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iQIES *for the* Commonwealth

What Pennsylvania SNFs need to know

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Your Speakers

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Poll #1

How familiar are you with the new iQIES system?

How prepared is your organization for the transition to iQIES?

What is iQIES?

iQIES is an internet-based system that will be used for **all submissions and communications to and from CMS**

- This includes MDS submissions, surveys, and certifications

The official iQIES manuals from CMS can be found by visiting:

https://qtso.cms.gov/software/iqies/reference-manuals

Timeline

- CMS is transitioning to iQIES in early 2023
- Impacts MDS Transmission, Patient Assessments, and CASPER reports
- Registration is now open for all regions
- No official start date yet but CMS confirmed that it will be sometime in early 2023

Why the change?

- Increased Federal Security Mandates
  - Remote Identify Proofing
  - Secure identity management provided by CMS through HARP
- CMS wants to know who is accessing PHI information
- CMS wants to know what PHI they are accessing
- CMS wants to know who the Provider Security Official (PSO) will be in your organization

Creating your PSO Account (HARP)

Follow these steps to register your Provider Security Official (PSO):

1. Identify at least one individual who will be the Provider Security Official (PSO).

2. Each individual will need to register for iQIES login credentials by creating an account in the HARP system at: https://harp.cms.gov/register

3. Set up MFA (Multi-Factor Authentication) for your account and complete the Identify Proofing process.

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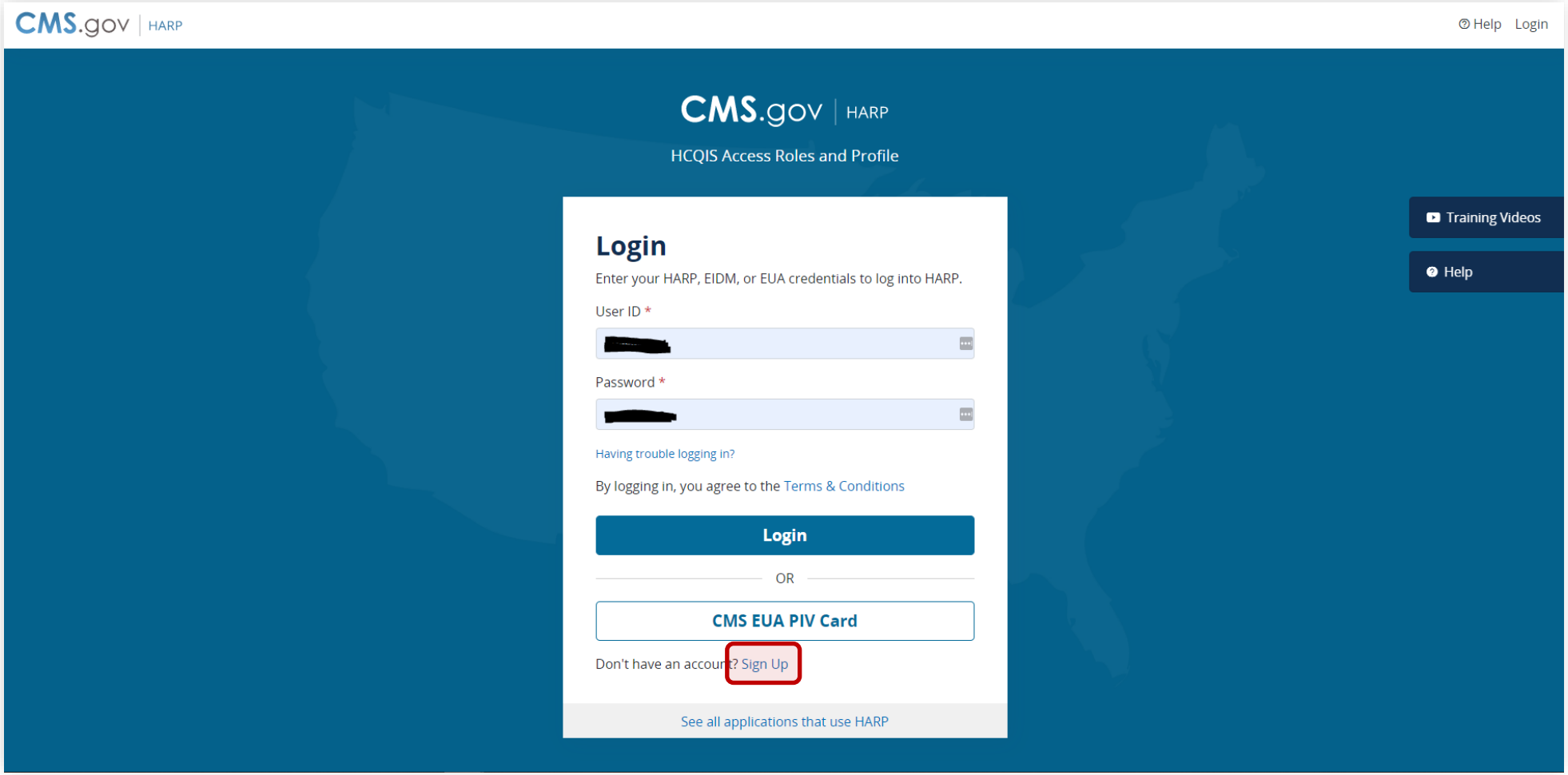

