

Calendar Year (CY) 2020 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Submission Overview for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program			
Program Requirements	Submit data for at least four (4) of the eight (8) available eCQMs for one self-selected quarter of CY 2020 data (Q1, Q2, Q3, or Q4) during the same reporting period.	Dual Program Acceptance	Hospitals that successfully report on at least four (4) of eight (8) available eCQMs via the <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> will meet CQM requirements for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital IQR Program • Promoting Interoperability Program for Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals
Reporting Deadline	March 1, 2021 , by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time (Deadline extended due to original deadline falling on a weekend and/or holiday.)		
Technical Requirements	Hospitals submitting eCQM data will need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use health information technology (Health IT) certified to the 2015 Edition of Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) criteria. • Use eCQM specifications published in the 2019 eCQM annual update for CY 2020 reporting and applicable addenda available on the eCQI Resource Center. • Use the 2020 CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category I, Schematron, and sample QRDA Category I files found on the Eligible Hospital/Critical Access Hospital eCQMs page of the eCQI Resource Center. 	Successful Submission	Data must be submitted through the <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> as any combination of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QRDA Category I files with patients meeting the initial patient population of the applicable measure(s) • Zero denominator declarations • Case threshold exemptions
		System Availability	The Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) system in the <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> will be open for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test File Submissions (<i>Summer/Fall 2020</i>) • Production File Submissions (<i>Summer/Fall 2020</i>)
		Tools Available	The Pre-Submission Validation Application (PSVA) tool (available as a download from the <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i>) is highly recommended for hospitals to validate that the file structure is correct prior to test and production QRDA Category I file submissions.
Who Can Submit the Data	The following entities can submit data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitals with a <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> account and the EHR Data Upload Role assigned • EHR vendors selected by the hospitals to submit data on their behalf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. ○ EHR vendors will need to have a <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> account with the EHR Data Upload Role assigned. 	Whom to Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit questions on the Hospital IQR Program and eCQM reporting requirements to the Hospital IQR Program Support Contract Team at (844) 472-4477 or visit the Quality Question and Answer Tool. • Submit questions on the <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i>, PSVA, Promoting Interoperability Program, or eCQM data submission process to the <i>QualityNet</i> Help Desk at (866) 288-8912 or gnetsupport@hcqis.org. • Submit eCQM implementation questions (eMeasure specifications, logic, code sets, and measure intent) to the ONC JIRA eCQM Issue Tracker. • Submit technical questions/issues identified during implementation/reporting with the QRDA Category I standard to the ONC JIRA QRDA Issue Tracker.