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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has selected the targeted sample of hospitals for data validation of measures within the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 payment determination and the Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program for FY 2024 program year. An updated list of the selected hospitals is available on the CMS *QualityNet* website, https://qualitynet.cms.gov. It is possible for a hospital to be selected in consecutive years. The quarters included in the inpatient data validation efforts for FY 2024 are first quarter (Q) 2021 (1Q 2021), second quarter 2021 (2Q 2021), third quarter 2021 (3Q 2021), and fourth quarter 2021 (4Q 2021).

Beginning with FY 2024 data validation efforts, CMS finalized one single sample of IPPS hospitals to be selected annually through random selection, and one sample of hospitals to be selected annually using targeting criteria for both chart-abstracted measures and eCQMs (85 FR 58944-58945). Under the aligned validation process, any hospital selected for validation will be expected to submit data for chart-abstracted clinical process of care and HAI measures, as well as eCQMs.

The targeted hospital selection is identified after the confidence interval is calculated for the previous fiscal year validation effort. The criteria for targeting hospitals are outlined in the FY 2014 & FY 2019 IPPS/Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS) Final Rule (78 FR 50833–50834 & 83 FR 41480).

All random and targeted hospitals selected for validation are subject to the same requirements. Hospitals selected randomly cannot also be selected as targeted within the same fiscal year.

Selected hospitals will receive a direct email from the CMS Value, Incentives, and Quality Reporting Validation Support Contractor. The updated list of hospitals selected for FY 2024 validation, as well as validation resources, can be found on https://qualitynet.cms.gov. To access, select **[Hospitals – Inpatient]**, and then **[Data Management]**, followed by **[Data Validation]**, and lastly **[Resources]**: https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/data-management/data-validation/resources.

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