



RICs Module

Documentation for Acute
Rehabilitation Hospitals

Complete RICs Module

Includes:

- 13 H&P Forms covering 21 RICs categories
- Daily Physician Progress Notes
- Team Conference Note
- Assessment of Daily Activities
- 3-Day FIM Worksheet
- Liaison Admission Intake Form
- Internal Medicine Consult Form
- Discharge Summary

List of H&P Forms

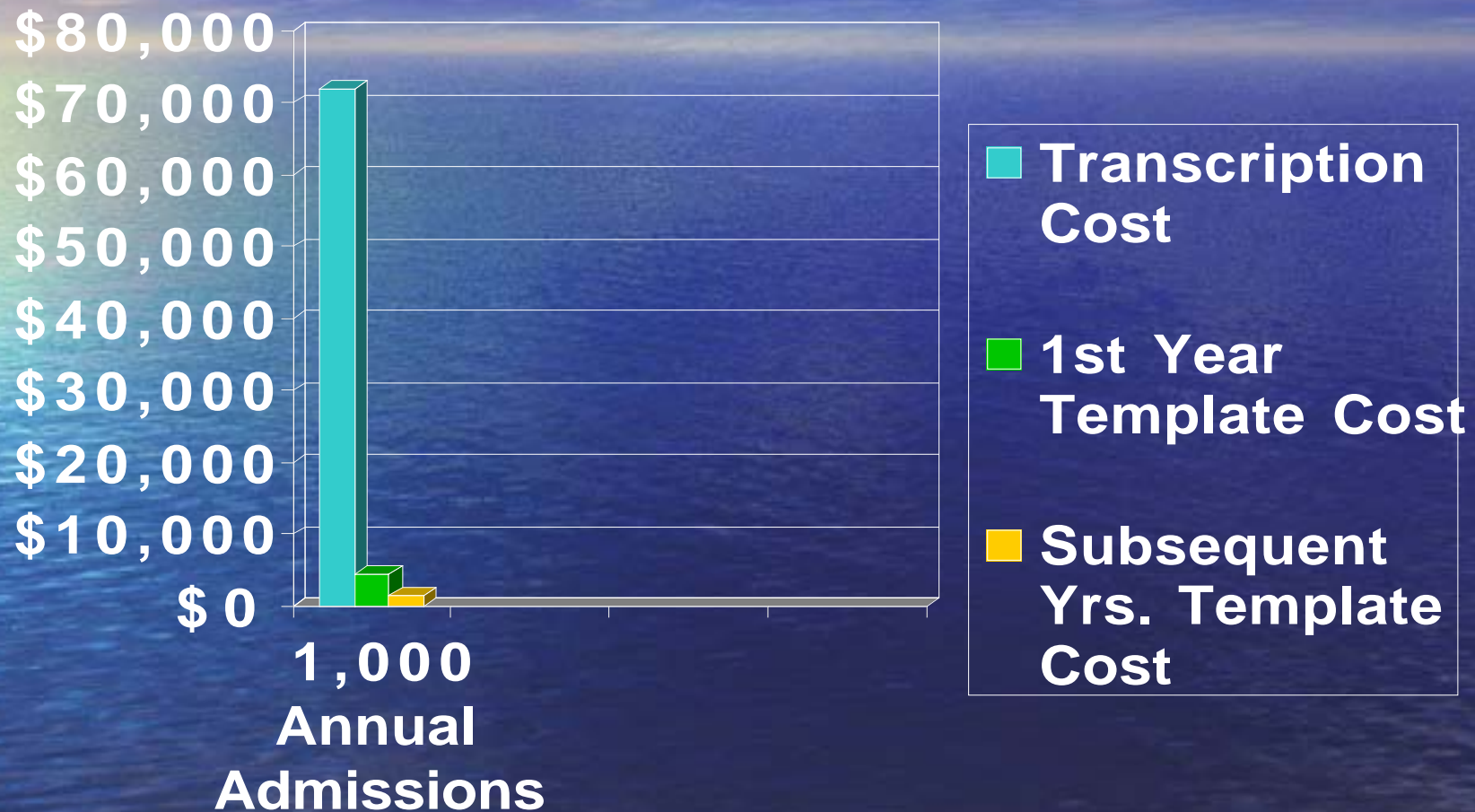
- Stroke
- Orthopaedic
- Amputation
- Brain Injury
- Spinal Cord
- Multi-Trauma w/ or w/o brain injury
- Neurological Condition
- Arthritis
- Cardiac / Pulmonary
- Pain
- Guillian Barre
- Burns
- Other Impairments