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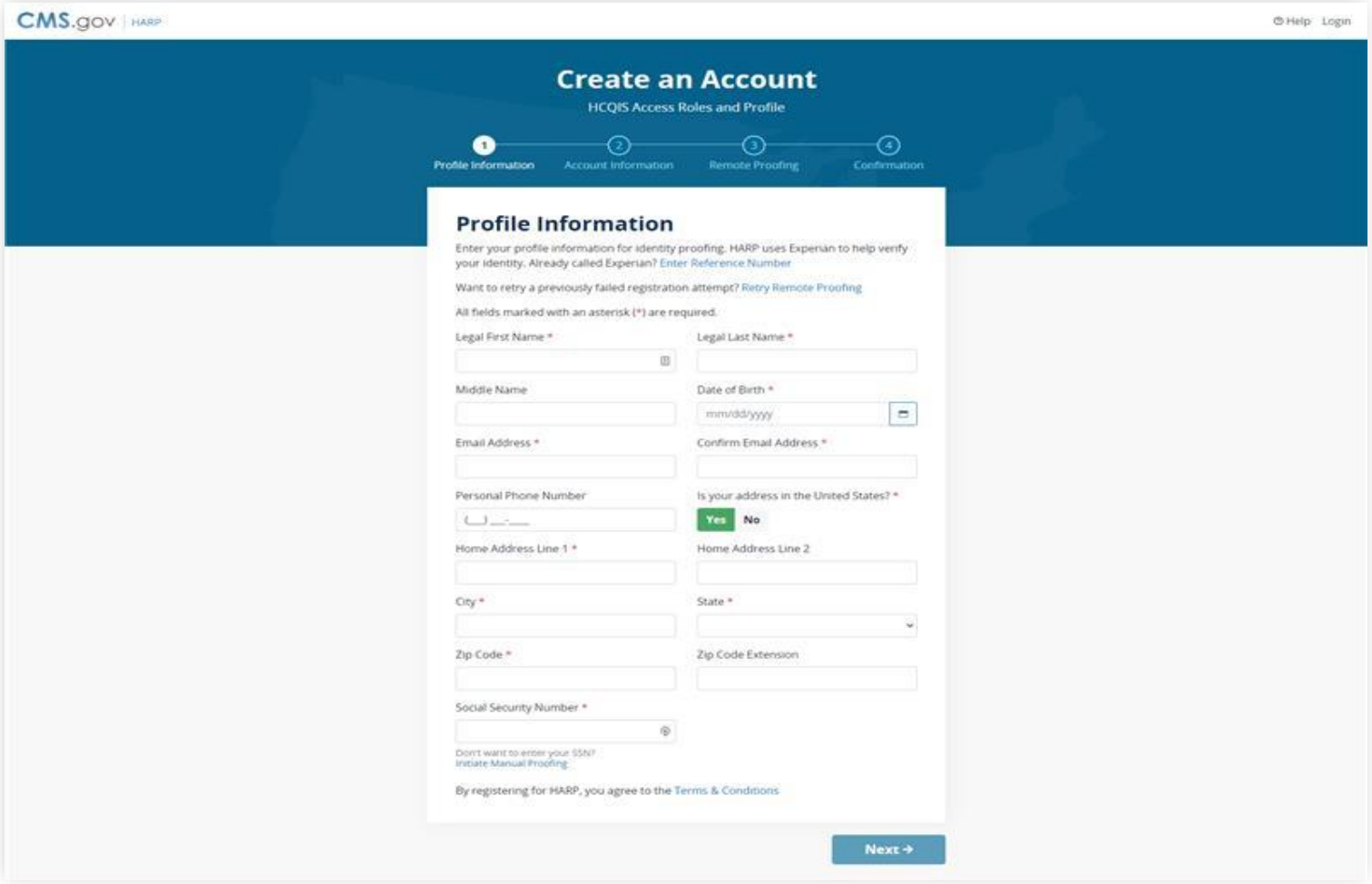

