

## Calendar Year (CY) 2018 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Submission Information for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program

**eCQM data submission is required for the CY 2018 reporting (Fiscal Year 2020 payment determination).**

<b>Program Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit data for <b>8 of the <a href="#">15 available eCQMs</a></b> for one full calendar year (four quarters of data)</li> <li>Hospitals must submit the <b>same 8 eCQMs</b> on a quarterly, biannual, or annual basis.</li> </ul>	<b>Dual Program Acceptance</b>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Hospital IQR Program</b></li> <li><b>Medicare EHR Incentive Program</b> for Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NOTE:</b> This only meets the <b>CQM requirement</b>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Reporting Deadline</b>	<b>February 28, 2019</b> , by 11:59 p.m. PT		<p>Data must be submitted through the <b>QSP</b> in any combination of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>QRDA Category I files</b> with patients meeting the Initial Patient Population of the applicable measure(s)</li> <li><b>Zero Denominator Declarations</b></li> <li><b>Case Threshold Exemptions</b></li> </ul>
<b>Technical Requirements</b>	<p>Hospitals submitting eCQM data will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize <b>Electronic Health Record (EHR) Technology certified to the 2015 Edition</b> (Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology [ONC] standards)</li> <li>Format Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category I files according to the <b>2018 CMS Implementation Guide (IG)</b> (<i>to be published Summer 2017</i>) and the <b>2018 CMS QRDA I Schematrons and Sample Files for Hospital Quality Reporting</b> (<i>to be published Summer 2017</i>)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eCQM specifications must be the <b>eCQM Specifications for Eligible Hospitals Update Spring 2017</b> (<i>not yet available</i>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Successful Submission</b>	<p>The Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) System in the QSP will be open for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Test File Submissions:</b> (<i>to be announced</i>)</li> <li><b>Production File Submissions:</b> (<i>to be announced</i>)</li> </ul>
		<b>System Availability</b>	<p>The <b>Pre-Submission Validation Application (PSVA) Tool</b> (download from the QSP) is highly recommended for hospitals to <b>validate</b> that the file structure is correct prior to test and production QRDA Category I file submissions.</p>
		<b>Tools Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For questions on the <b>IQR Program</b> and <b>eCQM reporting requirements</b>, call the Hospital Inpatient Support Contractor at (844) 472-4477.</li> <li>For questions on the <b>QSP, PSVA, and the eCQM data submission process</b>, call the <i>QualityNet</i> Help Desk at (866) 288-8912.</li> <li>For questions on the <b>Medicare EHR Incentive Program</b>, call the Electronic Health Record Information Center (EHRIC) Help Desk at (888) 734-6433 (Press Option 1).</li> </ul>
<b>Who Can Submit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Hospitals</b> with a <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> (QSP) account and the EHR Data Upload Role assigned</li> <li><b>EHR Vendors</b> selected by the hospitals to submit data on their behalf               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitals will need to log in to the QSP and utilize the Vendor Authorization Screen to provide authorization to the vendor.</li> <li>EHR Vendors will need to have a QSP account with the EHR Data Upload Role assigned.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Who to Call</b>	