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Subject: **NOTICE: IQR 2Q 2024 Population and Sampling Data Due November 4, 2024**

The purpose of this email is to notify hospitals that the second quarter (2Q) 2024 Population and Sampling data submission deadline for hospitals participating in the Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program is **November 4, 2024,** at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) encourages all participating hospitals to submit data well prior to the deadline to allow time to address any submission issues.

All Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) hospitals participating in the IQR Program must submit Population and Sampling data in order to meet IQR requirements. Population and Sampling must be submitted using the web-based data entry tool or by submission of an XML file, through the *Hospital Quality Reporting Secure Portal*.

Hospitals must submit the quarterly aggregate Medicare and Non-Medicare Population and Sample counts for the required IQR measure sets, i.e., Sepsis, to qualify to receive their full Annual Payment Update. Please see the Q2 2024 Hospital IQR Checklist for further information. This document is available on the *Quality Reporting Center* website (*www.qualityreportingcenter.com* > *Inpatient* > *Hospital IQR Program* > *Resources and Tools* > *IQR Resources for FY 2026 Payment Determination*).

To verify the status of your population and sampling data submission, you may run your Provider Participation Report and the Population and Sampling Reports.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Verify that your Sepsis population sizes reflects only the Sepsis Initial Patient Population and not your hospitals total or global population.

HOSPITAL CONTACT INFORMATION: To ensure your hospital receives critical communications about meeting the requirements of the IQR Program (and other CMS quality reporting programs), including submission-deadline reminders and program updates, it is important that we have the complete contact information for the key roles at your hospital. Updates to your contact information can be submitted, if needed, using the Hospital Contact Form. This document is available on the *Quality Reporting Center* website (*www.qualityreportingcenter.com* > *Inpatient* > *Hospital IQR Program* > *Resources and Tools* > *Forms*).

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