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Subject: **Hospital-level Total Hip Arthroplasty/Total Knee Arthroplasty Patient-Reported Outcome-Based Performance Measure Voluntary Reporting Periods**

This email aims to notify stakeholders of the eligible Total Hip Arthroplasty/Total Knee Arthroplasty (THA/TKA) Patient-Reported Outcome-Based Performance Measure (PRO-PM) procedures performed for the 2025 Voluntary Reporting period began on January 1st and will continue through June 30th, 2023.

The hospital-level THA/TKA PRO-PM is the first ever PRO-PM of its kind which uses the patient’s voice directly in the measure outcome, promoting collaboration and shared-decision making between patients and providers across the full spectrum of care.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is conducting two Voluntary Reporting periods for the hospital-level THA/TKA PRO-PM in calendar years 2025 and 2026.

Table 1. THA/TKA Voluntary Reporting Periods

Reporting Period	THA/TKA Procedures Performed On:	Preoperative Data Collection Period	Postoperative Data Collection Period
2025 Voluntary Reporting	January 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023	October 3, 2022- June 30, 2023	October 28, 2023- August 28, 2024
2026 Voluntary Reporting	July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	April 2, 2023- June 30, 2024	April 26, 2024- August 29, 2025

Following the Voluntary Reporting periods, CMS will implement the measure for Mandatory Reporting in the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program starting with 2027 Public Reporting for fiscal year (FY) 2028 payment determination.

Purpose of the Voluntary Reporting Periods

The purpose of Voluntary Reporting is to familiarize hospitals with the measure in advance of Mandatory Reporting. The Voluntary Reporting periods will provide hospitals with an opportunity to:

- Incorporate PRO data collection into their clinical workflows and test PRO data submission to CMS before Mandatory Reporting
- Receive confidential feedback reports that include their PRO data response rates and measure results prior to public reporting of measure results
- Review the data used to calculate their THA/TKA PRO-PM results
- Get information on how to interpret their measure results; and
- Ask questions about and provide feedback on the measure.

What Hospitals Will Receive During the Voluntary Reporting Periods

During the Voluntary Reporting periods, CMS will provide hospitals with the following educational resources on *QualityNet* to support understanding of the measure:

- The measure methodology report provides the background on the measure and detailed measure specifications. The supplemental file includes details on the codes used in the measure.
- Key information and resource documents:
 - Hospital-level THA/TKA PRO-PM Factsheet
 - What data should I collect?
 - Who do I collect PRO data on?
 - Hospital-level THA/TKA PRO-PM Voluntary Reporting timeline
 - How and when can PRO data be collected?
- The Data Dictionary provides detailed information on the data elements included in the measure.

These resources are all available on the *QualityNet* website at: (<https://qualitynet.cms.gov>) >Inpatient-Measures>THA/TKA PRO-PM>Resources.

Webinar

On 09/14/2022, CMS held a webinar for the hospital-level THA/TKA PRO-PM. Stakeholders can access the materials from the webinar and listen to the recording by visiting the Quality Reporting Center website: <https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/en/inpatient-quality-reporting-programs/hospital-inpatient-quality-reporting-iqr-program/archived-events/>> Voluntary Reporting of the Hospital-level THA/TKA PRO-Based Performance Measure. The recording and webinar materials are also available on the *QualityNet* website: <https://qualitynet.cms.gov> >Inpatient-Measures>THA/TKA PRO-PM>Resources.

The primary purpose of the webinar was to:

- Present an overview of the measure
- Provide an overview of phased measure implementation
- Provide guidance on data collection and
- Provide an opportunity for hospitals to ask questions.

Please do not respond directly to this email. Please submit your questions about the hospital-level THA/TKA PRO-PM measure or voluntary reporting to the *QualityNet* Question and Answer Tool (https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_qa?id=ask_a_question). You can send your questions directly to our team by selecting choosing “IQR- Inpatient Quality Reporting Program” in the Program list and selecting “Hip/Knee PRO-PM” in the Topic list.