

Provider FAQ Document II

1. I have a question regarding the new reporting requirements that go into effect on November 1. In the category for Transfer/Admission to Hospital Because of Injury or Accident listed under the prompts it states that admission –order from physician admitting resident to hospital –including observation stays. I would like clarification on whether or not this includes hospital stays for illness that is not related to an event or an elected surgery.

This does not include hospital stays for illness not related to an event or elected surgery.

2. If a SNF resident is admitted to the hospital and expires at the hospital with cause of death listed as dehydration, malnutrition or sepsis, is the SNF to report this? If yes, is there a time frame after hospital admission that we should be responsible for reporting?

If you are aware of a resident's death within 48 hours of admission to the hospital from malnutrition, dehydration or sepsis, it should be reported.

3. Is a pressure ulcer considered a lasting injury in cases of neglect?

After further review, it has been determined that there does not need to be "lasting injury" to be reported. A pressure ulcer as a result of neglect is reportable.

4. After listening , reading and re-reading the Event Reporting in service , I still have questions .
 - a. Must a PB22 be completed if the involved persons are both residents of the facility ?
If there was intent or injury, yes.
 - b. If we are having a planned electrical shutdown , do you need to be notified ?
If the electrical outage exceeds 4 hour duration, it is reportable.
 - c. If a resident sustains a fall or has an accident , and portable x-rays are done in the skilled nursing facility , do you need to be notified ? Does it make a difference if the x-rays are negative ?
If there is outcome to the resident, it is reportable and should be reported in the most appropriate category.
 - d. Must a witness for allegation of abuse be a visual witness ? What if they heard what sounded like a slap ?
A witness for an allegation of abuse must be a visual witness. If what is heard sounded like a slap, a statement can be obtained, however, there was not a witness.
 - e. A transcription error occurs - there is no ill effect to the resident - is this reportable?

This is not reportable. It is an error.

5. Provider question - Following the excellent update presentation at PHCA, as well as earlier info r/t ERS, I wanted to ask for insight on a recent question from one of our facilities.

Are we required to report "rashes", that have not been confirmed as "scabies" nor appear as pustules, etc.... I am asking for guidance, because in our State reference (July 1, 1999), 211.1 (page 35-36), at top of page 36 when it refers to scabies needing to be reported, would we not have to have it confirmed? Also without any reference to "rash", I wanted to bounce this off you, before I respond to the facility.

Many residents affected with rashes could be considered an outbreak and reported under Health Department Reportable Diseases. One resident with diagnosis of "scabies" would be reported under Health Department Reportable Diseases. If there is no diagnosis and only one person is affected, and not classified as an outbreak by the Medical Director, this would not need to be reported. If this becomes an outbreak, it is reported.

6. I am just reading all of the questions and answers and the subsequent changes from our original discussion/meeting and wondered if you would be kind enough to explain one of the changes. All transfers to the hospital for evaluation need to be reported resulting from accident. During our meetings we spoke to meaningful information for reporting purposes and trying to streamline the amount of reporting. This change will in fact increase the reporting. Can you help me to understand why this change has been made? I really appreciate your time on this issue.

Transfer/Admission to Hospital Because of Injury/Accident - The intent of this category is to record transfers or admissions to the hospital due to injuries or accidents as indicated in the regulations.