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Questions & Answers

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Question 1: **How frequently will the results for the new claims-based measures (the four end-of-life [EOL] measures added in the Fiscal Year 2018 Inpatient Prospective Payment System/Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System [IPPS/LTCH PPS] Final Rule) be calculated?**

The Admissions and Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Patients Receiving Outpatient Chemotherapy measure (which was added to the program last year) and the four EOL measures are calculated on an annual basis. As these are claims-based measures, they are derived from Medicare claims data.

The outpatient chemotherapy measure will be calculated on a yearly basis, beginning with data from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, and then for subsequent years using data from July 1 through June 30 of each year.

The data for the EOL measures will be collected for the period from July 1 of the year three years prior to the program year to June 30 of the year two years prior to the program year. Thus, for the FY 2020 program year, data will be collected for the EOL measures from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.
Thank you for your question.