



# PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program

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### PCHQR Program: FY 2019 IPPS/LTCH PPS Final Rule

#### Questions and Answers

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The following document provides actual questions from audience participants. Subject-matter experts researched and answered the following questions after the live webinar. The questions and answers may have been edited for grammar.

**Question 1:** **There was no mention of a dry run for the new claims-based measure (30-Day Unplanned Readmissions for Cancer Patients – National Quality Forum [NQF] #3188) in the rule nor during the event. Is there any information on plans to conduct a dry run for this measure?**

We did not mention a dry run in the rule because we did not believe it was necessary for this measure. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS)/Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS) Final Rule (83 FR 41623) says, “This is a claims-based measure; therefore, there will be no separate data submission requirements for PCHs related to this measure as CMS will calculate measure rates using PCH claims data.” Further, we note there were measures in the PCHQR Program that have had dry runs; however, that process was covered in other quality reporting programs prior to adoption in the PCHQR Program.

**Question 2:** **I could not find any mention of the start of public display for the PCHQR Program End-of-Life measures, the Admissions and Emergency Department Visits for Patients Receiving Outpatient Chemotherapy measure, nor the new measure (30-Day Unplanned Readmissions for Cancer Patients - NQF #3188). Is there any information on the planned incorporation of these measures in future public reporting for the PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals (PCHs)?**

Historically, we have not provided public display timelines for newly adopted measures in the PCHQR Program in the same rule where the measure’s adoption was finalized. We usually allow time for consultation with measure stewards on the availability of performance data and, if available, review of the performance data prior to public reporting. Moreover, CMS has not yet made a final determination on the public reporting timeline for these specific measures as the activities are still in motion; however, we anticipate doing so in future-rulemaking.



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**Question 3:** Can you provide clarification on the 30-Day Unplanned Readmissions for Cancer Patients measure numerator statement on slide 27? It appears the numerator statement in the FY 2019 IPPS/LTCH PPS Final Rule is slightly different from NQF's numerator statement.

CMS is currently seeking further clarification on the numerator statement. Once this information is available, we will provide it as soon as possible.