



FY 2026 Hybrid Measures Data

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Purpose

This presentation provides hospitals and vendors with an overview of hybrid measure reporting requirements, resources, and system changes for fiscal year (FY) 2026 data reporting.

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Summarize the FY 2026 reporting requirements for the Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmission (HWR) and Hybrid Hospital-Wide Mortality (HWM) measures for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program.
- Locate and use tools to assist with data submission.
- Identify new hybrid measure user interface features available in CMS' Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) System.
- Understand the answers to some commonly asked questions.

Acronyms and Abbreviations

CCDE	core clinical data elements	HWM	Hospital-Wide Mortality
CCN	CMS Certification Number	HWR	Hospital-Wide Readmission
CCSQ	Center for Clinical Standards and Quality	IG	implementation guide
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	IQR	Inpatient Quality Reporting
CY	calendar year	L	liter
eCQI	electronic clinical quality improvement	MAT	Measure Authoring Tool
eCQM	electronic clinical quality measure	MBI	Medicare Beneficiary Identifier
EHR	electronic health record	MFT	Managed File Transfer
FFS	Fee for Service	ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
fL	femtoliter	OPPS	Outpatient Prospective Payment System
FY	fiscal year	QRDA	Quality Reporting Document Architecture
HARP	Healthcare Quality Information System Access Roles and Profile	UCUM	Unified Code for Units of Measure
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number	UFM	Unified File Management
HQR	Hospital Quality Reporting	uL	microliter
HSR	Hospital-Specific Report		BACK

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Hybrid Measure Submission Requirements

Proposed Continuation of Voluntary Reporting

Due to reporting challenges expressed by some providers, in the calendar year (CY) 2025 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) [proposed rule](#), published July 10, 2024, CMS is proposing to extend voluntary reporting of the core clinical data elements (CCDEs) and linking variables for both the Hybrid HWR and Hybrid HWM measures, for the performance period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, impacting the FY 2026 payment determination for the Hospital IQR Program.

- The proposal includes only using claims and administrative data to calculate the hybrid measures for public reporting.
- If finalized, the hospital's FY 2026 annual payment determination would not be affected by the voluntary reporting of CCDEs and linking variables.
- CMS encourages providers to submit [comments](#) by September 9, 2024.

FY 2026 Hybrid Measures for the Hospital IQR Program

Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hybrid HWR Hybrid HWM
Measurement Period	7/1/2023–6/30/2024
Data Submission Deadline	October 1, 2024
Hospital-Specific Report (HSR) Distribution	Spring 2025
Public Reporting	Summer 2025
Annual Payment Update Impact	FY 2026
Certified Electronic Health Record Technology	2015 Edition Cures Update Criteria

Specifications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hybrid HWR (CMS529v3): CCDEs for the Hybrid HWR Measure with Claims and Electronic Health Record (EHR) Data Hybrid HWM (CMS844v3): CCDEs for the Hybrid HWM Measure 	

Reporting Resources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic Clinical Quality Improvement (eCQI) Resource Center: Eligible Hospital/Critical Access Hospital eCQMs page (Select 2023 Reporting Period and filter by Hybrid Measures,) QualityNet.CMS.gov: Hospitals-Inpatient/Measures (Hybrid) 	

Reporting of the Hybrid HWR Measure

Hospitals participate by submitting 13 CCDEs (6 vital signs + 7 laboratory test results) and all linking variables by **October 1, 2024**.

6 Vital Signs	7 Laboratory Test Results	6 Linking Variables
Heart rate	Hematocrit	CMS Certification Number (CCN)
Respiratory rate	White blood cell count	Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN)* or Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI)
Temperature	Sodium	Date of Birth*
Systolic blood pressure	Potassium	Sex*
Oxygen saturation	Bicarbonate	Admission Date
Weight	Creatinine	Discharge Date
	Glucose	

*CMS will only use CCN, MBI, Admission and Discharge Dates.

MBI is used in place of HICN, Date of Birth, and Sex.

https://ecqi.healthit.gov/ecqm/eh/2023/cms0529v3?qt-tabs_measure=specifications-and-data-elements

Reporting of the Hybrid HWM Measure

Hospitals participate by submitting 10 CCDEs (4 vital signs + 6 laboratory test results) and all linking variables by **October 1, 2024**.

4 Vital Signs	6 Laboratory Test Results	6 Linking Variables
Heart rate	Hematocrit	CCN
Temperature	White blood cell count	HICN* or MBI
Systolic blood pressure	Sodium	Date of Birth*
Oxygen saturation	Bicarbonate	Sex*
	Creatinine	Admission Date
	Platelet	Discharge Date

*CMS will only use CCN, MBI, Admission and Discharge Dates.

MBI is used in place of HICN, Date of Birth, and Sex.

https://ecqi.healthit.gov/ecqm/eh/2023/cms0844v3?qt-tabs_measure=specifications-and-data-elements

CCDE Units

- Unified Code for Units of Measure (UCUM) units specified for the CCDE in the hybrid measures were finalized in the FY 2016 Inpatient Prospective Payment System rule.
- For each CCDE, it is recommended that hospitals report the UCUM units listed in the Measure Authoring Tool (MAT) header Guidance section; however, any units could be submitted.
- To reduce the burden, CMS accepts CCDE in any unit a hospital routinely captures as long as the hospital specifies the unit within their data submission.
- CMS then converts the data to a standard unit during data cleaning, when able, before measure calculation. Where the reported unit is not easily converted to the requested UCUM units, the value will be set to missing and the median value reported for that CCDE will be imputed.

