

AN ACT concerning health facilities.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Long Term Acute Care Hospital Quality Improvement Transfer Program Act is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

(210 ILCS 155/10)

Sec. 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

(a) "CARE tool" means the Continuity and Record Evaluation (CARE) tool. It is a patient assessment instrument that has been developed to document the medical, cognitive, functional, and discharge status of persons receiving health care services in acute and post-acute care settings. The data collected is able to document provider-level quality of care (patient outcomes) and characterize the clinical complexity of patients.

(b) "Department" means the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

(c) "Discharge" means the release of a patient from hospital care for any discharge disposition other than a leave of absence, even if for Medicare payment purposes the discharge fits the definition of an interrupted stay.

(d) "FTE" means "full-time equivalent" or a person or

persons employed in one full-time position.

(e) "Hospital" means an institution, place, building, or agency located in this State that is licensed as a general acute hospital by the Illinois Department of Public Health under the Hospital Licensing Act, whether public or private and whether organized for profit or not-for-profit.

(f) "ICU" means intensive care unit.

(g) "LTAC hospital" means an Illinois a hospital that is designated by Medicare as a long term acute care hospital as described in Section 1886(d)(1)(B)(iv)(I) of the Social Security Act and has an average length of Medicaid inpatient stay greater than 25 days as reported on the hospital's 2008 Medicaid cost report on file as of February 15, 2010, or a hospital that begins operations after January 1, 2009 ~~2010~~ and is designated by Medicare as a long term acute care hospital.

(h) "LTAC hospital criteria" means nationally recognized evidence-based evaluation criteria that have been publicly tested and includes criteria specific to an LTAC hospital for admission, continuing stay, and discharge. The criteria cannot include criteria derived or developed by or for a specific hospital or group of hospitals. Criteria and tools developed by hospitals or hospital associations or hospital-owned organizations are not acceptable and do not meet the requirements of this subsection.

(i) "Patient" means an individual who is admitted to a hospital for an inpatient stay.

(j) "Program" means the Long Term Acute Care Hospital Quality Improvement Transfer Program established by this Act.

(k) "STAC hospital" means a hospital that is not an LTAC hospital as defined in this Act or a psychiatric hospital or a rehabilitation hospital.

(Source: P.A. 96-1130, eff. 7-20-10.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.