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New Security Measures

- Requires Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)
- Identity Proofing through Experian
- Series of credit background checks
- Once a HARP account is created you can proceed to iQIES to request a role

Creating your PSO Account (iQIES)

1. Access iQIES using your HARP ID and password: https://iqies.cms.gov/

2. Initiate your Provider Security Official (PSO) role request using your provider CCN.

3. Once your request has been submitted AND approved, you will receive an email notification. At this point, you will have authority to approve/deny requests for iQIES access and role types.

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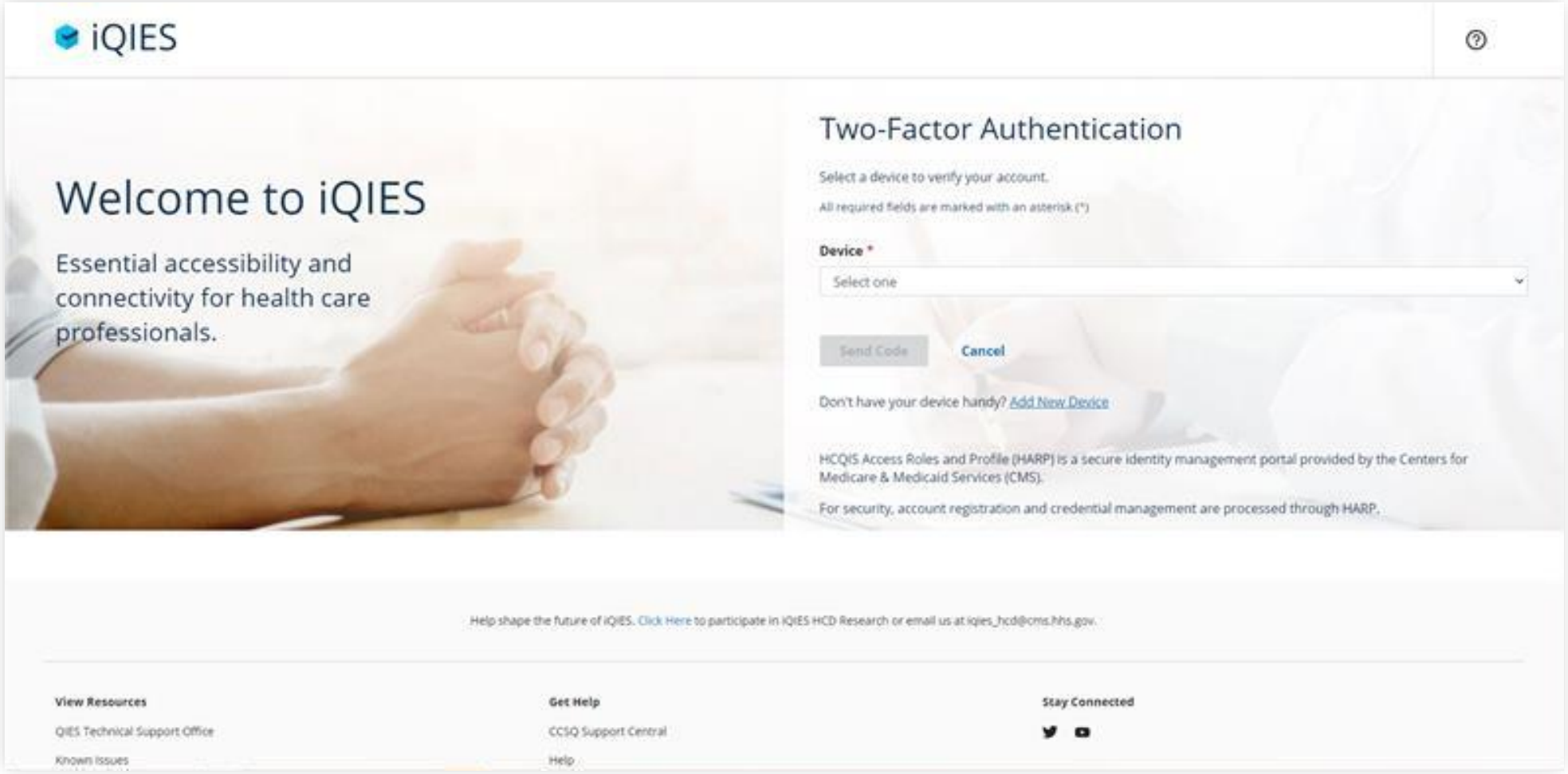