Platelet Units for Hybrid HWM

- The requested UCUM unit for Platelet is $10^3/\mu\text{L}$ or $10^9/\text{L}$.
- For 2024 voluntary reporting, platelet values submitted using femtoliter (fL) were not convertible to the standard UCUM unit without an additional data element. In such cases, fL values were set to missing, and the median value for Platelet was imputed for measure calculation.
- CMS intends to accept fL for the Platelet CCDE in the July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024, data submission. (The deadline is Oct 1, 2024.)

Algorithm to Link CCDE to Claims

- Linking CCDE and claims is done during measure calculation after hospitals submit their CCDE data.
- Although the MAT directs hospitals to submit six linking variables, CMS modified the approach starting with 2024 voluntary reporting to maximize the match rate.
- For each case, a successful match occurred if there was an exact match on the following variables:
 - CCN
 - MBI (cross-referenced any HICNs to MBIs)
 - **Either** Inpatient Admission Date **OR** Discharge Date (hospitals should submit both dates)

Hybrid Measure Data Submission Requirements

Hybrid HWR Measure	Hybrid HWM Measure
<p>Submit 13 CCDEs (6 vital signs + 7 laboratory test results)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>linking variables via Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category I files</p>	<p>Submit 10 CCDEs (4 vital signs + 6 laboratory test results)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>linking variables via QRDA Category I files</p>

To successfully meet Hospital IQR Program requirements for the hybrid measures, hospitals will need to submit the following for all Medicare Fee for Service (FFS) claims*, where the patient is 65 years or older (Hybrid HWR) or 65–94 years (Hybrid HWM), for the same hospitalization during the measurement period:

- ✓ Submit **all linking variables** on 95% or more of discharges.**
- ✓ Report **all vital signs for 90% or more of the hospital discharges.**
- ✓ Submit **all laboratory test results for 90% or more of discharges** for non-surgical patients, meaning those not included in the surgical specialty cohort of the Hybrid HWR measure or the surgical divisions of the Hybrid HWM measure.

*Beginning with the FY 2027 payment determination, CMS expanded the cohort to include both Medicare FFS and Medicare Advantage patients.

**CMS will only use the modified set of linking variables (CCN, MBI, Admission Date, Discharge Date).

QRDA Category I Files

Information	Details
Submit	One file, per patient, per quarter
Each patient-level file	Includes all CCDEs and linking variables for each eligible hospital discharge
Maximum individual file size	10 MB
Upload via zip file (.zip).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify the zip file does not contain other zip files. • Hospitals may submit more than one zip file.
Max number of files within zip file	14,999
Five Key Elements (succession management applies to production files only)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CCN 2. CMS Program Name: HQR_IQR 3. EHR Patient ID 4. Reporting Period specified in Reporting Parameters section 5. EHR Submitter ID
The <i>HQR Secure Portal</i> assigns EHR Submitter ID to submitters registering for system access to upload files.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vendor EHR Submitter ID = Vendor ID • Hospitals EHR Submitter ID = CCN

Hybrid Measure Certification and Specification Policies

- Use Health Information Technology certified by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) to the 2015 Edition Cures Update criteria.
 - Visit [ONC's 21st Century Cures Act final rule](#).
- Use 2023 specifications published in the CMS Annual Update available on the [eCQI Resource Center](#).
 - Select Period 2023.
 - Filter by Hybrid Measures.
- Use the 2023 CMS QRDA Category I Implementation Guide (IG) for HQR: <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/qrda>.

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Technical Resources and Tools

Key Dates and Resources Document

➡ Hybrid measures contain claim-based specifications and electronic specifications.

➡ Hybrid measures differ from the claims-only measures as they merge EHR data elements with claims data to calculate the risk-standardized readmission and mortality rates.

➡ To calculate hybrid measures, administrative data from the EHR (linking variables) are needed to link the CCDEs to the claims data.

2025 Public Reporting Key Dates and Resources Document

Key Dates

For the 2025 Public Reporting of the hybrid measures, participating hospitals should submit data on Core Clinical Data Elements (CCDE) (6 vital signs and 7 laboratory test results for HWR and 4 vital signs and 6 laboratory tests for HWM, respectively), and linking variables:

- For discharges occurring between July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
- By October 1, 2024

Hospitals will receive Hospital-Specific Reports (HSRs) in Spring 2025.
Hybrid measure results are anticipated to be publicly reported on Care Compare in Summer 2025.

Questions?

