



# **Navigating *QualityNet*: Where to Find What You Need When you Need it**

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# Continuing Education Approval

- This program has been approved for 1.0 continuing education (CE) unit given by CE Provider #50-747 for the following professional boards:
  - Florida Board of Nursing
  - Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling
  - Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators
  - Florida Council of Dietetics
  - Florida Board of Pharmacy
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- Complete the ReadyTalk survey you will receive by email within the next 48 hours or the one that will pop up after the webinar.
- The survey will ask you to log in or register to access your personal account in the Learning Management Center.
  - A one-time registration process is required.

# Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Navigate the *QualityNet* PCHQR section as part of improved patient care
- Demonstrate knowledge of resources, including the Questions & Answers tool, data collection tools, and submission documents
- Discuss steps for using the website effectively and efficiently

# QualityNet Overview

- Established by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Provides healthcare quality improvement news, resources, and data reporting tools and applications
- Used by healthcare providers and others in support of selected quality reporting programs

[www.qualitynet.org](http://www.qualitynet.org)

# QualityNet Overview

- *QualityNet* provides information and resources for multiple CMS quality reporting programs, including:
  - Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (Hospital IQR)
  - Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting (Hospital OQR)
  - Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR)
  - Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPF QR)
  - **PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting ([PCHQR](#))**
  - Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)
  - End Stage Renal Disease Reporting (ESRD)

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# QualityNet Home Page

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**Log in to QualityNet Secure Portal**

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- Download Symantec ID (*required for login*)
- Portal Resources

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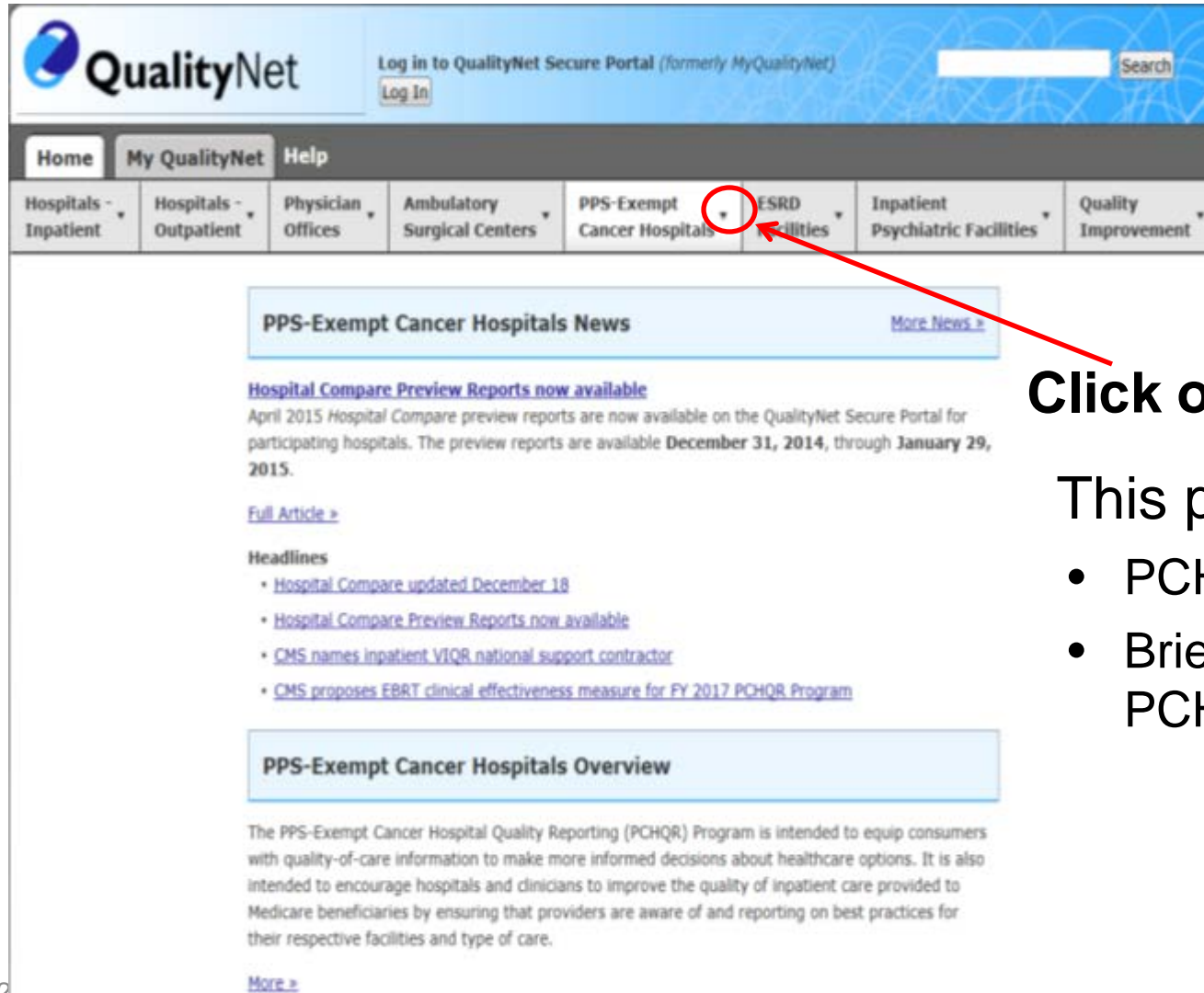
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- [CMS proposes EBRT clinical effectiveness measure for FY 2017 PCHQR Program](#)

**PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals Overview**

The PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program is intended to equip consumers with quality-of-care information to make more informed decisions about healthcare options. It is also intended to encourage hospitals and clinicians to improve the quality of inpatient care provided to Medicare beneficiaries by ensuring that providers are aware of and reporting on best practices for their respective facilities and type of care.

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**Click on the down arrow.**

This page contains:

- PCHQR News
- Brief Overview of PCHQR Program



# PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals Menu

Hover over or click on the tab to display the drop down menu for the PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals.

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# PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting Tab

Click on the PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting Program.

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# PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals Quality Reporting Program Page

The PCHQR  
Program page  
provides:

- List of hospitals in PCHQR program
- Links to the FY Final Rules with PCHQR sections
- Link to the Federal Register website

## PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (I Overview

The Prospective Payment System (PPS)-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting Program (PCHQR) was developed as mandated by Section 3005 of the Affordable Care Act.

The PCHQR program is intended to equip consumers with quality-of-care information to make informed decisions about healthcare options. It is also intended to encourage hospitals to improve the quality of inpatient care provided to Medicare beneficiaries and to report on best practices for their respective facilities.

To meet the PCHQR Program requirements, PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals must submit all quality measures to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for the FY 2014 payment determination year. Participating facilities must meet the program requirements set forth, including public reporting of the measures.

### PCHQR Program Eligibility

Eligible hospitals are described in section 1886(d)(1)(B)(v) and referred to as PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals or PCH. These hospitals are excluded from payment under the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS). CMS has designated 11 hospitals as [PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals](#).

### Final Rules for Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System

Information regarding the PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting Program is found in the following final rule publications.

- In the FY 2013 Inpatient Prospective Payment System and Long Term Care Prospective Payment System or [IPPS/LTCH final rule](#) (77 FR 53556 through 53566), CMS finalized five quality measures (two hospital-wide and three cancer-specific treatment measures) for the FY 2014 program.
- In the [FY 2014 IPPS/LTCH PPS final rule](#) (78 FR 50838 through 50848), CMS finalized one additional new HAI quality measure (surgical site infection) for the FY 2015 program and subsequent years. In addition, CMS finalized 12 new quality measures for the FY 2016 program and subsequent years and remove or replace any of the previously finalized measures from the FY 2013 and FY 2014 programs.
- In the [FY 2015 IPPS/LTCH PPS final rule](#) (79 FR 50277), CMS finalized one additional new effectiveness measure (EBRT) for the FY 2016 program and subsequent years and remove or replace any of the previously finalized measures from the FY 2013 and FY 2014 programs.

