CIHI/interRAI Update

CIHI’s new Integrated interRAI Reporting System

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) is developing a new reporting system that will manage the information captured by organizations using interRAI’s new integrated suite of assessments.

What are the benefits of the new system?

- The simpler data submission model will be easier to connect to.
- Data will be gathered and validated at the point of care.
- Data will be submitted in near real time.
- The data validation cycle will be shorter — from quarterly to seconds — and will use international interoperable coding standards.
- There will be faster reporting on data submission status.
- Quality information will be more readily available to support point-of-care, organizational and system decisions — collect once, use many times!

All of this will make it easier to follow a person’s health care information across settings, which will encourage continuity of care and increase the chances of improved health outcomes.

When will data start flowing to CIHI?

In January 2018, the system will start collecting data from the interRAI Child and Youth Mental Health (ChYMH) assessment instrument.

Soon after, data collection will be phased in for the interRAI Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF) and interRAI Home Care (HC) instruments.

Later on, other interRAI instruments will be added to address emerging needs across the country.

What is a near real-time data submission model?

- Vendor systems can send data to CIHI almost instantaneously and receive immediate feedback.
- This will be done directly by the vendor system and will be completely transparent to the system user.
- CIHI is working directly with vendors to update their systems to support the new model.
**Who will use the new system?**

The system is available to all Core Plan members. Several jurisdictions across Canada are planning to implement instruments from the integrated assessment suite in several health care sectors:

- New Brunswick: interRAI LTCF
- Ontario: interRAI HC and interRAI ChYMH
- Manitoba: interRAI HC
- British Columbia: interRAI LTCF

**What does my organization/jurisdiction need to do?**

Jurisdictions that are planning to submit data to the new system for the new suite of interRAI assessments should contact their vendor of choice and verify that it is capable of supporting this new model of data submission.

CIHI will continue to support the current data submission process for the following assessments:

- interRAI Contact Assessment (for home care)
- RAI–Home Care (for home care)
- RAI–Minimum Data Set 2.0 (for long-term care)
- RAI–Mental Health (for inpatient mental health)

If your organization/jurisdiction is interested in implementing an assessment tool from the integrated suite, please contact us at help@cihi.ca.

**How can CIHI help transition to the new reporting system?**

CIHI has developed education products for continuing care and home care to help organizations understand the interRAI assessment system. These products focus on how to complete assessments and use the information to support clinical and organizational decision-making.

CIHI’s interRAI Implementation Toolkit contains useful tips and resources for organizations and jurisdictions as they embark on implementing an interRAI assessment system.

Vendors interested in supporting the assessments in Canada can become licensed with interRAI and CIHI. Specifications for the home care, long-term care and child and youth mental health instruments will be made available in spring 2017.

If you have general questions about the new system, please contact us at help@cihi.ca.

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