Please submit hybrid measure questions to the QualityNet Question and Answer tool at https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenow.com/qnet_qa?id=ask_a_question by selecting: (i) IQR - Inpatient Quality Reporting under "Program", and then (ii) Hybrid Measures under "Topic" or submit your questions via JIRA <https://oncoprojecttracking.healthit.gov/support/browse/CHM>

<h3>eCQI Resource Center – Hybrid Page</h3> <p>https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh-cah?qt-tabs_eh=3&globalyearfilter=2023</p> <p>2023 Reporting Period [Published May 2022]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• eCQM Specifications for CMS529v3 (H-HWR) (version 3)• eCQM Specifications for CMS844v3 (H-HWM) (version 3)• H-HWR and H-HWM Value Sets and Direct Reference Codes• H-HWR and H-HWM Binding Parameter Specifications• H-HWR (CMS529v3) Technical Release Notes• H-HWM (CMS844v3) Technical Release Notes• eCQM Annual Update Implementation Checklist and Pre-Publication Document	<h3>eCQI Resource Center – Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA)</h3> <p>https://ecqi.healthit.gov/grda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 CMS QRDA I Implementation Guide for Hospital Quality Reporting• 2023 CMS QRDA I Schematrons and Sample Files for Hospital Quality Reporting
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Resources on QualityNet

<https://www.qualitynet.org/inpatient/measures/hybrid/resources>

- 2025 H-HWR and H-HWM Frequently Asked Questions (to be posted in Spring 2025)
- 2025 H-HWR and H-HWM Fact Sheets (to be posted in Spring 2025)
<https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/measures/readmission/methodology>
- 2025 H-HWR and H-HWM Measure Methodology Reports (to be posted in Spring 2025)
<https://www.qualitynet.org/inpatient/measures/hybrid/reports>
- 2025 H-HWR and H-HWM Mock HSRs (to be posted in Spring 2025)
- 2025 H-HWR and H-HWM HSR User Guides (to be posted in Spring 2025)

eCQI Resource Center



Eligible Hospital / Critical Access Hospital eCQMs

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Select Period: 2023 | Filter By: Hybrid Measures | Apply Filters

Find older eCQM specifications in the [eCQM Standards and Tools Version](#) table.

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2023 Reporting Period Eligible Hospital / Critical Access Hospital Resources for Hybrid Measures

Filter Resources by

- Any - | Implementation Guidance | Reporting References | Standards References | Technical Specifications

eCQM Resources	Short Description	Published
Implementation Checklist eCQM Annual Update	Implementation checklist 🔗	--
2025 Public Reporting Key Dates and Resources: Hybrid HWR and Hybrid HWM Measures (PDF)	Summary key dates and resources 🔗	May 2022
Measure Authoring Tool (MAT) Global Common Library (GCL) Technical Specifications and Technical Release Notes (ZIP)	MAT-CGL specifications and technical release notes 🔗	May 2022
eCQM and Hybrid Measure Value Sets 🔗	Value sets used with eCQMs and Hybrid Measures 🔗	May 2022
eCQM Direct Reference Codes List 🔗	eCQM Direct Reference Codes used in eCQMs 🔗	May 2022
Binding Parameter Specification (BPS) (ZIP) 🔗	Value set metadata 🔗	May 2022
eCQM Logic and Implementation Guidance v6.0 (PDF)	Assists implementers and measured entities with how to use eCQMs and report issues 🔗	May 2022
Standards and tool versions used for reporting period	Tools and standards versions measure developers used to create eCQMs and versions of standards and tools used for their reporting 🔗	May 2022
2023 CMS QRDA I Implementation Guide for Hospital Quality Reporting (PDF)	Format for reporting eCQMs to CMS 🔗	Aug 2023
2023 CMS QRDA I Schematrons and Sample Files (ZIP)	Rules to validate eCQM reports with samples 🔗	Aug 2023
eCQM Annual Update Pre-Publication Document (PDF)	Standards and code system versions for the eCQM Annual Update 🔗	Mar 2022

https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh-cah?qt-tabs_eh=ecqm-resources&globalyearfilter=2023&global_measure_group=Hybrid-Measures

Use 2023 IG: Hybrid Measures/ CCDE Submission

- The IG for 2023 must be used for hybrid measure/CCDE for reporting 2023–2024 data.
 - Measurement period:
July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024
 - Submission deadline:
October 1, 2024
- Refer to Section 6:
Hybrid Measure/
CCDE Submission

**CMS Implementation Guide for
Quality Reporting Document Architecture
Category I
Hospital Quality Reporting
Implementation Guide for 2023**

Version 1.3
08/31/2023

CMS IG for QRDA Category I, Schematrons, and Sample Files are on the eCQI Resource Center:

https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh-cah?qt-tabs_eh=ecqm-resources&globalyearfilter=2023&global_measure_group=Hybrid-Measures

QualityNet

Claims-based specifications of the measures are located on the QualityNet website on these pages:

<https://qualitynet.cms.gov>

[Hospitals - Inpatient > Measures > Hybrid Measure > Methodology](#)

The screenshot shows the 'Methodology' page for the Hybrid Measure on the QualityNet website. The page has a blue header with the title 'Methodology' and a navigation menu with 'Overview', 'Methodology', 'Reports', and 'Resources'. The main content area is titled 'Hybrid Measure Methodology' and contains a paragraph explaining that the measure methodology for Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmission (HWR) and Hybrid Hospital-Wide Mortality (HWM) measures combines claims-based and electronic specifications. It also mentions that additional rationale is available in FAQs and fact sheets. Below this is a section for '2023 Hybrid Measure Claims-Based Updates' which includes a table of three documents with their file names, dates, types, sizes, and download links.

File Name	Date Posted	File Type	File Size	
2023 All-Cause Hospital-Wide Measure Updates and Specifications Report: Hospital-Wide Readmission	05/15/23	PDF	1 MB	Download
2023 Hospital-Wide Readmission Measure Code Specifications Supplemental File	05/15/23	XLSX	612 KB	Download
Present on Admission (POA)-Exempt Codes Considered Always POA for 2023	05/15/23	XLSX	835 KB	Download

Provides information on codes always considered to be POA for claims-based measures.

