

Calendar Year (CY) 2018 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM)			
Submission Information for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program			
eCQM data submission is required for CY 2018 reporting (fiscal year 2020 payment determination).			
Program Requirements	Submit data for at least <b>four (4)</b> of the 15 available eCQMs for one self-selected quarter of CY 2018 data (Q1, Q2, Q3, or Q4) during the same reporting period.	Dual Program	Hospitals that successfully submit data for at least four (4) of the 15 available eCQMs via the <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> will meet the CQM requirements for the following:  • Hospital IQR Program  • Hospital IQR Program
Reporting Deadline	<b>February 28, 2019,</b> by 11:59 p.m. PT	Acceptance	Promoting Interoperability Program (previously known as the Medicare EHR Incentive Program) for Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals
Technical Requirements	<ul> <li>Hospitals submitting eCQM data will need to:</li> <li>Use health information technology (IT) certified to the 2014 Edition, the 2015 Edition, or a combination of both (Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology [ONC] standards).</li> </ul>	Successful Submission	Data must be submitted through the QualityNet Secure Portal as any combination of the following:  • QRDA Category I files with patients meeting the initial patient population (IPP) of the applicable measure(s)  • Zero denominator declarations  • Case threshold exemptions
	<ul> <li>Use eCQM specifications published in the 2017 eCQM annual update for CY 2018 reporting and Q1-Q3 2018 addenda; available on the Electronic Clinical Quality Improvement (eCQI)</li> </ul>	System Availability	The Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) system in the QualityNet Secure Portal will be open for:  Test File Submissions: (to be announced) Production File Submissions: (to be announced)
	Resource Center website at <a href="https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh">https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh</a> .  • Use the 2018 CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category I Hospital Quality Reporting, Schematron, and sample QRDA Category I files available at <a href="https://ecqi.healthit.gov/qrda.">https://ecqi.healthit.gov/qrda.</a>	Tools Available	The <b>Pre-Submission Validation Application (PSVA) Tool</b> (available as a download from the <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> ) is highly recommended for hospitals to <b>validate</b> that the file structure is correct prior to test and production QRDA Category I file submissions.
Who Can Submit	<ul> <li>Hospitals with a <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> account and the EHR Data Upload Role assigned</li> <li>EHR Vendors selected by the hospitals to submit data on their behalf         <ul> <li>Hospitals will need to log in to the <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> and use the Vendor Authorization screen to provide authorization to the vendor.</li> <li>EHR Vendors will need to have a <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> account with the EHR Data Upload Role assigned.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Whom to Contact	<ul> <li>For questions on the Hospital IQR Program and eCQM reporting requirements, contact the Hospital Inpatient Support Contractor at (844) 472-4477 or visit <a href="https://cms-ip.custhelp.com">https://cms-ip.custhelp.com</a>.</li> <li>For questions on the QualityNet Secure Portal, PSVA, Promoting Interoperability Program, and eCQM data submission process, contact the QualityNet Help Desk at (866) 288-8912 or <a href="mailto:qnetsupport@hcqis.org">qnetsupport@hcqis.org</a>.</li> <li>For eCQM implementation questions (eMeasure specifications, logic, code sets, and measure intent), submit to the <a href="mailto:QNC_JIRA eCQM">QNC_JIRA eCQM</a> Issue Tracker.</li> <li>For technical questions and issues identified during implementation and reporting with the QRDA I standard, submit to the <a href="mailto:QNC_JIRA QRDA">QNC_JIRA QRDA</a> Issue Tracker.</li> </ul>