



Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program Reconsideration Process Reconsideration Requests – Phase 1 Fiscal Year 2016

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Purpose

Provide information regarding:

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital IQR Program Reconsideration Process for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016

Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Understand the Hospital IQR Program requirements and the Reconsideration Process
- File a Reconsideration with CMS

FY 2016 Hospital IQR Payment Decisions

For FY 2016, CMS will be notifying hospitals subject to Hospital IQR payment reductions in the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) in two phases.

Phase 1: March 2015	Phase 2: May 2015
Population and Sampling Quarters 1–3 of CY 2014	Population and Sampling Quarter 4 of CY 2014
Clinical and Perinatal Care (PC-01) Quarters 1–3 of CY 2014	Clinical and Perinatal Care (PC-01) Quarter 4 of CY 2014
Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) reported via National Health Safety Network (NHSN) Quarters 1–2 of CY 2014	Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) reported via National Health Safety Network (NHSN) Quarters 3-4 of CY 2014
	All other requirements for FY 2016

IPPS Eligible Hospitals

There are currently 3,260 IPPS hospitals eligible to participate in the FY 2016 Hospital IQR Program for Annual Payment Update (APU).

Phase One: Program Requirements

- Submit aggregate initial patient population and sample size counts for the first three quarters of CY 2014 by the posted submission deadlines.
- Submit complete data for each required Clinical Process Measure, including PC-01 Elective Delivery web-based data, for the first three quarters of CY 2014 by the posted submission deadlines.
- Submit healthcare-associated infection (HAI) data to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for first and second quarter of CY 2014 by the posted submission deadlines.

	Submission Deadlines			
Quarter	Population	Clinical	PC-01	HAI
1Q2014	09/05/2014	09/05/2014	09/05/2014	08/15/2014
2Q2014	11/01/2014	11/20/2014	11/20/2014	11/20/2014
3Q2014	02/01/2015	02/15/2015	02/15/2015	02/27/2015

Phase One: Notification

Notification letters were sent on March 16, 2015 to hospitals not meeting one or more of Phase One requirements:

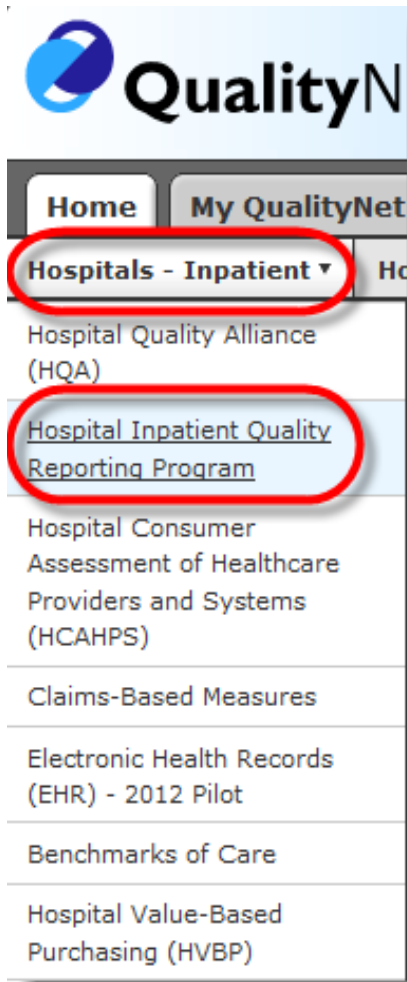
- Reconsideration requests for Phase One decisions are due to CMS 30 days from the date of receipt of the payment notification.
- Hospitals filing a reconsideration based on the March 2015 Phase One notification letters will be mailed the CMS decision in June of 2015.

Reconsideration Process

QualityNet Location

- The Reconsideration overview process for the Hospital IQR Program APU is available on the Reconsideration Overview page on QualityNet: www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier3&cid=1184627418989

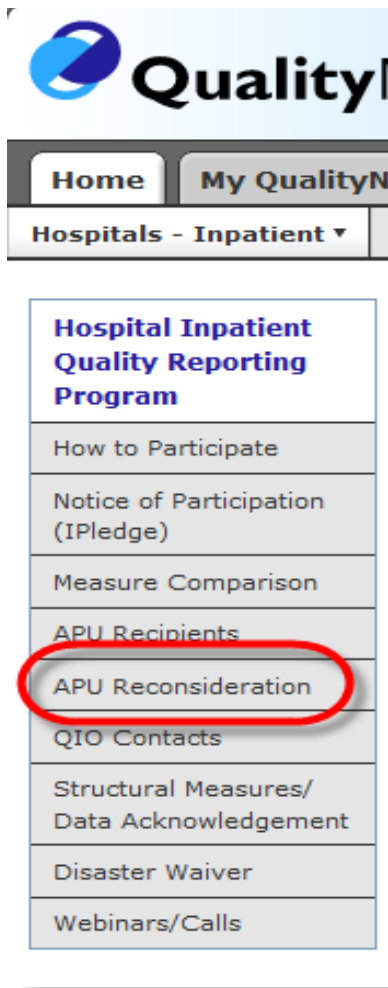
QualityNet: Hospital Inpatient Location



From the *QualityNet* home page, select the **[Hospitals – Inpatient]** drop-down.

In the drop-down menu select the “Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program” link. This will direct you to the overview page for Inpatient Hospital information.

Reconsideration Process Location



Access the Hospital IQR Program APU Reconsideration Information on *QualityNet* by selecting the “APU Reconsideration” link from the left-side navigation pane. This will direct you to the *Reconsideration Overview* page.

Reason for Reconsideration Request

- You must identify the CMS-Identified reason facility did not meet the APU requirement.
- Specific reason(s) for believing your facility did meet the Quality Reporting Program requirement(s) and should receive the full APU.
- Fill out the form **completely** and **accurately**.
- If you would like to include additional information or documentation, please attach a PDF file with your Reconsideration Request Form.

Filing a PRRB Appeal

If a hospital is dissatisfied with the result of CMS's reconsideration, the hospital may file a Provider Reimbursement Review Board (PRRB) appeal.

- A PRRB appeal can only be submitted after the hospital has submitted a request for reconsideration and received a decision on the request.
- Hospitals can submit PRRB appeals up to 180 days following the IQR reconsideration notification date.
- Details about the PRRB process can be found on the CMS website:

www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Review-Boards/PRRBReview/index.html?redirect=/PRRBReview

Questions

Please submit all questions regarding the Reconsideration Process and the Hospital IQR Program to:

InpatientSupport@viqrc1.hcqis.org

Phase Two: Program Requirements

- Register with the *QualityNet Secure Portal* and identify a Security Administrator
- Complete Notice of Participation
- Submit Clinical Process Measure data for 4Q14
- Submit aggregate population and sample size counts for 4Q14
- Submit Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) for CY 2014
- Submit HAI data for 3Q14 and 4Q14
- Complete Structural Measures information
- Pass Validation requirements
- Complete the Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement (DACA)

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