Hybrid Measures HSRs

- HSRs display detailed measure results, discharge-level data, and data submission requirements.
- As described in the CY 2025 OPPS [proposed rule](#), hospitals would continue to receive HSRs as a preview of public reporting (of the claims data portion of the measures). HSRs would reflect any CCDEs and linking variables, should hospitals choose to submit them.
- HSRs are available by logging into the HQR System.
 - Health Care Quality Information Systems Access Roles and Profile (HARP) account with Unified File Management (UFM) (formerly Managed File Transfer [MFT]) permission required.
 - Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/Op5RLKjix9Y>
- HSR User Guide on QualityNet:
<https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/measures/hybrid/reports>
- Contact Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) Service Center for assistance.

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HQR System Updates

Hybrid Measure HQR System Updates

- New Hybrid Measure User Roles/Permissions
- New Vendor Authorization
- New Measure Outcomes Tab

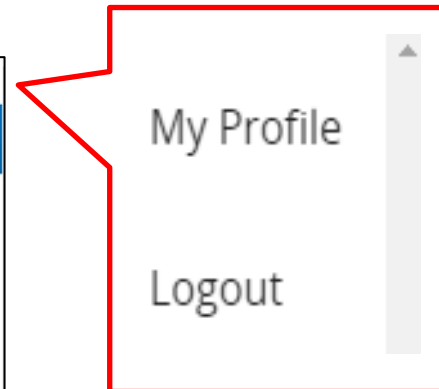
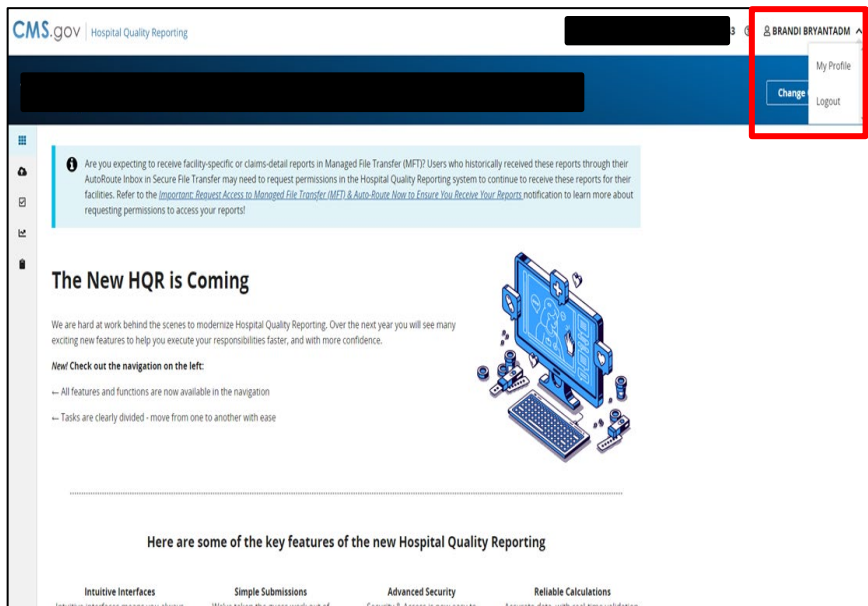
Hybrid Measures Permission

- Permission is now available in the *HQR Secure Portal*
 - Refer to the [May 1, 2024, Listserve.](#)
- Access Management:
 - Existing Users with the hybrid permission for eCQM will be updated automatically.
 - New Users will need to create an access request (under Data Submissions).
- A separate permission under Submission Results is no longer necessary and will not display.

Request Hybrid Measures Permission

New users will need to add the hybrid measures permission to view or upload/edit hybrid measure data.

1. From the landing page, click on Username in the top-right corner. Then, select My Profile.



Request Hybrid Measures Permission

2. Under your Organization, click on the three vertical dots and select Request Change in Access.


Organization Access Create Access Request

My Organizations | Access Requests


Here are the organizations to which you currently have access. Navigate to any organization's page by clicking on the organization's name. The "View Access" button allows you to view your permissions at that organization.

Search

Search

Organization	Organization ID	User Type	Status	
HSAG	A3ABM581	Basic	Active	View Access 

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Request Change in Access 

Request Hybrid Measures Permission

- Under Permissions and Data Submissions for **Hybrid Measures**, click Add under Program Access. A separate permission under Submission Results is no longer necessary and will not display.

Permissions	
Data Submissions	Program Access
Chart Abstracted	<i>IQR (View), IQR (Upload / Edit), OQR (View), OQR (Upload / Edit)</i> Edit
DACA	<i>IQR (View), IQR (Upload / Edit)</i> Edit
eCQM	<i>IQR (View), IQR (Upload / Edit), OQR (Upload / Edit), OQR (View), PI (View), PI (Upload / Edit)</i> Edit
HCAHPS (File Upload)	<i>IQR (View), IQR (Upload / Edit)</i> Edit
Hybrid measures	<i>None</i> Add
Patient-reported outcomes performance measure	<i>IQR (View), IQR (Upload / Edit)</i> Edit

Request Hybrid Measures Permission

- Next to the Hospital IQR Program, select your permission level. Then, click Apply & Close.

