



## Prospective Payment System-exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program

### Inpatient Value, Incentives, and Quality Reporting (VIQR) Outreach and Education Support Contractor

## PCHQR Program: COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (PCH-38) Measure Updates Question and Answer Summary Document

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**Question 1:**           **If I enter the COVID-19 healthcare personnel (HCP) data weekly, am I meeting my National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) submission requirement?**

Yes, submitting data for each week will meet the CMS quarterly reporting requirement. Please note that the week-end date determines the month. For example, data for the week of February 26 through March 3, 2024, is considered data for a week in March 2024, not February 2024. This is because the week-end date (March 3) is in March.

**Question 2:**           **What if facilities have employees with a history of COVID-19 vaccination, but not the updated booster?**

We encourage facilities to report COVID-19 vaccination data as accurately as possible. HCP who are not up to date with their vaccinations should not be counted in Question 2 of the data collection form. However, facilities should categorize the vaccination status of these HCP in Question 3.1, 3.2, or 3.3.

Reporting data for at least one week per month for each month within a reporting quarter satisfies CMS requirements. Therefore, submitting complete data through NHSN by the quarterly reporting deadlines satisfies CMS requirements. (Reminder: The week-end date determines the month. For example, data for the week of February 26 through March 3, 2024, is considered data for a week in March 2024, not February 2024. This is because the week-end date of March 3 is in March.)

Please note that the percentage of HCP who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccination is publicly reported. Therefore, if a facility does not have many HCP with an up to date vaccination status, this will be reflected on public reporting websites.

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