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Hospital-Specific Reports (HSRs) for the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program re-evaluated Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary (MSPB) Hospital measure were delivered on **Friday, October 25, 2024**.

Performance Period and Discharge Period

The HSRs provide Hospital IQR Program re-evaluated MSPB Hospital measure rates for the January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 performance period. This performance period is associated with the FY 2025 Hospital IQR Program. To ensure that all episodes include spending data occurring during the 30 days after discharge, only episodes during which hospital discharge occurred between January 1, 2023 and December 1, 2023 were included in the Hospital IQR Program re-evaluated MSPB Hospital measure for this period. Hospital inpatient claims from this period were used to identify inpatient hospital admissions (“index admissions”) eligible for establishing MSPB episodes.

Accessing the HSR

Hospitals can download their HSRs directly from the [Hospital Quality Reporting \(HQR\) system](#) (login required). You can follow the steps below on how to access your HSR via the HQR system, and can also view [this brief instructional video](#) on how to download your reports.

Step 1: Log into the HQR System using a HARP account

- The HQR System requires users to have a Health Care Quality Improvement System (HCQIS) Access Roles and a Profile (HARP) account with access to Managed File Transfer to log in. If you currently have a HARP account, visit the [HQR login page](#) and log in using your HARP user ID and password. If you do not have a HARP account, you may [register for a HARP ID](#).

Step 2: Access your HSR in HQR

- Log into the HQR system using your HARP ID credentials and navigate through the steps listed below to download your HSR
 - From the left-hand navigation menu, select Program Reporting.
 - Then select Measure Details.
 - Here, you can view your HSRs.
 - Select the release year for your report (e.g., 2024), followed by the program in which you are interested (e.g., Hospital IQR Program). Under Report, you can see the list of files available for download (e.g., Hospital IQR Program re-evaluated MSPB Hospital HSRs [October]).
 - To download a file, select Export, and the file will be downloaded through

your browser. Once downloaded, open the ZIP file to view your site's information.

If you have any issues accessing your HSR, please contact the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) Service Center at qnetsupport@cms.hhs.gov, or by calling, toll free, (866) 288-8912 (TRS 711), weekdays from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm ET. For questions related to HARP registration, please visit the [HARP Help page](#) or contact qnetsupport@cms.hhs.gov.

Review and Correction Period Requests

CMS gives hospitals 30 days to review their Hospital IQR Program re-evaluated MSPB Hospital measure data, submit questions about their result calculations as needed, and request a correction if a calculation error is identified. This is known as the Review and Corrections period. The review and correction period for Hospital IQR Program re-evaluated MSPB Hospital measure HSRs begins Monday, October 28, 2024, and ends at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time (PT) on Monday, November 26, 2024. Please note the Hospital IQR Program review and corrections period does **not** allow hospitals to submit corrections related to the underlying claims data, nor to add new claims to the data extract used to calculate results. The HSRs are designed to provide hospitals with the opportunity to review measure results, check discharge data used in the calculation of the claims-based measure, and validate their results.

Review and correction period requests can be submitted through the [QualityNet Question and Answer Tool](#) by clicking on the 'Ask a Question' tab. When submitting the request, select Inpatient Claims-Based Measures from the Program drop-down menu. Then, select Review & Correction Request from the Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary (MSPB) topic drop-down menu. In the subject line, type FY 2025 Hospital IQR Program Re-evaluated MSPB Hospital Measure HSR Review and Correction Request. In the text box, include your hospital's CMS Certification Number (CCN) and your question or request for correction.

Note: Do not email HSR files or their contents. HSRs contain discharge-level data that are protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Any disclosure of protected health information (PHI) or personal identifiable information (PII) should only be in accordance with, and to the extent permitted by, the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules and other applicable law.

Available Resources

To enable providers to validate the results in their HSRs, hospitals will also receive three supplementary hospital-specific data files in CSV format related to the Hospital IQR Program re-evaluated MSPB Hospital measure for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023:

- (i) An *index admission* file presents all inpatient admissions for a hospital in which a beneficiary was discharged during the period of performance.
- (ii) An *episode* file helps identify specific episodes of care as well as the type of care provided in that episode.
- (iii) The *beneficiary risk score* file helps the provider characterize its case mix.

CMS also provides an HSR User Guide to help hospitals understand the results in their HSRs. This includes descriptions of the data tables in the HSR and descriptions of the supplementary hospital-

specific data files that accompany the HSRs for the Hospital IQR Program re-evaluated MSPB Hospital measure.

Additional information regarding the Hospital IQR Program re-evaluated MSPB Hospital measure methodology and calculation is available on the [QualityNet Hospital IQR Program Re-Evaluated MSPB Hospital Measure Methodology webpage](#), and more information on the HSRs are available on the [QualityNet Hospital IQR Program Re-Evaluated MSPB Hospital-Specific Reports webpage](#).

Resources

If you have questions regarding the Hospital IQR Program re-evaluated MSPB Hospital measure, please submit them to the [QualityNet Question and Answer Tool](#) by clicking on the ‘Ask a Question’ tab, and selecting ‘Inpatient Claims-Based Measures’ from the ‘Program’ drop-down menu and ‘Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary (MSPB)’ from the ‘Topic’ drop-down menu. You can utilize the following associated program and topic selections when submitting your questions through the tool:

Question Topic	Program Selection	Topic Selection
MSPB Measure Methodology	Inpatient Claims-Based Measures	Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary (MSPB) > Measure Methodology
Data or Calculations in the HSR	Inpatient Claims-Based Measures	Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary (MSPB) > Question About Results
Request to Resend HSR	Inpatient Claims-Based Measures	Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary (MSPB) > Request for Hospital-Specific Report
Review and Correction Request	Inpatient Claims-Based Measures	Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary (MSPB) > Review & Correction Request