



IPFQR Program FY 2025 APU Reconsideration Process

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Acronyms

APU	Annual Payment Update
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
DACA	Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement
FY	fiscal year
HBIPS	Hospital-Based Inpatient Psychiatric Service
HCP	healthcare personnel
IPF	inpatient psychiatric facility
IPFQR	Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Quality Reporting
NHSN	National Healthcare Safety Network
NOP	Notice of Participation
PRRB	Provider Reimbursement Review Board
Q	quarter
SUB	Substance Use
TOB	Tobacco Use

Purpose

The purpose of today's presentation is to provide information regarding the CMS IPFQR Program annual payment update (APU) reconsideration process for fiscal year (FY) 2025.

Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Identify the IPFQR Program requirements.
- Understand the APU reconsideration process.
- File a Reconsideration Request Form with CMS.

FY 2025 IPFQR Program Reporting Requirements

- Pledge a status of Participating in the IPFQR Program Notice of Participation (NOP).
- Submit the following quality measure and non-measure data:
 - Quarters (Q)1–4 2023 COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (COVID HCP) measure data to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)
 - Hospital-Based Inpatient Psychiatric Services (HBIPS)-2 and HBIPS-3
 - Substance Use (SUB)-2/-2a, -3/3a
 - Tobacco Use (TOB)-3/-3a
 - Influenza Immunization (IMM)-2
 - Transition Record with Specified Elements Received by Discharged Patients (TR-1)
 - Screening for Metabolic Disorders (SMD)
 - Facility-level non-measure data
- Complete Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement (DACA).

FY 2025 IPF Payment Decisions

To participate in the IPFQR Program and qualify to receive the full FY 2025 APU, eligible IPFs must have met the requirements below.

- **Submitted COVID HCP measure data to the NHSN by the quarterly deadlines:**

Collection Quarter (Q)/Dates	Submission Deadline
Q1 2023 / Jan 1–Mar 31, 2023	August 15, 2023
Q2 2023 / April 1–June 30, 2023	November 15, 2023
Q3 2023 / July 1–September 30, 2023	February 15, 2024
Q4 2023 / October 1–December 31, 2023	May 15, 2024

- **Completed the following requirements by August 15, 2024:**
 - Have an IPFQR Program Notice of Participation status of Participating.
 - Submitted measure and non-measure data.
 - Completed the Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement.

APU Status Notifications

- Notification letters were sent on **September 10, 2024**, to facilities that did not meet one or more of the program requirements.
- Reconsideration Request Forms for decisions are due to CMS **30 days** from the date on the APU decision letter.
- Notifications of APU reconsideration decisions will be sent by CMS to facilities filing a reconsideration approximately 90 days after the Reconsideration Request Form is submitted.

APU Reconsideration Process on QualityNet

An overview of the APU reconsideration process for the IPFQR Program is available on the **APU Reconsideration** page on QualityNet:
<https://www.qualitynet.org/ipf/ipfqr/apu#tab2>

APU Reconsideration Process on QualityNet



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- In the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program box, click the **Learn more** button.
- Click on **APU** in the top menu. Then, select **APU Reconsideration**.
- You will see the overview page for the IPFQR Program APU reconsideration process for FY 2025.

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APU Recipients

APU Reconsideration

Reconsideration Request

- Provide the CMS-identified reason(s) why the facility did not meet the APU requirement.
- Specify your reason(s) for believing the facility did meet the quality reporting program requirement(s) and should receive the full APU.
- Include any supporting information or documentation by attaching a PDF file with your completed APU Reconsideration Request Form.
- Submit the Reconsideration Request Form via one of the methods listed below.
 - *Hospital Quality Reporting Secure Portal* Managed File Transfer and the QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com email address
 - Secure fax to (877) 789-4443
 - Email to QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com

Provider Reimbursement Review Board (PRRB) Appeal

- If a facility is dissatisfied with the result of the CMS APU reconsideration determination, the facility may file a PRRB appeal.
- An appeal:
 - Can only be submitted after the facility has submitted a request for reconsideration and received a decision on the request.
 - Can be submitted up to 180 days following the IPF reconsideration notification date.
- Details about the PRRB appeal process can be found on the CMS website: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Review-Boards/PRRBReview/index>

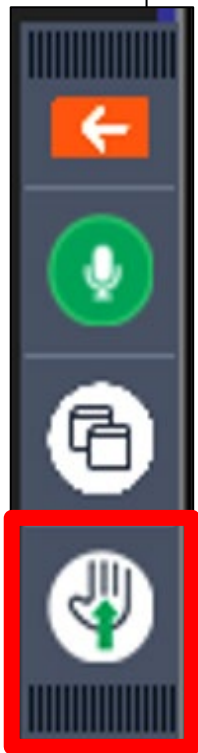
Questions

- Questions regarding the APU reconsideration process go to the National Support Team for the IPFQR Program at InpatientSupport@hsag.com or (844) 472-4477.
- If you have questions about a reconsideration request that you have already submitted, please reach out to Reconsideration@cms.hhs.org.
- Additional questions about the IPFQR Program go to Inpatient and Outpatient Healthcare Quality Systems Development and Program Support:
https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_qa?id=ask_a_question

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