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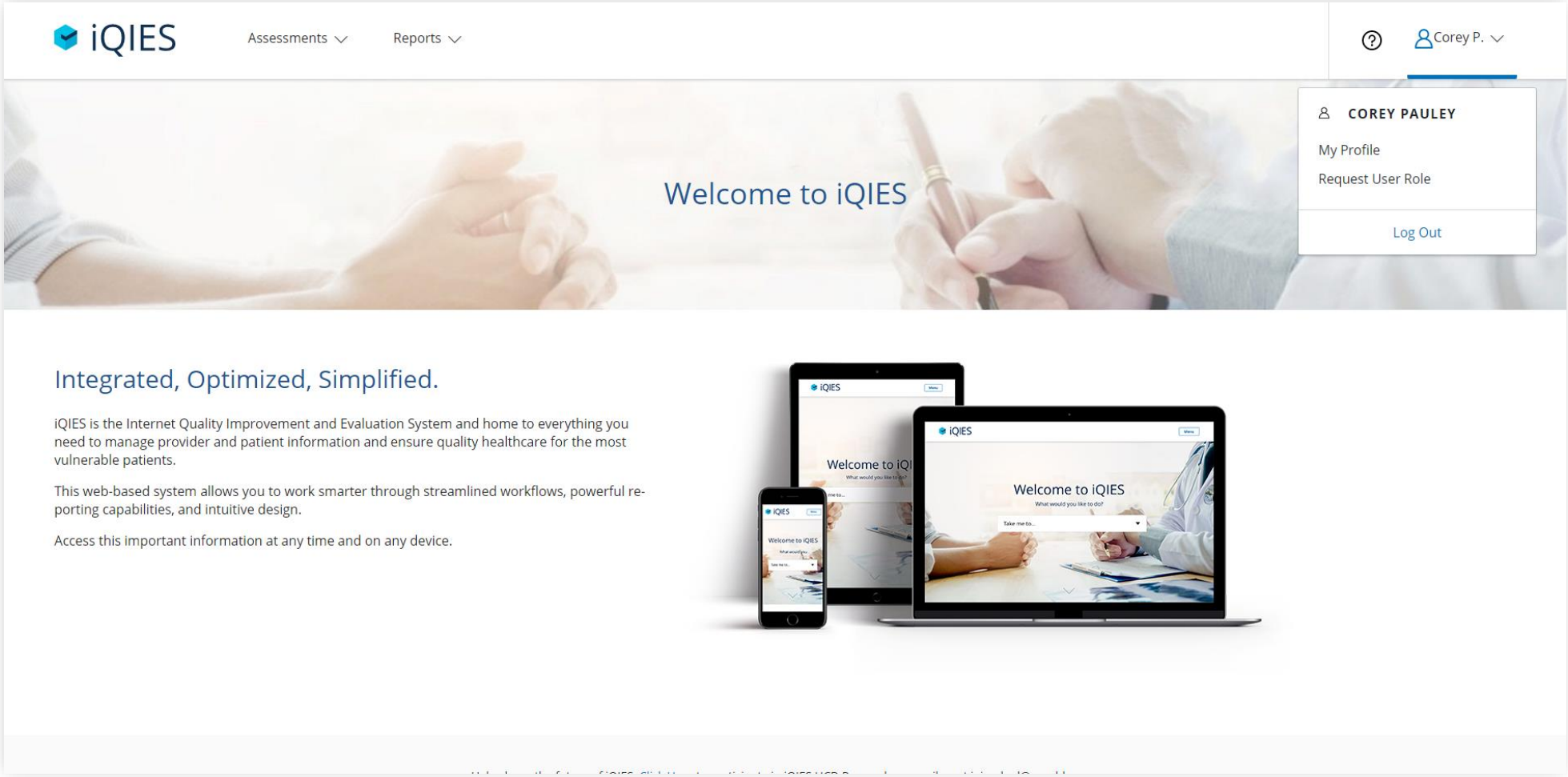

