Subject: Now Available: Updated 2023 CMS QRDA I Implementation Guide (IG) and Schematron for Hospital Quality Reporting

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has published an update to the 2023 CMS Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category I Implementation Guide (IG) and Schematron for Hospital Quality Reporting. This is an update to the IG version 1.1 published in January 2023.

The 2023 CMS QRDA I IG outlines requirements for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) to report electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs) for the calendar year 2023 reporting period for these programs:

- Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program
- Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program
- Outpatient Quality Reporting Program (voluntary)

Changes to the 2023 CMS QRDA I IG include:

- Updated Section 5.1.2 recordTarget to relax requirements for patient telephone number and patient email added to version 1.1.

Changes to the 2023 CMS QRDA I schematron file:

- Conformance statements requiring patient telephone number and patient email added to version 1.1 have been relaxed to SHOULD statements.

Additional QRDA-Related Resources:

- To find out more about QRDA and eCQMs, visit the Electronic Clinical Quality Improvement (eCQI) Resource Center.
- For questions related to the QRDA IGs and/or Schematrons, visit the ONC Project Tracking System (Jira) QRDA project.
- See the QRDA Known Issues Dashboard for solutions under development for both QRDA I and III known technical issues. These known issues supplement the information in QRDA IGs and other supporting documents.