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

Calendar Year (CY) 2025 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Submission Overview

Program Requirements

Submit data for three eCQMs selected by CMS and three self-selected eCQMs for all four quarters of CY 2025. 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 2025 Available eCQMs Table.

Submission Deadline

Monday, March 2, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time

Technical Requirements

- Use the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy/Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) Health Information Technology certification criteria to meet the certified electronic health record technology requirement.
- Use eCQM specifications published in the 2024 eCQM annual update for CY 2025 reporting and applicable addenda, available on the Eligible Hospital/Critical Access Hospital eCQMs page of the eCQI Resource Center.
- Use the 2025 CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category I, Schematron, and sample QRDA Category I files on the QRDA page of the eCQI Resource Center.

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 changes.

Dual Program Acceptance

Hospitals that successfully submit eCQM data via the Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) System will meet the eCQM reporting requirement for the following:
- Hospital IQR Program*
- Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs)**

System Availability

The HQR System will be open for Test and Production file submissions in Fall 2025.

Successful Submission

Data must be submitted through the *HQR Secure Portal* as any combination of these:
- 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.

Contacts

- Submit questions about the HQR System (e.g., user roles, reports, data upload and troubleshooting file errors) to the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality Service Center at (866) 288-8912 or QNetSupport@cms.hhs.gov.
- Submit questions about the Hospital IQR Program and Extraordinary Circumstances Exceptions process to Inpatient and Outpatient Healthcare Quality Development and Program Support 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 or (844) 472-4477.
- 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 2025 eCQM data will affect the FY 2027 payment determination.
**The submission of CY 2025 eCQM data will affect the FY 2027 payment determination for eligible hospitals and the FY 2025 payment determination for CAHs.