The IMPACT ACT and the Data Element Library- Advancing Data Interoperability to Support Care Coordination and Improved Health Outcomes in Post-Acute Care

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The IMPACT Act requires the submission of standardized and interoperable data in multiple post-acute care settings, including Home Health (HH), Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs) and Long-term Care Hospitals (LTCHs). The intent of the IMPACT Act is to support access to longitudinal information to: 1) help inform clinical decision making and promote coordinated care; 2) enable comparison of data across settings; and 3) improve discharge planning and health information exchange, all of which will lead to improved efficiencies, improved quality of care, and improved health outcomes. The Data Element Library (DEL), a new public resource for CMS' post-acute care assessments and their related health IT standards will be shared, including how DEL content can be used to support health information exchange and EHR interoperability using nationally accepted health IT standards.