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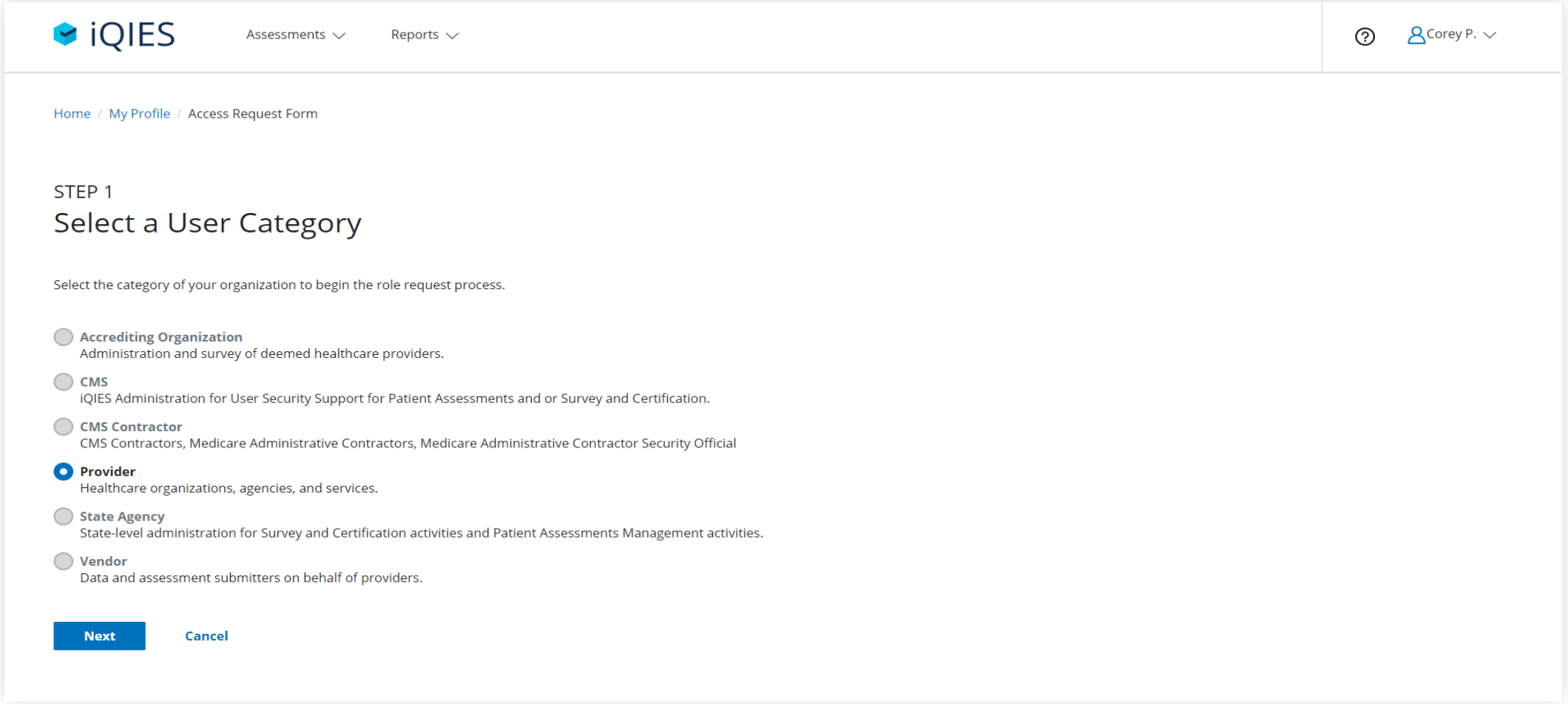

