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Reporting and Performance Periods

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has updated the <u>Electronic Clinical</u> <u>Quality Measure (eCQM) Data Element Repository (DERep)</u> to provide information on eCQMs used in CMS quality reporting and incentive programs for the calendar year (CY) 2026 reporting and performance periods.

The eCQM DERep provides clarification, definition, and clinical focus for data elements used in CMS quality reporting programs. Each data element also includes the associated value set or the direct reference code (DRC), the Quality Data Model (QDM) datatype, the QDM attributes, and QDM entities used by that data element. eCQMs for 2026 reporting and performance period use QDM v5.6.

For more information on eCQM development and implementation, see the <u>Electronic Clinical</u> <u>Quality Improvement (eCQI) Resource Center</u>.

Send any comments, suggestions, or questions regarding the eCQM DERep to <u>ecqi-resource-center@hhs.gov</u>.