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

The Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) System is now accepting XML test file submissions for the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) program. You can now submit a test XML file to ensure that the format meets the requirements for FY 2026 submissions that begin on July 1, 2025.

Please note:

- Test XML file uploads are considered practice, **will not** be calculated, and do not count toward the data submission requirements for the IPFQR Program.
- **Only** test files will be accepted for IPF patient-level records. Neither test nor production facility-level (FLD) XML files will be accepted.

You can submit a test file by logging into the [HQR System](#), navigating to **Data Submissions**, and uploading your file via File Upload or the Chart-Abstracted tab. For additional guidance, please refer to the following webinars:

- [*IPFQR Program: Keys to Successful FY 2025 Reporting*](#)
- Please refer to this educational event as a reference. The *Keys to Successful FY 2026 Reporting* webinar will be held in Summer 2025.

- [Navigating the IPF Module in the CMS Abstraction & Reporting Tool \(CART\)](#)

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

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