

Quarter 4 (Q4) 2026 and Annual Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program Checklist

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	Accessing the <i>Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) Secure Portal</i> 1. Log in to the HQR Secure Portal using your HARP User ID and Password. 2. Go to the navigation panel located on the left-hand side of the screen.	☒
03/01/27	Submitting Calendar Year (CY) 2026 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Data via Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category I files 1. Click Data Submissions from the navigation on the left-hand side of the screen. 2. Select the eCQM tab. 3. Click File Upload and Production to submit files. (Files uploaded to Test are not stored and do not count toward submission requirements.) Submitting Via Denominator Declarations by Entering Zero Denominator and/or Case Threshold Exemptions 1. Click Data Submissions from the navigation on the left-hand side of the screen. 2. Select the eCQM tab. 3. Click Data Form. 4. Click on IQR/PI Denominator Declaration/Launch Data Form. 5. Select Discharge Quarter from top right of the page to enter information for each applicable measure. (Make sure the quarter is in 2026.) 6. Click Submit. Repeat steps for each applicable quarter. Checking Submission of Calendar Year (CY) 2026 Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs) 1. Click Data Results from the navigation on the left-hand side of the screen. 2. Select eCQM from the submenu. 3. Click on the Accuracy tab. 4. Select IQR/PI from the Program dropdown. 5. Select Production from the Submission dropdown and select 2026 from the Calendar Year dropdown. 6. Click Select. 7. Use the quarter tabs to view data 8. Click Export Results. Checking Submission Requirements for Calendar Year (CY) 2026 Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs) 1. Click Program Reporting from the navigation on the left side of the screen. 2. Select Submission requirements from the submenu. 3. Click on Submissions requirements dashboard, select IQR, select 2028 from the FY dropdown on the top right, open Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs). To run a report, click Export.	☐
04/14/27	Checking Submission of Q4 2026 Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Data <i>HCAHPS Survey Data</i> should display as “ Submitted ” for <i>October, November, and December</i> on the Submissions Requirements Dashboard. See below, under Checking Submission of Q4 2026 and Annual Inpatient Clinical Measure Data, for guidance on how to run reports.	☐
05/03/27	Submitting Q4 2026 Inpatient Population and Sampling Counts Through the <i>Hospital Quality Reporting Secure Portal</i> (applies to chart-abstracted measures only) 1. Select Data Submissions from the navigation panel on the left side of the screen. 2. Select the Population and Sampling tab. 3. Select Data Form, then select IQR Launch Data Form. 4. Verify that the Reporting Period is Q4 2026 in the upper-right corner of the page, then select Enter. Submitting Q4 2026 Inpatient Population and Sampling XML Files Via Simple File Submissions Through the <i>Hospital Quality Reporting Secure Portal</i> (applies to chart-abstracted measures only) 1. Select Data Submissions from the navigation panel on the left side of the screen. 2. Select the Population and Sampling tab. 3. Click File Upload. 4. Select Production. Data submitted under Test is not stored in the HQR system and does not count toward program requirements. 5. Choose Select Files to browse your computer or drag and drop the files into the highlighted area.	☐
05/17/27	Submitting Q4 2026 CAUTI-Onc and CLABSI-Onc Measures Data is entered in the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). NOTE: Hospitals that do not have any oncology locations to map to must submit the IPPS Measure Exception	☐

