAI v4.3 (Oct 1, 2026)** | **Type of Change** | **Rationale for Change** |
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| IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION –  ADMISSION | Remove 8. 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 –  ADMISSION | 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–  ADMISSION | Add A1255. Transportation (from NACHC©) with citation. | Adding this item (replacing R0340. Transportation) to implement changes proposed in the FY 2026 IRF PPS proposed rule (available <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2025-06336.pdf>) |
| SECTION R: HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS–  ADMISSION | Remove new section of IRF-PAI | Given the changes proposed in the FY 2026 IRF PPS proposed rule (available <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2025-06336.pdf>), CMS will remove this section of the IRF-PAI. |
| SECTION R: HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS–  ADMISSION | Remove R0310. Living Situation with citation. | Necessary to implement changes proposed in the FY 2026 IRF PPS proposed rule (available <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2025-06336.pdf>). |
| SECTION R: HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS–  ADMISSION | Remove R0320.A and R0320B. Food with citation. | Necessary to implement changes proposed in the FY 2026 IRF PPS proposed rule (available <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2025-06336.pdf>) |
| SECTION R: HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS–  ADMISSION | Remove R0330. Utilities with citation. | Necessary to implement changes proposed in the FY 2026 IRF PPS proposed rule (available <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2025-06336.pdf>) |
| SECTION R: HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS–  ADMISSION | Remove R0340. Transportation with citation. | Necessary to implement changes proposed in the FY 2026 IRF PPS proposed rule (available <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2025-06336.pdf>) |
| 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 IRF PPS proposed rule (available <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2025-06336.pdf>) |