Refer to the [Federal Register](#) for other official Medicare Final Rule publications.

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Reference Number	Date	Subject
<a href="#">2014-12-PCH</a>	11/19/14	Webinar Reminder: External Beam Radiotherapy (EBRT) for Bone Metastases – A New Quality Measure Beginning with PCHQR Program Year 2017
<a href="#">2014-11-PCH</a>	11/12/14	Save-the-Date: November 19, 2014 Webinar External Beam Radiotherapy (EBRT) for Bone Metastases – A New Quality Measure Beginning With PCHQR Program Year 2017
<a href="#">2014-10-PCH</a>	10/23/14	Resources Available for Hospitals Participating in IQR Program
<a href="#">2014-09-PCH</a>	10/22/14	Save-the Date: FY 2015 IPPS/LTCH Final Rule for PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals Webinar – October 30, 2014
<a href="#">2014-08-PCH</a>	09/18/14	PCH Hospital Quality Reporting Programs Known Issues Updated
<a href="#">2014-07-PCH</a>	09/15/14	December 2014 Hospital Compare Preview Reports Now Available
<a href="#">2014-06-PCH</a>	08/22/14	2015 Hospital IPPS Final Rule Webinar Links
<a href="#">2014-05-PCH</a>	08/20/14	October 2014 Hospital Compare Announcement
<a href="#">2014-04-PCH</a>	08/18/14	2015 Hospital IPPS Final Rule
<a href="#">2014-03-PCH</a>	08/18/14	August 31 Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement (DACA) Submission Deadline

The E-mail Notifications page provides:

- Access to CMS-approved PCH ListServe notifications distributed since August 2014
- Listserve registration

