

General Requirements:

To be considered a meaningful user and to avoid a downward payment adjustment, the following is required for eligible hospitals* and CAHs** participating in the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program.

Submit data based on the CMS required reporting period.	Report data using the ONC Health IT certification criteria to meet the CEHRT requirement.	Report data using CMS approved CY 2026 measure specifications.	Earn a minimum total program score of 80 points.	Successfully submit data to the HQR Secure Portal by the submission deadline:
- For eCQM reporting, submit four quarters of CY 2026 data (Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4). - The EHR Reporting Period is a minimum of any continuous, self-selected 180-day period within CY 2026. ◇ <i>Last day to begin 180-day reporting requirement is July 5, 2026.</i>	- The CMS EHR Certification ID is required to submit data in the <i>HQR Secure Portal</i>. For information, visit the Certified Health IT Product List website. - Use the ONC health IT certification criteria functionality as needed for a measure action to count in the numerator during the EHR reporting period.	- For eCQM specifications, use the CMS Annual Update published in 2025 and any applicable addenda for the CY 2026 reporting period, available on the eCQI Resource Center. - For objective and measure specifications, use the CY 2026 Specifications Manual.	- A total score up to 105 points includes scores of individual measures added together. - A score of 0 for an objective or in the numerator of a measure will result in program noncompliance. - Scores will be rounded to the nearest whole number during measure calculation for performance rates and objective/measure scores.	⇒ Monday, March 1, 2027, at 11:59 p.m. PT

SCORED REQUIREMENTS

The total program score must be at least 80 points.

Electronic Prescribing

- e-Prescribing (10 points) (Numerator/Denominator Required)
- Query of PDMP (10 points) (Yes/No Attestation Required)

Health Information Exchange: Must select 1 of the 3 reporting options below.

Support Electronic Referral Loops by Sending Health Information (15 points)
AND Support Electronic Referral Loops by Receiving and Reconciling Health Information (15 points) (Numerator/Denominator Required)

OR

Health Information Exchange Bi-Directional Exchange (30 points) (Yes/No Attestation Required)

OR

Enabling Exchange under TEFCA™ (30 points) (Yes/No Attestation Required)

Provider to Patient Exchange

Provide Patients Electronic Access to Their Health Information (25 points) (Numerator/Denominator Required)

Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange (25 points)

A level of active engagement is required for each measure below.
Participants may spend only one E HR reporting period at Option 1 (Pre-production and validation).

- Syndromic Surveillance Reporting (Yes/No Attestation Required)
- Immunization Registry Reporting (Yes/No Attestation Required)
- Electronic Case Reporting (Yes/No Attestation Required)
- Electronic Laboratory Reporting (Yes/No Attestation Required)
- Antimicrobial Use (AU) Surveillance measure (Yes/No Attestation Required)
- Antimicrobial Resistance (AR) Surveillance measure (Yes/No Attestation Required)

eCQM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Submit four calendar quarters of data for a total of eight eCQMs.
Each quarter must contain the same eight eCQMs.

Submit data for the following eCQMs:

Five CMS-selected (mandatory) eCQMs:

- Safe Use of Opioids – Concurrent Prescribing
- Cesarean Birth (PC-02)
- Severe Obstetric Complications (PC-07)
- Hospital Harm-Severe Hypoglycemia (HH-HYPO)
- Hospital Harm-Severe Hyperglycemia (HH-HYPER)

AND

Three self-selected eCQMs from the [CY 2026 Available eCQMs Table](#)

Submit eCQM data as any combination of the following:

- QRDA Category I files with patients meeting the IPP of the applicable measure(s)
- Zero denominator declarations
- Case threshold exemptions

Refer to the [CY 2026 eCQM Submission Overview](#) and [CY 2026 QRDA Category I Submission Checklist](#) on the QualityNet and Quality Reporting Center websites.

UNSCORED REQUIREMENTS

An attestation of Yes is required.

Protect Patient Health Information

- SAFER Guides (published in 2025)
- Security Risk Analysis Measure (conduct both security risk analysis + security risk management activities)

Acting to Limit or Restrict the Compatibility or Interoperability of CEHRT

ONC Direct Review

Bonus

OPTIONAL MEASURES/REQUIREMENTS

Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange

Earn a total of 5 bonus points by attesting Yes and indicating an Option 2 (Validated data production) active engagement level on *any or all* of the bonus measures below.

- Public Health Registry Reporting (Yes/No Attestation)
- Clinical Data Registry Reporting (Yes/No Attestation)
- Public Health Reporting Using TEFCA™ (Yes/No Attestation)

ONC ACB Surveillance (Yes/No/NA Attestation):

This is an *optional* attestation.
No bonus points will be provided.

*The submission of CY 2026 data will affect the FY 2028 payment determination.
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ACB	Authorized Certification Body	HYPER	Hyperglycemia
AR	Antimicrobial Resistance	HQR	Hospital Quality Reporting
AU	Antimicrobial Use	ID	identification
CAH	critical access hospital	IPP	Initial Patient Population
CEHRT	Certified EHR Technology	IT	information technology
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	ONC	Office of the National Coordinator
CY	calendar year	PC	Perinatal Care
eCQI	Electronic Clinical Quality Improvement	PDMP	Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
eCQM	electronic clinical quality measure	PT	Pacific Time
EHR	electronic health record	Q	quarter
FY	fiscal year	QRDA	Quality Reporting Document Architecture
HH	Hospital Harm	SAFER	Safety Assurance Factors for EHR Resilience
HYPO	Hypoglycemia	TEFCA	Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement TM