Permissions

Data Submissions Program Access

Chart Abstracted	<i>IQR (View), IQR (Upload / Edit), OQR (View), OQR (Upload / Edit)</i>			Edit
DACA				Edit
eCQM				Edit
HCAHPS (File Upload)				Edit
Hybrid measures				Add
Patient-reported outcomes per				Edit

Hybrid measures

Choose the programs and permission level that you need access to.

Program	No Access	View	Upload / Edit
Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Apply & Close Cancel

Request Hybrid Measures Permission

5. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click Review.

The screenshot displays a web interface for requesting hybrid measures permission. At the top, there is a 'Validation' section with a 'None' status and an 'Add' button. Below this is a table with the following structure:

Authorizations	Access
Auto-Route (IQR)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Auto-Route (OQR)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Managed File Transfer (MFT)	<input type="checkbox"/>
MFT CDAC Form (Requires MFT Access)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notice of Participation	None Add
PI Registration	None Add
Vendor Management	<input type="checkbox"/>

At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Back' and 'Review'. A red arrow points to the 'Review' button. The footer of the page includes the CMS.gov logo and the text 'Hospital Quality Reporting', along with links to 'CMS.gov', 'QualityNet', 'Support', and 'CCSQ Support Center'.

Request Hybrid Measures Permission

6. Review your Access Request for accuracy. Then, click Submit.

Permissions	
Data Submissions	Program Access
Chart Abstracted	<i>IQR (View), IQR (Upload / Edit), OQR (View), OQR (Upload / Edit)</i>
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Hybrid measures	<i>IQR (Upload / Edit)</i>
Patient-reported outcomes performance measure	<i>IQR (View), IQR (Upload / Edit)</i>

[Back](#) [Submit](#)



Request Hybrid Measures Permission

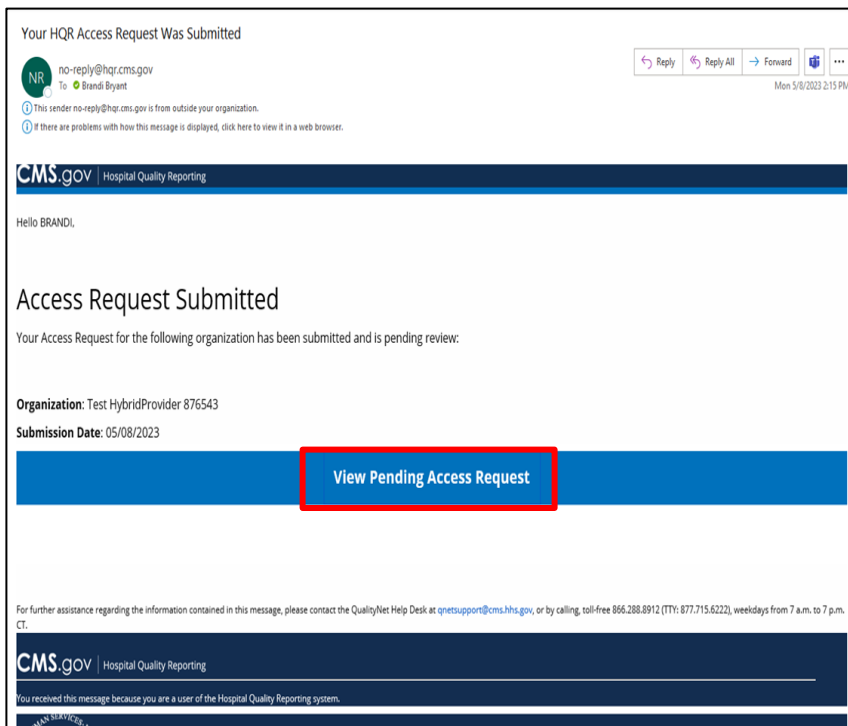
7. A green pop-up box will display indicating your Access Request was submitted successfully. The status will display as Pending.

The screenshot displays a user interface with a green notification box in the top right corner that reads "Access Request Submitted". Below the notification, there are links for "Update Password", "Update 2-Factor Authentication", and "Update Challenge Question". The main section is titled "Organization Access" and includes a "Create Access Request" button. A search bar is present, and a table lists several organizations with their respective IDs, user types, and statuses. The status for all listed organizations is "Pending". A red box highlights the "Pending" status and "View Request" button for the organization "Test HybridProvider 8765...".

Organization	Organization ID	User Type	Status	Action
ABC HOME CARE	237798	Security Official	Pending	View Request
COFFEE MEDICAL CENTER	44E335	Basic	Pending	View Request
PEACE HARBOR HOSPITAL	380013	Basic	Pending	View Request
Sample Provider 2	CO8002	Basic	Pending	View Request
Test HybridProvider 8765...	876543	Basic	Pending	View Request

Request Hybrid Measures Permission

- You will receive an email confirmation that your Access Request was submitted. Click View Pending Access Request to view your pending Access Request.



