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The *Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock: Management Bundle (Composite Measure) (SEP-1) Version 5.18a Review and Updates* webinar is for participants in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting and Value-Based Purchasing Programs. This educational event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.

This webinar clarifies the changes and outlines the rationale behind the updates to SEP-1 and guidance in Version 5.18a of the specification manual and responds to frequently asked questions.

The webinar slides are available for download from the QualityNet website:

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