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Subject: HQR System Now Accepting THA/TKA PRO-PM Submissions

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

The Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) System is now accepting submissions for the 2025 Voluntary Reporting of the *Patient-Reported Outcome-based Performance Measure (PRO-PM) Following an Elective Primary Total Hip Arthroplasty (THA) and/or Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA)*. This first voluntary reporting period includes procedures performed between January 1, 2023, and June 30, 2023, and the corresponding preoperative data collection period was between October 3, 2022, and June 30, 2023.

You can submit data for this measure by logging into the [HQR System](#), navigating to **Data Submissions**, and uploading your file via File Upload or using the Data Form on the PRO-PM tab. The HQR system will accept CSV, XML, and manual data entry files. Data submission templates and resources are located on QualityNet under technical requirements:

https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/measures/THA_TKA/resources.

Hospitals eligible for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program may voluntarily submit these data. There is no impact for hospitals that do not submit data on this measure during this Voluntary Reporting period. The measure results for 2025 Voluntary Reporting will not be publicly reported. However, during Voluntary Reporting, CMS will publicly report information on (1) hospitals' participation in Voluntary Reporting and (2) patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) response rates.

Note: Preoperative data submissions for the THA/TKA PRO-PM are voluntary and will close at 11:59 PT on October 2, 2023. As a reminder, **postoperative data** submissions will open in Summer 2024.

Data submission for this measure will become mandatory for all hospitals participating in the Hospital IQR Program beginning with the 2027 Reporting Period (procedures performed July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025). These data will impact the Fiscal Year (FY) 2028 payment determination for IQR, and measure results will be publicly reported. Details about the THA/TKA PRO-PM implementation timeline can be found on [QualityNet](#).

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

2025 Voluntary Reporting THA/TKA PRO-PM Details

CMS is asking hospitals that participate in the Hospital IQR Program to voluntarily submit data on Medicare Fee-for-Service patients aged 65 and older at the start of an inpatient admission with an elective primary THA/TKA between January 1, 2023, and June 30, 2023. The THA/TKA PRO-PM requires the collection of preoperative and postoperative data. The preoperative data submission deadline is Monday, October 2, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.

Hospitals participating in the Voluntary Reporting process will:

- Use the available data collection and submission resources available on QualityNet: https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/measures/THA_TKA/resources
- Receive publicly reported information on hospital participation and patient-reported outcome measure (PROM) response rates during Voluntary Reporting
- Receive a confidential Hospital-Specific Report (HSR) in 2024 (inclusive of information on preoperative data) and 2025 (inclusive of information on preoperative and postoperative data)

More information on the THA/TKA PRO-PM methodology is available on the [THA/TKA PRO-PM Methodology](#) page of the QualityNet website. Measure implementation, data collection, and data submission resources can be found on the [Resources](#) page.

Preparing to Submit THA/TKA PRO-PM Data to the HQR System

All hospitals and third-parties (such as vendors or registries) participating in the voluntary reporting of the THA/TKA PRO-PM will need the necessary HQR user role permissions and vendor access to view, upload, and edit their data.

Contact Information

- For questions about the measure specifications and implementation of the THA/TKA PRO-PM, please submit a ticket to the CMS Quality Question and Answer Tool by selecting IQR- Inpatient Quality Reporting under Program and Hip/Knee PRO-PM under Topic.
- For questions regarding the HQR System, including questions regarding user roles, reports, data upload, and troubleshooting file errors, please contact the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality Service Center Service Center at (866) 288-8912 or QNetSupport@cms.hhs.gov.
- For further assistance regarding the Hospital IQR Program and policy information contained in this message, please contact the Inpatient Value, Incentives, and Quality Reporting Outreach and Education Support Contractor at https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenow.com/qnet_qa or (844) 472-4477.