Basic	
Permissions	
Data Submissions	Program Access
Chart Abstracted	IQR (View), IQR (Upload / Edit), OQR (View), OQR (Upload / Edit)
DACA	IQR (View), IQR (Upload / Edit)
eCQM	IQR (View), IQR (Upload / Edit), OQR (Upload / Edit), OQR (View), PI (View), PI (Upload / Edit)
HCAHPS (File Upload)	IQR (View), IQR (Upload / Edit)
Hybrid measures	IQR (Upload / Edit)
Patient-reported outcomes performance measure	IQR (View), IQR (Upload / Edit)

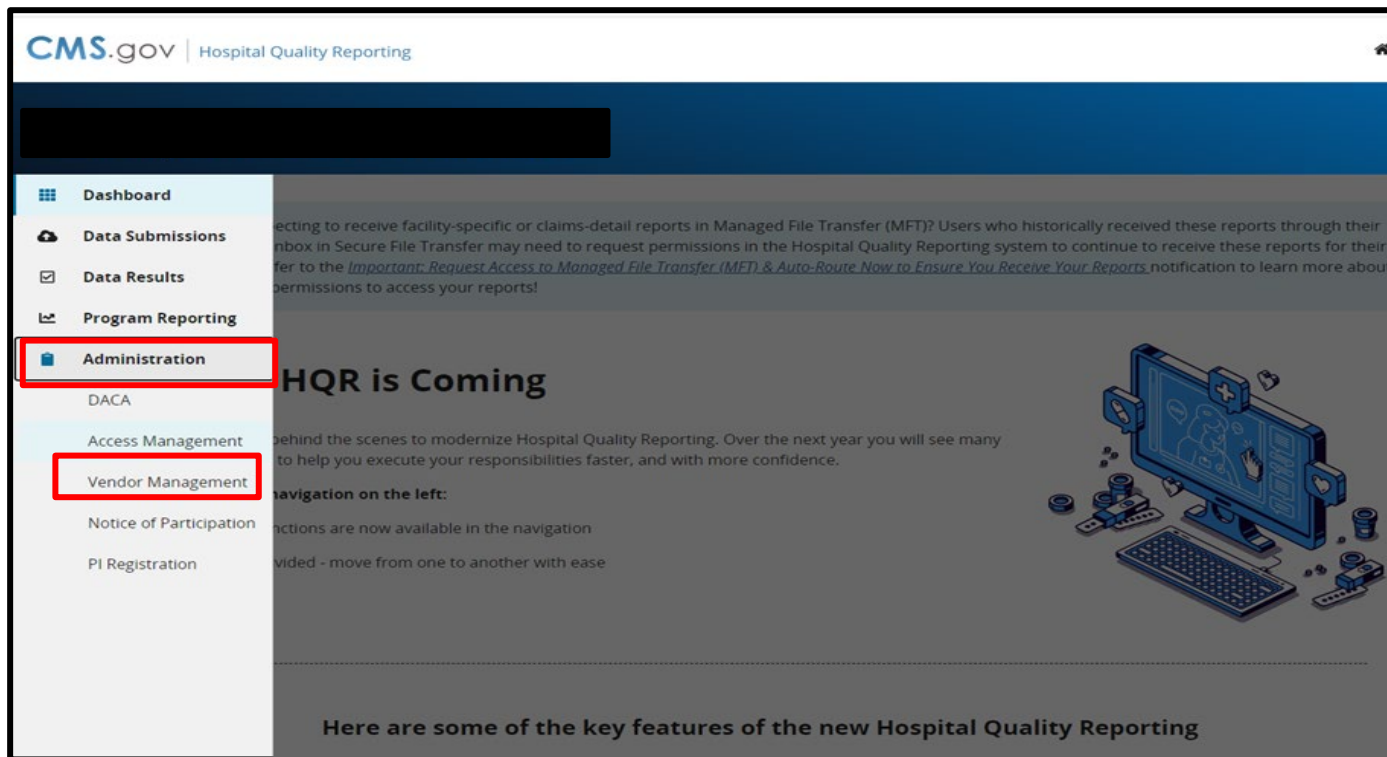
Hybrid Measures Vendor Authorization

- Now available in the *HQR Secure Portal*.
- Vendor Management: All existing and new vendors will require a new authorization to submit data on behalf of a hospital.
 - Existing vendors authorized to upload/edit hybrid measure under the eCQM permission will need a new authorization created.
- A separate permission under Submission Results is no longer necessary and will not display.

Complete Vendor Authorization

You will need to **reauthorize** your existing vendor(s).

1. From the landing page, Click Administration and Select Vendor Management.



Complete Vendor Authorization

2. Click the three vertical dots menu to allow the vendor to submit hybrid measure data on the hospital's behalf. Then, select Edit Access.

The screenshot shows the 'Vendor Management' interface. At the top, there is a 'Your Vendors' tab and a search bar. Below the search bar, there is a table with 2 vendors. The table has columns for 'Name', 'Vendor ID', and 'Status'. The first vendor is 'Active' and the second is also 'Active'. A red arrow points to the three vertical dots menu icon in the first row of the table.

Name	Vendor ID	Status
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Active
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Active

A callout box showing a dropdown menu with three options: 'Edit Access', 'Suspend User', and 'Remove User'. The 'Edit Access' option is highlighted with a red box.

Complete Vendor Authorization

3. Click Add under **Hybrid Measures** data submissions for Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR).

The screenshot displays the 'Vendor Management' interface. The main section is titled 'Assign Access' and shows a list of permissions under the heading 'Data Submissions'. The permissions are organized into categories: DACA, eCQM, and Hybrid measures. Each category lists specific data submissions and their current access level, with an 'Add' button available for each.

Category	Data Submission	Measure Access
DACA	Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)	None Add
	Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR)	None Add
eCQM	Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)	None Add
	Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR)	None Add
Hybrid measures	Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)	None Add


A red arrow points to the 'Add' button for the 'Hybrid measures' category, specifically for the 'Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)' data submission.

