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Announcement from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS):

The Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) System is now accepting submissions for the Voluntary Reporting of the *Patient-Reported Outcome-based Performance Measure (PRO-PM) Following an Elective Primary Total Hip Arthroplasty (THA) and/or Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA)*.

- THA/TKA PRO-PM reporting year 2025 Post-Op submissions includes procedures performed between January 1, 2023 and June 30, 2023. The corresponding data collection period was between October 28, 2023, and August 28, 2024.
- THA/TKA PRO-PM reporting year 2026 Pre-Op submissions includes procedures performed between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. The corresponding data collection period was between April 2, 2023 and June 30, 2024.

You can submit data for this measure by logging into the HQR System, navigating to **Data Submissions**, and uploading your file via File Upload or using the Data Form on the PRO-PM tab. The HQR System will accept CSV, XML, and manual data entry files.

This video includes step by step directions to submit THA/TKA PRO-PM data in HQR:

<https://youtu.be/luvNCbTIKu0?si=wDguz1BBhdPS6RkQ>

Data submission templates and resources are located on QualityNet under Technical Specifications:

https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/measure/THA_TKA/resources

Submissions for THA/TKA PRO-PM will close at 11:59 PT on September 30, 2024.

Voluntary Reporting THA/TKA PRO-PM Details

CMS is asking hospitals that participate in the Hospital IQR Program to voluntarily submit data on Medicare Fee-for-Service patients aged 65 and older at the start of an inpatient admission with an elective primary THA/TKA. THA/TKA PRO-PM uses submitted patient-reported outcome (PRO) data, including patient-reported pain and function, as well as patient-or provider-reported risk variables, which are then linked to Medicare administrative claims data.

There is no financial impact for hospitals that do not submit data on this measure during the Voluntary Reporting periods. The measure results for 2025 Post-Op and 2026 Pre-Op submissions will not be publicly reported. However, during Voluntary Reporting, CMS will publicly report information on (1) hospitals' participation in Voluntary Reporting and (2) patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) response rates.

Data submission for this measure will become mandatory for all hospitals participating in the Hospital IQR Program beginning with reporting year 2027, which includes eligible procedures between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, Pre-Op data submitted in 2025, and Post-Op data submitted in 2026. This data will impact Fiscal Year (FY) 2028 payment determination for the Hospital IQR Program, and measure results will be publicly reported. Details about the THA/TKA PRO-PM implementation timeline can be found on [QualityNet](#).

Hospitals participating in the 2025 and 2026 Voluntary Reporting periods will:

- Use the available data collection and submission resources available on QualityNet:
https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/measures/THA_TKA/resources
- Receive publicly reported information on hospital participation and patient-reported outcome measure (PROM) response rates during Voluntary Reporting
- Receive a confidential Hospital-Specific Report (HSR) in 2025 (inclusive of information on preoperative and postoperative data)

More information on the THA/TKA PRO-PM methodology is available on the THA/TKA Methodology page of the QualityNet website. Measure

implementation, data collection, and data submission resources can be found on the [Resources](#) page.

Preparing to Submit THA/TKA PRO-PM Data to the HQR System

All hospitals and third parties (such as vendors or registries) participating in the voluntary reporting of the THA/TKA PRO-PM will need the necessary HQR user role permissions and vendor access to view, upload, and edit their data.

Contact Information

- For questions about the measure specifications and implementation of the THA/TKA PRO-PM, please submit a ticket to the [CMS Quality Question and Answer Tool](#) by selecting IQR- Inpatient Quality Reporting under Program and Hip/Knee PRO-PM under Topic.
- For questions regarding the HQR System, including questions regarding user roles, reports, data upload, and troubleshooting file errors, please contact the [Center for Clinical Standards and Quality Service Center Service Center](#) at (866) 288-8912 or QNetSupport@cms.hhs.gov.
- For further assistance regarding the Hospital IQR Program and policy information contained in this message, please contact the Inpatient Value, Incentives, and Quality Reporting Outreach and Education Support Contractor at https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_ga or (844) 472-4477.

As the HQR System continues to improve, any changes will be communicated.

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