



PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting Program

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Top Questions About the PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program

Questions and Answers

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Question 1: Regarding Slide #26, NQF#1822: How was this communicated to UHC?

Answer 1: NQF #1822 is the External Beam Radiotherapy for Bone Metastases measure, also known as EBRT. This measure was added to the PCHQR Program effective for treatments starting January 1, 2015, with data submission starting in the period of July 1–August 15, 2016. The specific question addressed on this slide was, *“Is NQF #1822 an inpatient or an outpatient metric?”* The answer was that the measure is not specific to the setting of care, but rather is dependent upon ICD-10 and CPT code. There was a webinar presented to the PCHQR Program regarding this measure on November 19, 2014. Information regarding the ICD-10 codes to be used for the measure was included in the September 24, 2015 PCHQR webinar. As shared during today’s webinar, there are currently five subscribers to the PCHQR ListServe that have an email address domain of uhc.edu.

Question 2: Can you confirm that PCH data will NOT be publicly reported as of October 2015?

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Answer 2:

No, Public Reporting of PCHQR data continues and is an important component of the Program. We believe this question is addressing slide #33 from the webinar. As stated on the slide, effective with the October 2015 refresh of *Hospital Compare*, the **Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)** data for the PPS-exempt Cancer Hospitals (PCHs) that had been voluntarily reported by some PCHs was removed from *Hospital Compare*. Public Reporting of PCHQR data continues on *Hospital Compare* as outlined on slide #32 of the webinar. Public Reporting currently consists of the three Cancer-Specific Treatment measures. Also, as outlined and spoken to on slide #33, the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS[®]) and the Oncology Care Measures (OCM) data are planned for Public Reporting starting in 2016. The exact dates this reporting will begin have not yet been finalized. Lastly, as a reminder, the 2016 PCHQR Final Rule specified that Public Reporting of Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infection (CLABSI) and Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) are planned to start in 2017.