Complete Vendor Authorization

4. A pop-up box will display the Hybrid Measures set. Click Add for Hybrid Measures.

Data Submissions - Hybrid measures ✕ Close

By assigning IQR permissions, you are also assigning permission for File Accuracy (for the specified measure set only).

Measure Sets	Submission Date	Permission Level	Actions
Hybrid Measures	-	-	 Add

Apply & Close Cancel

Complete Vendor Authorization

5. Select a permission level of View or Upload/Edit. Complete the Submission Date fields. Click Confirm.

Data Submissions - Hybrid measures ✕ Close

By assigning IQR permissions, you are also assigning permission for File Accuracy (for the specified measure set only).

Measure Sets	Submission Date	Permission Level	Actions
Hybrid Measures	-	-	<button>Add</button>

Permissions

No Access Upload / Edit View

Submission Date

Start Date * **to** **End Date ***

Do not include an end date

Confirm Cancel

Apply & Close Cancel

Complete Vendor Authorization

6. Click Apply & Close. For additional changes, Click Edit and then Click Apply & Close.

Data Submissions - Hybrid measures ✕ Close

By assigning IQR permissions, you are also assigning permission for File Accuracy (for the specified measure set only).

Measure Sets	Submission Date	Permission Level	Actions
Hybrid Measures	07-01-2024 - 10-01-2024	Upload / Edit	Edit

Apply & Close Cancel

Complete Vendor Authorization

7. Hybrid measure permissions will now appear for Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR). Click Review at the bottom of the page.

The screenshot displays a user interface for vendor authorization. It is divided into two main sections: 'eCQM' and 'Hybrid measures'. The 'eCQM' section lists 'Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)' and 'Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR)', both with 'None' under 'Measure Access' and an 'Add' button. The 'Hybrid measures' section is highlighted with a red border and lists 'Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)' with 'Hybrid Measures' under 'Measure Access' and an 'Edit' button. At the bottom, there are 'Cancel' and 'Review' buttons, with a red arrow pointing to the 'Review' button.

Section	Measure	Measure Access	Action
eCQM	Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)	None	Add
	Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR)	None	Add
Hybrid measures	Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)	Hybrid Measures	Edit

Buttons: [Cancel](#) [Review](#)

Complete Vendor Authorization

8. Click Save & Close.

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Section	Measure	Measure Access	Action
eCQM	Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)	None	Add
	Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR)	None	Add
Hybrid measures	Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)	Hybrid Measures Upload / Edit	Edit

Back **Save & Close** ←

Hybrid Measure Outcomes Tab

- Available in the *HQR Secure Portal* under Data Results.
 - Refer to the [November 29, 2023, Listserve](#).
 - Hybrid Measure permission needed to view outcomes
- Test or Production File submissions available.
- Hospital IQR Program submission requirements will display on the Hybrid HSR and are not calculated within the HQR System.

Hybrid Measure Outcomes Tab

1. To review the Initial Patient Population status for each episode of care, click on the Outcomes tab under Data Results.

The screenshot displays a software interface with a sidebar on the left and a main content area on the right. The sidebar contains several menu items: Dashboard, Data Submissions, Data Results (with a checkmark), Chart Abstracted, eCQM, HCAHPS, Hybrid Measures (highlighted with a red box), Population & Sampling, Program Reporting, and Administration. The main content area has a top navigation bar with three tabs: Files, Accuracy, and Outcomes (highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it). Below the tabs, the section is titled 'Submission Results'. The text below the title reads: 'Below you'll find the files you uploaded. You can export submission results as a CSV. Participation in the voluntary reporting periods will not impact the 2024 or 2025 annual payment determination or be publicly reported. Data submitted for the July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 reporting period will impact the 2026 annual payment determination and be publicly reported.' There are three dropdown menus: 'Submission Type' (with 'Select' in the box), 'Quarter' (with 'Select' in the box), and 'Measure' (with 'Select' in the box). A 'Select' button is located at the bottom of the dropdown menus. On the right side of the main content area, there is a partial view of a card titled 'All Hyl'.

Hybrid Measure Outcomes Tab

2. Confirm your selections for Submission type, Quarter, and Measure(s). Then, click Select.

Submission Results

Below you'll find the files you uploaded. You can export submission results as a CSV.

Participation in the voluntary reporting periods will not impact the 2024 or 2025 annual payment determination or be publicly reported.

Data submitted for the July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 reporting period will impact the 2026 annual payment determination and be publicly reported.

Submission Type	Quarter
Test	Q2 2023

Measure

Hybrid HWM

[Select](#)

HWM

58

Episodes

0
IPP Not Met <i>i</i>
58
IPP Met

[Learn about Initial Patient Population \(IPP\) requirements](#)

To meet participation requirements, for Medicare FFS patients ages 65 - 94, submit all listed:

- [linking variables](#) for at least 95% of discharges
- [vital signs](#) for at least 90% of discharges
- [lab test results](#) for at least 90% of discharges in non-surgical divisions

Whether you've met participation requirements is calculated outside of the HQR site. To see if you've met the requirements, check your next Hybrid Hospital-Specific Report.

Hybrid Measure Outcomes Tab

3. Click on a card for a closer review of the submitted files that will display below. (The card will display a purple banner.)