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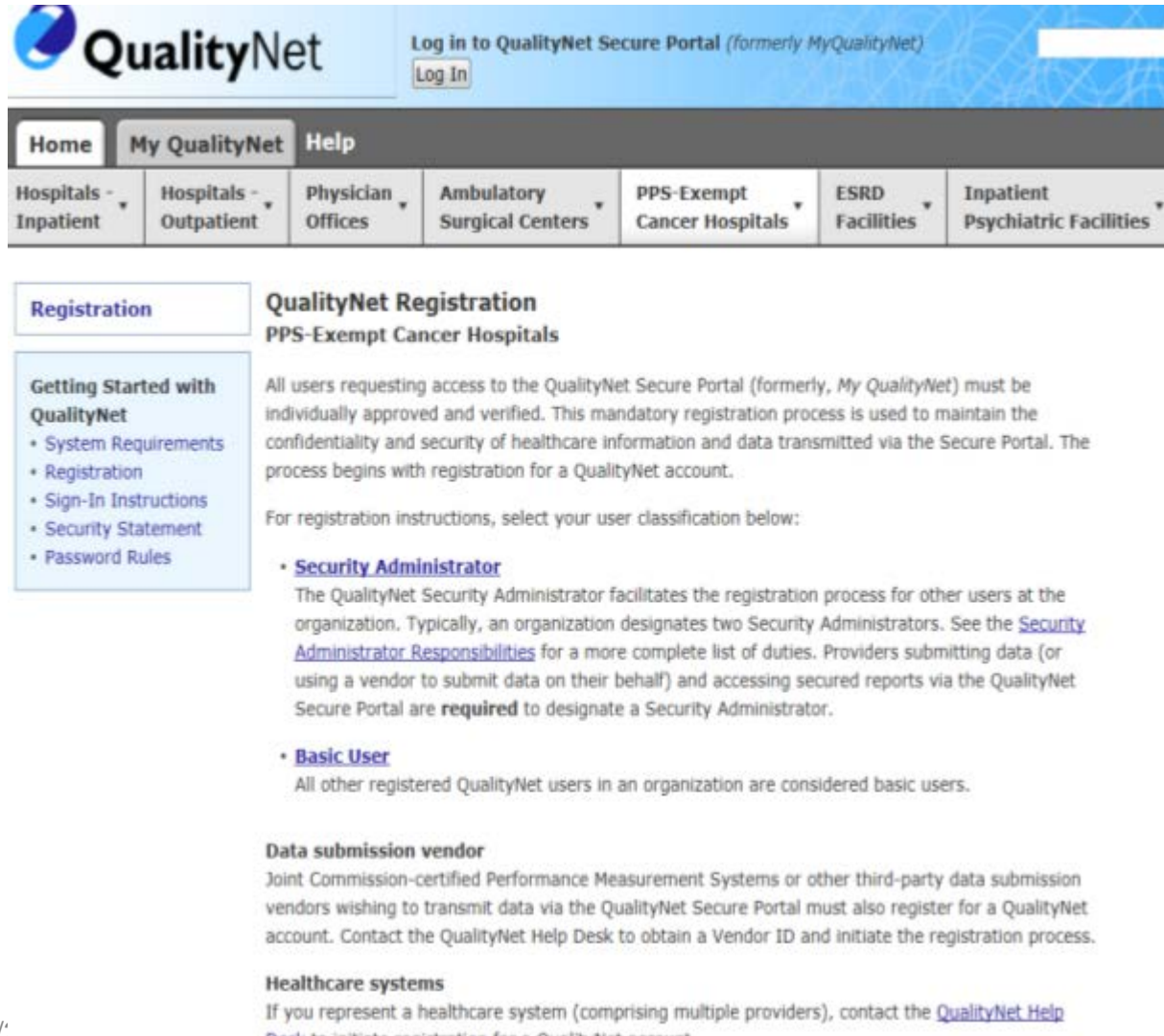
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On the left side, there is a "Registration" sidebar with a link to "Getting Started with QualityNet" and a list of links: "System Requirements", "Registration", "Sign-In Instructions", "Security Statement", and "Password Rules".

The main content area is titled "QualityNet Registration" and "PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals". It contains the following text:

All users requesting access to the QualityNet Secure Portal (formerly, My QualityNet) must be individually approved and verified. This mandatory registration process is used to maintain the confidentiality and security of healthcare information and data transmitted via the Secure Portal. The process begins with registration for a QualityNet account.

For registration instructions, select your user classification below:

- **Security Administrator**  
The QualityNet Security Administrator facilitates the registration process for other users at the organization. Typically, an organization designates two Security Administrators. See the [Security Administrator Responsibilities](#) for a more complete list of duties. Providers submitting data (or using a vendor to submit data on their behalf) and accessing secured reports via the QualityNet Secure Portal are **required** to designate a Security Administrator.
- **Basic User**  
All other registered QualityNet users in an organization are considered basic users.

**Data submission vendor**  
Joint Commission-certified Performance Measurement Systems or other third-party data submission vendors wishing to transmit data via the QualityNet Secure Portal must also register for a QualityNet account. Contact the QualityNet Help Desk to obtain a Vendor ID and initiate the registration process.

**Healthcare systems**  
If you represent a healthcare system (comprising multiple providers), contact the [QualityNet Help](#)

The PCHQR  
Registration Page  
provides:

- Information about registering on *QualityNet* as a Security Administrator (SA) or a Basic User

**Each hospital should  
have at least two  
team members  
registered as SAs.**

# Important Reminders for Hospitals Regarding SAs

**Each hospital should** have at least two *QualityNet* SAs.

- This is important for backup in the event of illness, vacations, or position status changes during a data submission period.

**SAs must** log into *QualityNet* at least every 60 days to keep their account active.

- If an SA (or other *QualityNet* user) has not logged in for more than 60 days, their account may be deactivated.
  - This could pose a problem during a data submission period.



