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Medication Order Data Elements

An announcement from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS):

An issue was identified in the Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) System impacting the electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) outcomes while using Medication Discharge and Medication Order data elements. This issue originated from the HQR System not pulling the last data element when there were duplicate data elements found within Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) file submissions, resulting in possible unexpected measure outcomes.

As of December 16, 2022, the HQR System has been updated to correct this issue. If you submitted a file prior to December 16 and did not receive the expected outcome, resubmit your file and review the updated measure outcomes.

The CMS Implementation Guide (IG) for QRDA states the following:

"The presence of duplicated data in a QRDA Category I file not only could potentially lead to increased data processing time, but most importantly, might cause incorrect processing and therefore produce unexpected measure results when calculated by other entities."

For additional information, please refer to the 2022 CMS QRDA I Implementation Guide for Hospital Quality Reporting.

To ensure accurate results for these elements, please confirm that there are no duplicate data elements within your file prior to submitting.

As we continue to enhance the HQR system, we'll keep you informed about any changes.

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