Submission Type: Test
Quarter: Q2 2023
Measure: Hybrid HWM
[Select](#)

HWM
58
Episodes

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IPP Not Met ⓘ

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IPP Met

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Search
Search [Reset](#) [Export Results](#)

Patient File	Measure	Admissions	Batch	Upload Date	
Submit GB Hybrid Q2 2023/170191_Z1420636_E1460...	Hybrid HWM*		1	4317984	09/21/2023
Submit GB Hybrid Q2 2023/170191_Z16166_E56424.x...	Hybrid HWM*		1	4317984	09/21/2023

Hybrid Measure Outcomes Tab

4. After you click on the Export Results button, a CSV file will display.

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC
1	Submitter	Uploaded	Patient ID	Batch ID	Upload Date	Admission C	Discharge C	Patient Fil	Submissic	Measure I	Feedback	Message	Measure C	Case ID	Heart Rate	Systolic Bl	Respirator	Temperat	Oxygen Sa	Weight	Hematochr	Platelet	White Blo	Potassium	Sodium	Bicarbona	Creatinin	Glucose
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3	1								Submit	GETEST	HWM			Core Clini	74	153		98.9	100		33.2	9.7	6		137	28	1.32	
4	1								Submit	GETEST	HWM			Core Clini	66	60		94.6	95		42.9	11.1	7		138	21	1.18	
5	1								Submit	GETEST	HWM			Core Clini	80	84		97.7	95		38.4	12.5	3.4		132	20	3.7	
6	1								Submit	GETEST	HWM			Core Clini	81	156		97.7	98		35.5	8.5	9.2		135	28	0.99	
7	1								Submit	GETEST	HWM			Core Clini	88	94		96.9	95		22.5	8.9	11.6		130	32	1.35	
8	1								Submit	GETEST	HWM			Core Clini	91	122		96.9	89		43.2	12.2	8.2		154	29	0.84	

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Frequently Asked Questions

Frequently Asked Question #1

Q: Is CMS making changes to the measures or program requirements based on feedback received during 2024 voluntary reporting?

A: Yes. As with all quality measures, CMS listens to feedback, as well as evaluates the measures and data each year. In the CY 2025 OPPS proposed rule, CMS is proposing to extend voluntary reporting of the CCDEs and linking variables for both the Hybrid HWR and Hybrid HWM measures for the performance period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, impacting the FY 2026 payment determination for the Hospital IQR Program.

Frequently Asked Question #2

Q: When does CMS plan to publicly report hybrid measure data results?

A: Public reporting of hybrid measure data will begin with the July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, reporting period, for the July 2025 release. In the CY 2025 OPPS [proposed rule](#), CMS is proposing to only use claims and administrative data to calculate the measures for public reporting.

Frequently Asked Question #3

Q: How will we know when confidential reports are available in spring 2025?

A: CMS expects to release hybrid HSRs to hospitals in the spring following the submission deadline. CMS will distribute an announcement when HSRs are released.

Sign up for Listserve notifications at <https://qualitynet.cms.gov/listserve-signup>.

Frequently Asked Question #4

Q: How can I view my hospital's confidential hybrid HSRs?

A: Once CMS announces HSRs are available, you may log into the HQR System (<https://hqr.cms.gov/hqrng/login>) with your HARP account. You will need the UFM/MFT permission assigned to your role to view the HSR. For additional guidance, view the following tutorial video: <https://youtu.be/Op5RLKjix9Y>

Frequently Asked Question #5

Q: Will a sample hybrid measure HSR be available for hospitals that did not participate in 2024 voluntary reporting?

A: Yes. Like the IQR claims-based measures, mock hybrid HSRs and accompanying HSR User Guides are posted on QualityNet on the [Hybrid Measures Hospital-Specific Reports page](#).

Frequently Asked Question #6

Q: Do we need to submit two separate files that contain similar data points?

A: No. The submission of CCDEs for the hybrid measures is like eCQM data submissions. All the CCDEs and linking variables for each hybrid measure should be submitted in one QRDA Category I file. Each QRDA Category I file should contain all CCDEs for each patient meeting the initial patient population criteria for both hybrid hospital-wide readmission and mortality measures. Submit one QRDA Category I file per patient, per quarter, inclusive of the data relevant for both hybrid measures.

eCQM and Hybrid Measure Support Resources

Topic	Contact
HQR System, Health Care Quality Information Systems Access Roles and Profile, vendor roles, uploading files, reports, troubleshooting file errors	<p>CCSQ Service Center (866) 288-8912 QNetSupport@cms.hhs.gov</p>
Medicare Promoting Interoperability (attestation, objectives, policy, hardship)	<p>Quality Question and Answer Tool https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_ga</p>
Hospital IQR Program and Policy	<p>Hospital Inpatient Support Team (844) 472-4477 https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_ga</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> eCQM specifications (code sets, measure logic, measure intent) QRDA-related questions (CMS Implementation Guide, Sample Files and Schematrons) Hybrid measures – Technical (specifications, logic, value sets, QRDA) 	<p>ONC Jira Issue Trackers eCQM Issue Tracker https://oncprojecttracking.healthit.gov/support/projects/CQM/summary QRDA Issue Tracker https://oncprojecttracking.healthit.gov/support/projects/QRDA/summary CMS Hybrid Measure Issue Tracker https://oncprojecttracking.healthit.gov/support/browse/CHM</p>
Hybrid Measures – Non-Technical (policy, measure methodology)	<p>Yale New Haven Health Services Corporation/ Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_ga</p>
eCQM Data Validation	<p>Validation Support Team (validation@telligen.com)</p>

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