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# PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals Measures Page

## Measures

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

Hospitals participating in the PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting Program are required to report the following measures endorsed by the National Quality Forum for the specified program year reporting requirements as outlined in the current [final rules](#).

Refer to the [Data Collection](#) page for measure specifications. Refer to the [Data Submission](#) page for submission deadlines. Refer to the [Measure Crosswalk](#) for an accessible, printable version of the information displayed below.

### Finalized measures for inclusion in the PCHQR Program (by measure program year)

**Table 1: Safety and Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Measures**

Y = Applicable for stated program year; N/A = Not Applicable for stated program year

NQF #	Measure Name	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
0139	NHSN Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) Outcome Measure	Y	Y	Y
0138	NHSN Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) Outcome Measure	Y	Y	Y
0753	Harmonized Procedure Specific Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Outcome Measure	N/A	Y	Y

**Table 2: Clinical Process/Cancer-Specific Treatment Measures**

Y = Applicable for stated program year; N/A = Not Applicable for stated program year

The PCHQR Measures page provides:

- Table of all PCHQR measures by Program Year
- Link to Final Rules
- Links to other pages
  - Data Collection
  - Data Submission
  - Measure Crosswalk

***The Measures page makes it easy to locate measure-specific information quickly and easily.***

# PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals Data Collection Tab

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### Data Collection

#### PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting Program

The PCHQR program comprises multiple types of measures endorsed by the NQF that are collected by participating PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals using the PCHQR data collection instruments. These measures have different sampling requirements and [data submission deadlines](#).

A facility can request an extension or waiver of various Quality Reporting Program measures due to extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the facility. To request an extension or waiver, a facility must complete and submit the [Extraordinary Circumstances Extension or Waiver form](#) to the PCHQR program.

**Table 1: Safety and Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Measures**

NQF #	Measure Name	Specifications Manual & Measure Information Forms	Data Collection Tool
<a href="#">0139</a>	NHSN Central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI) outcome	<a href="#">CLABSI measure specifications</a> (ZIP - 12 MB)	<a href="#">CLABSI data collection form</a>
<a href="#">0138</a>	NHSN Catheter-associated urinary tract infection (CAUTI) outcome	<a href="#">CAUTI measure specifications</a> (ZIP - 18 MB)	<a href="#">CAUTI data collection form</a>

The PCHQR Data Collection page provides:

- Table with links to individual measure information, data collection forms, and data transmission information
- Link to data submission deadlines table
- Link to Extraordinary Circumstances Extension or Waiver form

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## PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting Program

PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals participating in the PCHQR Program must submit the acceptable methods of transmission no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on the deadline date as established by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) submitted according to the established deadlines of CMS qualify for inclusion in the program.

The [PCHQR Program Submission Deadlines by Due Date](#) document serves as a user guide that provides the specific data submission deadlines for the required PCHQR Program measures and collection period due date. The reference periods noted for CLABSI, CAUTI, and SSI are calendar years; the reference periods for the other measures denote discharge dates. For CPT codes and National Quality Forum designations, refer to the PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital page on QualityNet.

### Measure Exception Form

Some hospitals may not have locations that meet the National Healthcare Safety Criteria for CLABSI or CAUTI reporting, and some hospitals may perform so few procedures that the surveillance under the SSI measure that the data may not be meaningful for hospital-level analysis. If the data are not sufficiently reliable to be utilized for quality reporting purposes in a program year.

Reporting will not be required for these measures if the PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital has performed fewer than a combined total of nine specified colon and abdominal hysterectomy procedures in the program year prior to the reporting year. To indicate a measure is not being reported, a [Measure Exception Form](#) should be completed and submitted prior to the First Quarter data submission for the applicable program year.

