



# **Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program: FY 2026 Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS) Final Rule**

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# Purpose

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This presentation will summarize updates to the IPFQR Program as outlined in the fiscal year (FY) 2026 IPF PPS final rule.

# Objectives

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Participants will be able to explain updates to the IPFQR Program per the FY 2026 IPF PPS final rule.

# Acronyms

<b>CBE</b>	Consensus-Based Entity	<b>IPF</b>	inpatient psychiatric facility
<b>CMS</b>	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	<b>IPFQR</b>	Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting
<b>CY</b>	calendar year	<b>IPF ED VISIT</b>	30-Day Risk-Standardized All-Cause Emergency Department Visit Following an IPF Discharge
<b>ECE</b>	Extraordinary Circumstances Exception	<b>PPS</b>	Prospective Payment System
<b>FCHE</b>	Facility Commitment to Health Equity	<b>RFI</b>	Request for Information
<b>FHIR®</b>	Fast Health Interoperability Resources	<b>SDOH</b>	Social Drivers of Health
<b>FY</b>	fiscal year		

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## **Finalized Policy Updates and Requests for Information**

# FY 2026 IPF PPS Final Rule

- The FY 2026 IPF PPS final rule was published on August 5, 2025, in the [Federal Register](#).
- Updates to the IPFQR Program begin on page 37654.
- Input on Requests for Information (RFI):
  - Potential Future IPF Star Rating System: Page 37662
  - Future Measure Concepts on Topics of Well-being and Nutrition: Page 37664
  - Digital Quality Measurement Strategy – Potential Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®)-Based Reporting of Patient Assessment Data: Page 37665

# IPFQR Final Rule Summary

- Modification of the Reporting Period for the 30-Day Risk-Standardized All-Cause Emergency Department Visit Following an IPF Discharge Measure (IPF ED Visit Measure)
- Removal of four measures:
  - Facility Commitment to Health Equity
  - Screening for Social Drivers of Health (SDOH)
  - Screen Positive Rate for SDOH
  - COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel
- Update to the Extraordinary Circumstances Exception (ECE) Policy
- Input received on the following RFIs:
  - Potential Future IPF Star Rating System
  - Future Measure Topics – Well-being and Nutrition
  - Digital Quality Measurement Strategy – Potential FHIR-Based Reporting of Patient Assessment Data

# Finalized: Modification of the Reporting Period of IPF ED Visit Measure

- CMS finalized the modified reporting period of the IPF ED Visit measure:
  - To begin Quarter 3 2025–Quarter 2 2027 (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2027) for the FY 2029 payment determination.
- This is a claims-based measure, and there is no additional data collection burden or submission by IPFs.



# Finalized: Measure Removals

CMS finalized the following measures for removal beginning with the FY 2026 payment determination:

- Facility Commitment to Health Equity
- COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel

CMS finalized the following measures for removal beginning with the calendar year (CY) 2024 voluntary reporting period:

- Screening for SDOH
- Screen Positive Rate for SDOH

# Finalized: Update to the ECE Policy

- CMS finalized the updated ECE policy to explicitly include extensions as a type of relief that CMS may grant in the event of an extraordinary circumstance.
  - CMS also codified the process for requesting or granting an ECE.
- CMS finalized the change to the timeframe that an IPF may request an ECE to 60 days, from the current 90 days.
  - In the proposed rule, CMS proposed shortening this timeframe to 30 days, but finalized a change to 60 days based on public comment.

# Summarized: Requests for Information

- Summarized input on Requests for Information (RFI):
  - Potential Future IPF Star Rating System
  - Future Measure Concepts on Topics of Well-being and Nutrition
  - Digital Quality Measurement Strategy – Potential FHIR-Based Reporting of Patient Assessment Data

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## **IPFQR Program Measures for FY 2028**

# Measures for FY 2028 Payment Determination

Reporting Period	Measure ID	Measure
Required		
Q1 2026–Q4 2026	HBIPS-2	Hospital-based Inpatient Psychiatric Services Hours of Physical Restraint Use
Q1 2026–Q4 2026	HBIPS-3	Hospital-based Inpatient Psychiatric Services Hours of Seclusion Use
Q3 2025–Q2 2026	FAPH	Follow-Up After Psychiatric Hospitalization
Q1 2026–Q4 2026	SUB-2/2a	Alcohol Use Brief Intervention Provided or Offered and SUB-2a Alcohol Use Brief Intervention
Q1 2026–Q4 2026	SUB-3/3a	Alcohol and Other Drug Use Disorder Treatment Provided or Offered at Discharge and SUB-3a Alcohol and Other Drug Use Disorder Treatment at Discharge
Q1 2026–Q4 2026	TOB-3/3a	Tobacco Use Treatment Provided or Offered at Discharge and TOB-3a Tobacco Use Treatment at Discharge
Q4 2026–Q1 2027	IMM-2	Influenza Immunization
Q1 2026–Q4 2026	TR-1	Transition Record with Specified Elements Received by Discharged Patients (Discharges from an Inpatient Facility to Home/Self Care or Any Other Site of Care)

# Measures for FY 2028

## Payment Determination (continued)

Reporting Period	Measure ID	Measure
<b>Required</b>		
Q1 2026–Q4 2026	SMD	Screening for Metabolic Disorders
Q3 2024–Q2 2026	IPF Unplanned Readmission	Thirty-Day All-Cause Unplanned Readmission Following Psychiatric Hospitalization in an Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
Q3 2024–Q2 2026	Med Cont	Medication Continuation Following Inpatient Psychiatric Discharge
Q1 2026–Q4 2026	PIX	Psychiatric Inpatient Experience Survey

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## **IPFQR Program Measures for FY 2029**

# FY 2029 Payment Determination Measure Set

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Required		
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Q1 2027–Q4 2027	HBIPS-3	Hospital-based Inpatient Psychiatric Services Hours of Seclusion Use
Q3 2026–Q2 2027	FAPH	Follow-Up After Psychiatric Hospitalization
Q1 2027–Q4 2027	SUB-2/2a	Alcohol Use Brief Intervention Provided or Offered and SUB-2a Alcohol Use Brief Intervention
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# FY 2029 Payment Determination Measure Set (continued)

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