Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) and Medicare Promoting Interoperability Programs

CMS CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Submission Overview

Program Requirements	Submit data for three eCQMs selected by CMS <u>and</u> three self-selected eCQMs for all four quarters of CY 2024 data. The eCQMs must be the same eCQMs across quarters in the reporting year. Each quarter must contain the same six eCQMs. **3 CMS-selected eCQMs** 1. Safe Use of Opioids–Concurrent Prescribing 2. Cesarean Birth (Perinatal Care [PC]-02) 3. Severe Obstetric Complications (PC-07) **3 Self-Selected eCQMs** Three self-selected eCQMs must come from the CY 2024 Available eCQMs Table.	**Dual Program Acceptance**	Hospitals that successfully submit eCQM data via the Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) System will meet the eCQM requirement for the following: • Hospital IQR Program* • Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs)**
Submission Deadline	Friday, February 28, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time	**System Availability**	The HQR System will be open for Test and Production file submissions in Fall 2024.
Technical Requirements	• Use the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) Health Information Technology certification criteria to meet the Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT) requirement. • Use eCQM specifications published in the 2023 eCQM annual update for CY 2024 reporting and applicable addenda, available on the eCQI Resource Center. • Use the 2024 CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category I, Schematron, and sample QRDA Category I files on the Eligible Hospital/ Critical Access Hospital eCQMs page of the eCQI Resource Center.	**Successful Submission**	Data must be submitted through the *HQR Secure Portal* as any combination of the following: • QRDA Category I files with patients meeting the initial patient population of the applicable measure(s) • Zero denominator declarations • Case threshold exemptions
		File Validation Tool	Via the HQR System, hospitals and their vendors can validate QRDA Category I test and production file structure and contents and generate CSV files for feedback to correct QRDA Category I files prior to production re-submissions.
Who Can Submit Data	• Hospitals with a Health Care Quality Information Systems Access Roles and Profile (HARP) account can submit. • Electronic health record vendors can create a HARP account to submit data on the hospital's behalf. Hospitals can log in to the *HQR Secure Portal* and the Vendor Management System to assign, modify, and remove vendor access from one page. Users receive instant confirmation of the changes.	**Contacts**	• Submit questions about the HQR System (e.g., user roles, reports, data upload and troubleshooting file errors) to the CCSQ Service Center at (866) 288-8912 or QNetSupport@cms.hhs.gov. • Submit questions about the Hospital IQR Program and Extraordinary Circumstances Exceptions process to the Inpatient and Outpatient Healthcare Quality Development and Program Support Team at (844) 472-4477 or the Quality Question and Answer Tool. • Submit questions about the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program and Hardship Exception Process to the Quality Question and Answer Tool. • Visit the ONC Project Tracking System. Select the applicable Issue Tracker to log, track, and discuss eCQM issues with subject-matter experts.
*The submission of CY 2024 eCQM data will affect the fiscal year (FY) 2026 payment determination. **The submission of CY 2024 eCQM data will affect the FY 2026 payment determination for eligible hospitals and the FY 2024 payment determination for CAHs.			