### Extraordinary Circumstances Extension/Exemptions Request Form

In the event that a PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital (PCH) is unable to submit any required data (e.g., medical records, data) due to an extraordinary circumstance, such as a natural disaster, a PCH may request an extension or waiver. The PCH will need to complete the [Extraordinary Circumstances Extension/Exemptions Request Form](#) and submit the form with any supporting information and supporting documentation within 30 calendar days of the date of the circumstance.

The PCHQR Data Submission page provides:

- [Link to Submission Deadlines by Due Date grid](#)
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### PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program

Informational resources regarding the PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program are made available as part of the scheduled webinars/teleconferences for participating hospitals.

\* Recorded webinars are available on demand from the links below. To view, enter your email address at the Event Registration screen (or register as a new user).

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<b>October 30</b>	FY 2015 IPPS/LTCH Final Rule for PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slides - available October 28</li> </ul>
<b>August 28</b>	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Survey (HCAHPS) – PCHQR Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Recorded Webinar</a> (WRF-77 min.)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Presentation Transcript</a> (PDF-95 KB)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Question and Answers Transcript</a> (PDF-91 KB)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Handout - 1 slide per page</a> (PDF-270 KB)</li> </ul>
<b>August 25</b>	2015 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Final Rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Recorded Webinar</a> (WRF-93 min.)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Presentation Transcript</a> (PDF-138 KB)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Questions and Answers (QAs)</a></li> </ul>

The PCHQR Webinars/Calls page provides:

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- Submit questions to the PCH Quality Reporting Questions and Answers Tool

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has designated a contractor for Value, Incentives, and Quality Reporting Outreach and Education Support for the PCHQR Program.

Submit all questions regarding the PCHQR Program to the contractor via the [PCH Quality Reporting Questions and Answers](#) tool or call, toll-free, at (844) 472-4477 or (866) 800-8765 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time (5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time).

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### Cancer Hospital Workgroup

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

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) contracted with the American College of Surgeons (ACoS) to plan and implement the reporting of three cancer-specific care measures to CMS on behalf of the 11 PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals (PCH) through its Rapid Quality Reporting System (RQRS).

ACoS has formed the PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Workgroup (CHW) to:

- provide advice and feedback on the operational expectations of the PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program
- discuss and identify solutions to possible barriers and/or challenges encountered by the PCHs in their implementation and use of the RQRS
- communicate and share updates regarding data submission requirements and time-lines
- identify any anticipated potential unintended consequences of the Reporting Program

The CHW, which comprises leadership representatives from each of the PCHs, serves as an advisory committee on areas for additional review and study regarding the implementation and operationalization of measure reporting requirements relative to the stakeholder environment. Areas of expertise of the workgroup members include: data quality, oncology research and development, hospital and physician performance, data analytics, data warehousing, quality and performance improvement, pharmacy administration and project management.

For more information regarding CHW membership and purpose, refer to the [CHW membership list](#) (PDF-110 KB) and [CHW charter](#) (PDF-84 KB) documents.

#### CHW Meetings

CHW meetings are hosted by CMS and ACoS and are held periodically throughout the years, either in person or via webinar/teleconference. During these meetings informational resources to support the PCHQR program requirements are made available to the 11 participating PCHs. Refer to the [Webinars](#) page for resources from prior meetings.

The PCHQR Cancer Hospital Workgroup (CHW) page provides:

- Overview of the CHW
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#### PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program Overview

##### Web Resources

The following sites provide additional information about the PCHQR Program's measure specifications and sampling methodology.

- [American College of Surgeons \(ACoS\) - PCHQR](#)
- [American Medical Association Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement \(AMA-PCPI\)](#)
- [American Society for Radiation Oncology \(ASTRO\)](#)
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##### Program-Specific Resources

- [2015 PCHQR Timeline](#), PDF-28 KB (12/12/14)
- [Data Submission Deadlines](#), PDF-22 KB (10/24/14)
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##### Forms

- [Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement \(DACA\) Form](#), PDF-37 KB (01/12/15)
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