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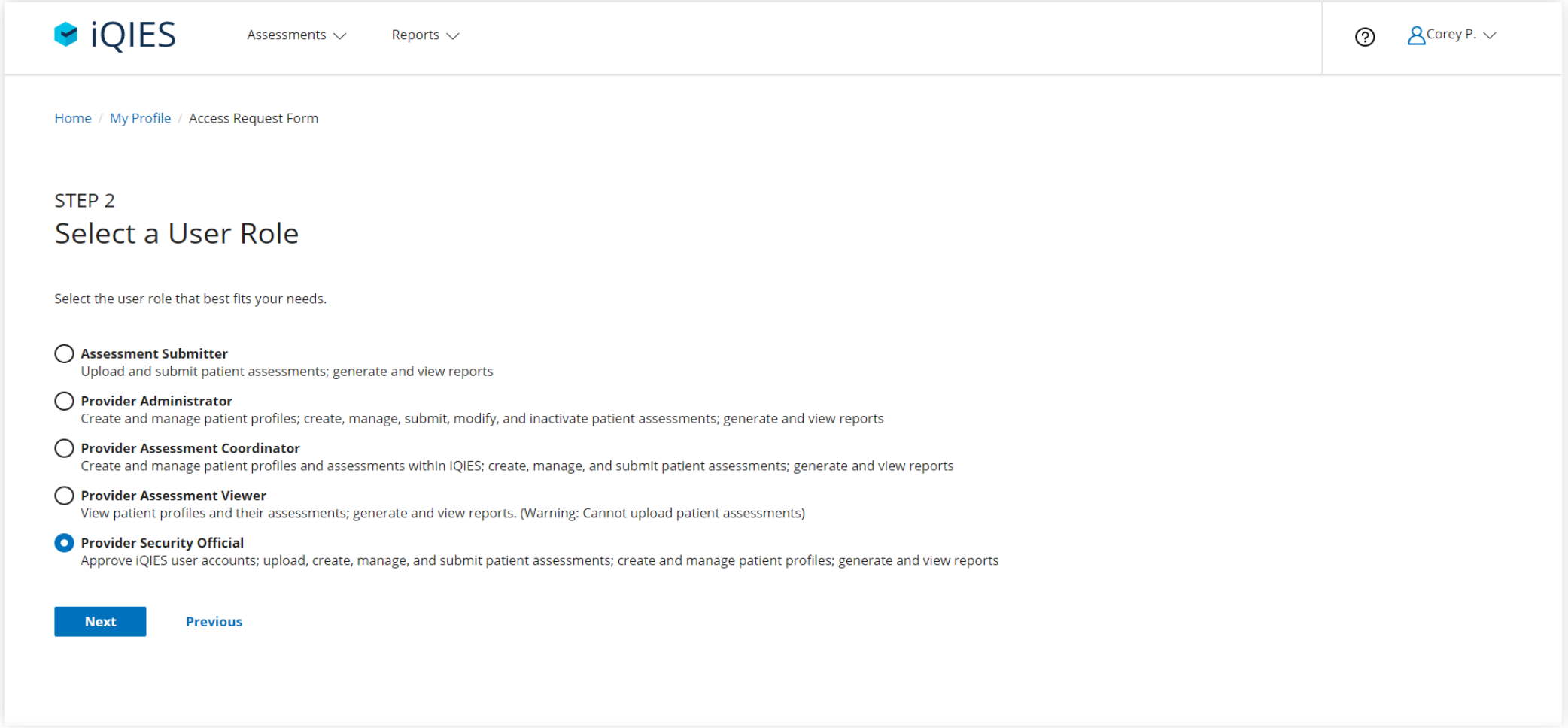

