

Calendar Year (CY) 2016 electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Submission Information for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program

eCQM data submission is required as part of the CY 2016 (Fiscal Year 2018) Hospital IQR Program.

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| <p>Program Requirements</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit data for 4 of the 28 available eCQMs for one CY quarter Hospitals can choose to submit for either 3rd or 4th Quarter 2016. | <p>Dual Program Acceptance</p> | <p>Facilities that successfully submit data for at least 4 of the 28 available eCQMs via the QSP submission system will meet the eCQM requirements for both the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital IQR Program Medicare EHR Incentive Program for Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note: This only meets the CQM requirement. |
| <p>Reporting Deadline</p> | <p>February 28, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. PT</p> | | |
| <p>Technical Requirements</p> | <p>Facilities submitting eCQM data will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize an Electronic Health Record (EHR) System certified to the 2014 or 2015 Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC HIT) standards Format Quality Reporting Data Architecture (QRDA) Category I files according to the 2016 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Implementation Guide (IG) and the 2016 CMS QRDA IG Appendix and Schematrons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> eCQM Specifications used for CY 2016 submissions must be the eCQM Specifications for Eligible Hospitals Update June 2015. | <p>Successful Submission</p> | <p>Data must be submitted through the QSP in any combination of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QRDA Category I files with patients meeting the initial patient population of the applicable measure(s) Zero Denominator Declarations Case Threshold Exemptions |
| | | <p>System Availability</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently available, the Pre-Submission Validation Application (PSVA) Tool is highly recommended for hospitals to validate that their QRDA file structure is correct prior to test and production data submission to the QSP. The Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) System in the QSP is expected to open for test and production submissions by fall 2016 (Notification alerting users of the system's availability will be provided). |
| <p>Who Can Submit</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitals with a <i>QualityNet Secure Portal (QSP)</i> account and the EHR Data Upload Role assigned EHR Vendors selected by the hospitals to submit data on their behalf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitals will need to login to the QSP and utilize the Vendor Authorization Screen to provide authorization to the vendor. EHR Vendors will need to have a QSP account with the EHR Data Upload role assigned. | <p>Who to Call</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For questions on the IQR Program and eCQM requirements, call the Hospital Inpatient Support Contractor at 844.472.4477. For questions on the QSP and the eCQM Data Submission process, call the <i>QualityNet</i> Help Desk at 866.288.8912. For questions on the Medicare EHR Incentive Program, call the Electronic Health Record Information Center (EHRIC) Help Desk at 888.734.6433 (Press Option 1). |