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	form by May 17, 2027.	
05/17/27	Checking Submission of Q4 2026 and Annual Inpatient Data Log in to the <i>Hospital Quality Reporting Secure Portal</i> using your HARP User ID and Password. The Dashboard displays open submission periods, deadlines, and upcoming submission periods, including when each period opens and closes. Select Program Reporting from the navigation panel on the left side of the screen to verify your data submissions. Select Submission Requirements from the dropdown menu, then select the Submission Requirements Dashboard navigation card. Submission Requirements Dashboard and Reports The Submission Requirements dashboard allows you to review program requirements and submission status and export reports. - Under Select a Program, select IQR. This opens the program's Submission Requirements page. - From the Fiscal Year dropdown menu on the right side of the screen, select FY 2028. This view shows the current submission status for measures and program requirements; it does not confirm that a facility is eligible or has met all requirements. - To expand a section and view its contents, select the down arrow to the right of the section title. Each section provides details by discharge quarter, reporting period, performance period, or year. Expand and review each section to confirm data submission for each measure before exporting the information on this page. - To meet Q4 2026 and Annual IQR requirements, the following items should display a rate, met, and/or as submitted: - Population and Sampling (Q4 2026) - Chart-abstracted SEP-1 (Q4 2026) - HAI CAUTI-Onc and CLABSI-Onc (Q4 2026) - HCAHPS (Q4 2026) - Maternal Morbidity Structural Measure (Annual) - Patient Safety Structural Measure (Annual) - Age-Friendly Hospital Measure (Annual) - Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement (DACA) (Annual) - Influenza Vaccination for Healthcare Personnel (select FY 2029 from the dropdown) (Annual) - Go to the Export button at the top of the page, then select PDF or CSV to download the report. Performance Reports Performance reports allow facilities to review submitted quality measures, track clinical metrics in real time, validate data, and compare performance with state and national benchmarks. - From the navigation menu on the left side of the screen, select Program Reporting from the menu. Select Performance Reports. You can now select the Performance Report Dashboard navigation card and continue to the next screen. - Under Select a Program, select the IQR navigation card. This brings you to the program's Performance Report page. - From the Fiscal Year dropdown menu on the right side of the screen, select 2028. Note: State and national rates displayed on the page are updated continuously while the submission period remains open. Each section provides facility, state, and national details by quarter, reporting period, performance period, or year. Use this dashboard to verify submissions, validate data, and compare facility results with state and national benchmarks. - To expand each section and view its contents, select the down arrow to the right of the section title. Please expand each individual section and review your data. To export the information on this page, go to the Export button at the top right of the page, then select PDF or CSV to download	☐
05/17/27	Submitting the CY 2026 (January 1- December 31, 2026) Maternal Morbidity Structural Measure (Must be completed even if the hospital does not provide OB services) NOTE: Secure Portal Opens for data entry on April 1, 2027 Click Data Submissions from the navigation on the left-hand side of the screen. Select the Structural Measure tab.	☐

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	3. Click Data Form. 4. Click IQR. 5. Verify that the Fiscal Year (top right of the page) is 2028 and Click on Start. The Maternal Morbidity data should display as “Submitted” on the Submission Requirement dashboard.	☒
05/17/27	Submitting the CY 2026 (January 1- December 31, 2026) Age Friendly Hospital Structural Measure NOTE: Secure Portal Opens for data entry on April 1, 2027 1. Click Data Submissions from the navigation on the left-hand side of the screen. 2. Select the Structural Measure tab. 3. Click Data Form. 4. Click IQR. 5. Verify that the Fiscal Year (top right of the page) is 2028 and Click on Start. - The Age Friendly Hospital data should display as “Submitted” on the Submission Requirements Dashboard. - The Facility Score can be found on the Performance Report Dashboard.	☐
05/17/27	Submitting the CY 2026 (January 1- December 31, 2026) Patient Safety Structural Measure Data is entered in the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). The NHSN data entry will open on April 1, 2027. - In HQR, the Patient Safety Structural Measure data should display as “Submitted” on the Submission Requirements Dashboard - In HQR, the Facility Score can be found on the Performance Report Dashboard.	☐
05/17/27	Submitting Q4 2026/Q1 2027 (FY 2029) HCP Influenza Vaccination Measure NOTE: Data is entered in the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Refer to the Hospital IQR Program NHSN Checklist for guidance on how to enroll and submit the HCP Influenza Measure data to NHSN. Checking Submission of Q4 2026/Q1 2027 (FY 2029) HCP Influenza Vaccination Measure 1. Submission Requirements Dashboard: HCP Influenza Vaccination data should display as “ Submitted ” on the dashboard for Q4 2026 - Q1 2027. 2. Performance Report Dashboard: To verify your HCP Influenza Vaccination rate, access the Performance report dashboard or run the Performance Report (formerly the Facility, State, and National (FSN) Report). 3. Performance report dashboard: Select Program Reporting from the navigation panel, then Performance Reports. Click Performance report dashboard. Select IQR and Select Fiscal Year 2029 from the dropdown top right, then open Influenza Vaccination measure for healthcare personnel. 4. Performance Report: Select Program Reporting from the navigation panel, then Performance Reports. Select IQR from the Program dropdown and 1Q 2027 from the Discharge Quarter dropdown. Click Export CSV.	☐
05/17/27	Checking Submission of CY 2026 DACA NOTE: Secure Portal Opens for data entry on April 1, 2027 1. Log in to the <i>Hospital Quality Reporting Secure Portal</i> using your HARP User ID and Password. 2. Go to the navigation panel located on the left-hand side of the screen. 3. Click Administration from the navigation on the left-hand side of the screen. 4. Select DACA from the submenu. 5. Verify that the Fiscal Year is 2028 (top right of the page). 6. Select the IQR/HACRP tab. 7. Click on the Yes, I Acknowledge. 8. Enter name, position, and date. 9. Click Export Signed DACA PDF to download a copy. The DACA status should display as “Submitted” on the Submission Requirements Dashboard.	☐

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