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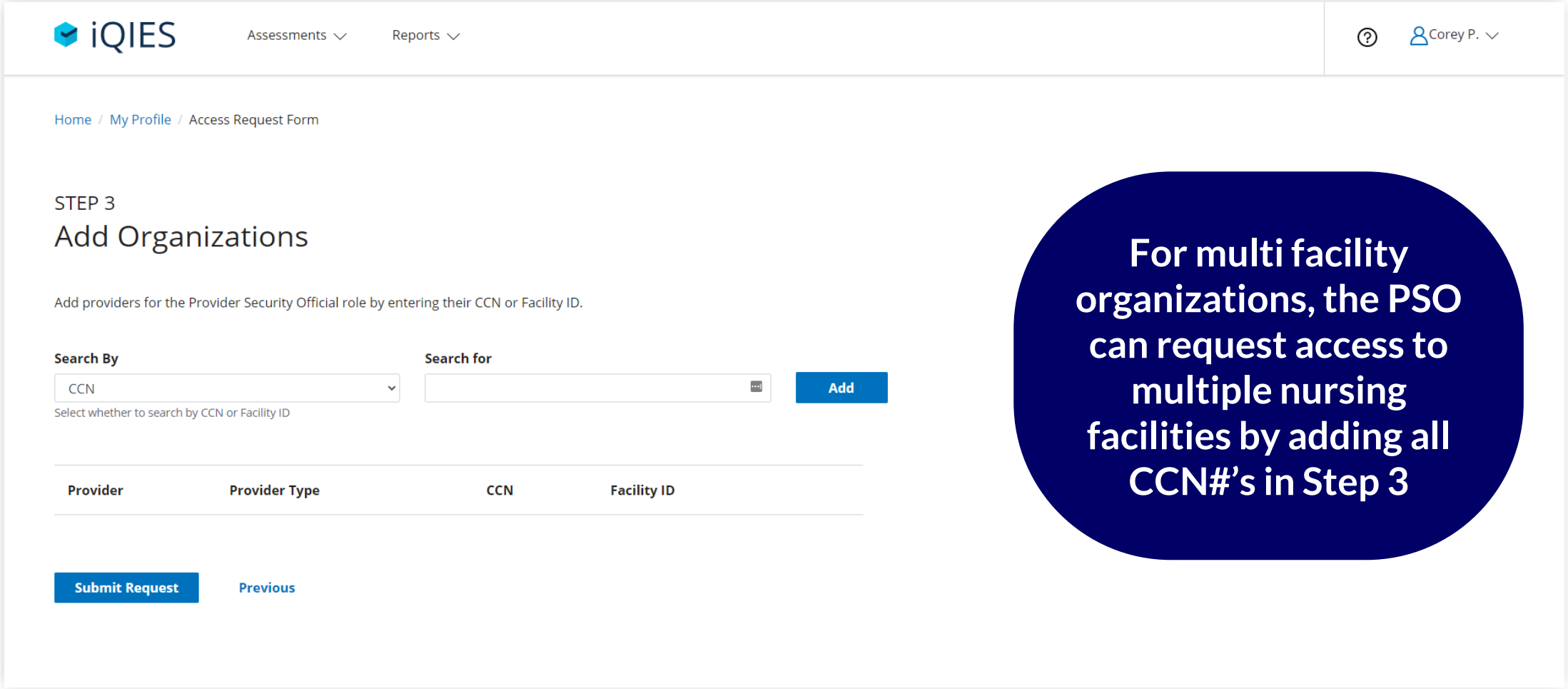

For multi facility organizations, the PSO can request access to multiple nursing facilities by adding all CCN#'s in Step 3

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Deadlines by Region

Region	States per Region	Registration Deadline
1 and 2	Region 1: CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT Region 2: NJ, NY, PR, VI	Aug 26 - 2022
3, 9, and 10	Region 3: DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV Region 9: AZ, CA, HI, NV, Pacific Territories Region 10: AK, ID, OR, WA	Sep 9 - 2022
4	Region 4: AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN	Sep 23 - 2022
6	Region 6: AR, LA, NM, OK, TX	Oct 7 - 2022
5	Region 5: IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI	Oct 28-2022
7 and 8	Region 7: IA, KS, MO, NE Region 8: CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY	Nov 11 - 2022

At this time, the deadline has passed for all regions, so get your PSO setup as soon as possible.

Poll #2

Has your PSO(s) successfully logged into iQIES?

SimpleLTC & PCC Authorization

Once you have established your PSO, Simple will also need to link to your account under your provider CCNs.

- As of December 1, 2022, the provider advocacy group Advion (formerly NASL) continues to work directly with CMS on the final process for linking software vendor accounts to the new iQIES. This is in coordination with Simple, PCC and other software companies.
- Simple will communicate the new process as soon as CMS makes the final decision (probably sometime in early 2023)

Unknowns

- What will happen to the old CASPER access?
- We don’t know exactly what MDS submissions will look like.
- Simple has been submitting Oasis for Home Health under iQIES for a while, and the transition was a little bumpy.
- We are waiting for updates on PBJ and when the transition will occur for PBJ transmissions.

Removing Users & Additional Security Considerations

- How will your organization manage PSO access in the case of turnover?
- We recommend more than 1 PSO during the initial setup
- No account sharing (Remote access verification prevents this)
- PSO should manage additional Third-Party Access

Additional CMS iQIES Resources & Training

Creating a HARP Account Training Videos

iQIES Reference and Manuals Page

iQIES Training Videos Page

iQIES News & Updates Page

The Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators

How we assist the residents of the Commonwealth

www.paanac.org

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Our Purpose

- The purpose of the Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators is **to promote excellence in support of the assessment process**.

- We support not only the MDS Coordinator, but the entire Interdisciplinary Team in relation to the RAI Process.

- Each section of the MDS may have a variety of disciplines that contribute to the information; therefore, we ensure those disciplines have the knowledge they need to succeed.

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Our Benefits

- Access to a statewide peer support network.
- A voice for the expression of opinions and concerns to federal and state agencies on evolving programs.
- Participation in design and promotion of best practices.
- Continuing education via statewide and regional meetings.
- Timely access to pertinent state information specific to every interdisciplinary team role in the assessment process. This includes all team members from the nurse aide to the health care administrator.