| •Features | •Hospital Benefits | •Physician Benefits |
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| <p>•H&P Forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Documentation of co-morbidities •Contains correct wording for physicians diagnosis •Addresses E/M coding guidelines for physicians •System of checks, circles and backslashes to minimize handwriting •Exams include reflex and body diagrams <p>Liaison Pre-Admission Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Includes patient demographics •Identifies RIC Group Category •Follows format of H&P •Gives functional history information •Includes patients current medications •Documents admission recommendations <p>Consult Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Documents the Internal Medicine Physician’s Consult •Addresses E/M Coding Guidelines <p>Progress Form & Team Note Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Follows E/M Coding Guidelines •Addresses JACHO requirements for team meetings <p>Daily ADL Assessment Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Documents Patients ADL <p>FIM Function Worksheet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Documents Level of Functional Independent Measure <p>Discharge Summary Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Documents the discharge diagnosis and plan for physician billing, meeting JACHO requirements. | <p>•H&P Forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Transcription Savings – 1,000 annual admission = \$72,000 transcription costs vs. RICs Module at \$3,000 plus \$1,500 renewal annually, savings of \$69,000 first year, \$70,500 each subsequent year. •Determining the correct CASE MIX INDEX increases facility income. <p>Liaison Pre-Admission Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Correct information to the admitting office avoids improper billing and admission delays. •Accurately qualifies patient for rehab admission, minimizing risk of inappropriate admissions. <p>Consult Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Transcription Eliminated •Immediate Communication of recommendations to the physicians and nursing staff increasing quality of care. <p>Progress & Team Note Forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Information immediately available in the patient chart, improving quality of care. •Ensures JACHO Compliance, reducing risk <p>ADL & FIM Function Worksheets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ensuring correct CASE MIX INDEX reporting to Medicare, improving revenue. <p>Discharge Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Transcription Eliminated •Ensures JACHO Compliance, reducing risk to the hospital. | <p>•H&P Forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Time saved previously dictating can be used more productively. •Aides the physician in correctly documenting E/M Coding level, reducing risk of non-compliance •Documents correct rehab diagnosis, ensuring payment of claims. <p>Liaison Pre-Admission Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Since it follows the H&P format, history information is easily transferred to H&P. •Physician can quickly review appropriateness of admission with information on one page. <p>Consult Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Consulting physician reduces risk for non-compliance in E/M Coding. •Improves physician relations between referring and consulting physicians. •Improved quality of care. <p>Progress & Team Note Forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Reduces risk for non-compliance in E/M Coding. •Improve legibility of team note for conference day. <p>ADL & FIM Function Worksheets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Functional Level is well documented improves quality of care. <p>Discharge Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Time savings from elimination of dictation. •Discharge summary is available immediately, improving quality care and patient relations. |

Assessing the True Cost of Transcription.

- Salaries
- Long-term disability
- Payroll tax
- Health Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Opt-out Insurance
- Workers Compensation
- 401 (k) Matching Benefits
- Hidden costs of rent, utilities, etc.
- Office Supplies
- Books, Reference Materials
- Equipment Cost & Maintenance (computers, copiers, software, etc.)
- Continuing Education Training
- Depreciation of office equipment

Transcription Savings using RICs Templates for Documentation



Proposed PPS Regulations and the Impact of Accurate CMG Category

- Payment based on admission Case Mix Group (CMG)
- Federal Portion Base amount \$6,024
- CMG adjusted Federal payment will be adjusted by labor share percentage, area wage index, disproportionate share and rural factors.
- Federal base amount is multiplied by the relative weight of the CMG.

**Inaccurate Documentation resulting in
Inaccurate CMG = Reduced Payment
=Lost Revenue**

Need for Efficiency

- Transmission must be encoded in the supplied HCFA (MPACT) software within 6 days of completion and transmitted within 12 days of completion of each assessment.
- Penalty for late transmission is 25% reduction in the CMG payment or no payment depending on the number of days late.

Transcription services with slow turn around could potentially result in the loss of payment for the entire patient's stay.

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