

Calendar Year (CY) 2017 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Submission Information for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program

eCQM data submission is required for the CY 2017 reporting (Fiscal Year 2019 payment determination).

Program Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit data for 8 of the 15 available eCQMs for one full calendar year (four quarters of data). Hospitals must submit the same 8 eCQMs on a quarterly, biannual, or annual basis. 	Dual Program Acceptance	Hospitals that successfully submit data for at least 8 of the 15 available eCQMs via the QSP submission system will meet the eCQM requirements for both the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital IQR Program Medicare EHR Incentive Program for Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTE: This only meets the CQM requirement.
Reporting Deadline	February 28, 2018 , by 11:59 p.m. PT		
Technical Requirements	Hospitals submitting eCQM data will need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology certified to the 2014 or 2015 Edition (Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology [ONC] standards) Format Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category I files according to the 2017 CMS Implementation Guide (IG) (July 2016) and the 2017 CMS QRDA I Schematrons and Sample Files for Hospital Quality Reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> eCQM specifications must be the eCQM Specifications for Eligible Hospitals April 2016. 	Successful Submission	Data must be submitted through the QSP in any combination of: <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 QSP will be open for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test File Submissions: <i>(to be announced)</i> Production File Submissions: <i>(to be announced)</i>
		Tools Available	The Pre-Submission Validation Application (PSVA) Tool (download from the QSP) 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitals with a <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> (QSP) 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 QSP and utilize the Vendor Authorization Screen to provide authorization to the vendor. EHR Vendors will need to have a QSP account with the EHR Data Upload Role assigned. 	Who to Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For questions on the IQR Program and eCQM reporting requirements, call the Hospital Inpatient Support Contractor at (844) 472-4477. For questions on the QSP, PSVA, and the eCQM data submission process, call the <i>QualityNet</i> Help Desk at (866) 288-8912. For questions on the Medicare EHR Incentive Program, call the Electronic Health Record Information Center (EHRIC) Help Desk at (888) 734-6433 (Press Option 1).