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Our Education

In the last year, we have provided education on:

- Section GG, Functional Abilities and Goals,
- The 2021 Final Rule,
- Department of Health survey outcomes,
- The 21st Century CURES Act,
- CMS Quality Initiatives, and many other topics.

- Our Fall sessions will focus on the **MDS 3.0 Quality Measures** which hope to improve the understanding of the Pennsylvania Quality Incentive Programming.

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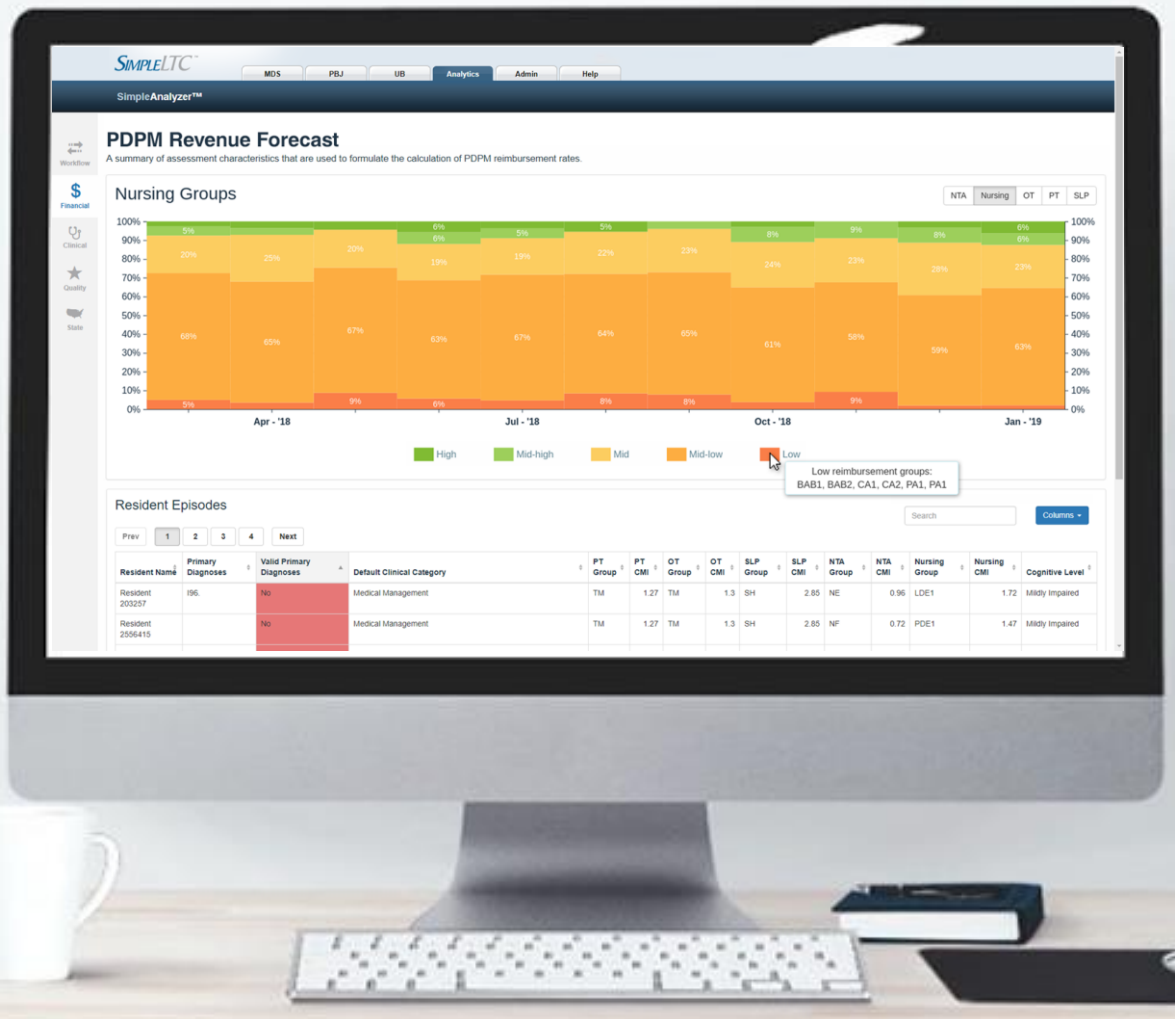

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