

Calendar Year (CY) 2016 electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Submission Information for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program

eCQM data submission is required as part of the CY 2016 (Fiscal Year 2018) Hospital IQR Program.

Program Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit data for 4 of the CY 2016 Available eCQMs for one CY quarter. Hospitals can choose to submit for either 3rd or 4th Quarter 2016. 	Dual Program Acceptance	Facilities that successfully submit data for at least 4 of the 28 available eCQMs via the <i>QualityNet Secure Portal (QSP)</i> 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 NOTE: This only meets the CQM requirement.
Reporting Deadline	February 28, 2017 , at 11:59 p.m. PT NOTE: Submission deadline has been extended to March 13, 2017 .		
Technical Requirements	Facilities submitting eCQM data will need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize an Electronic Health Record (EHR) System certified to the 2014 or 2015 Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC HIT) standards Format Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category I files according to the 2016 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Implementation Guide (IG) and the 2016 CMS QRDA IG Appendix and Schematron <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use eCQM Specifications for CY 2016 submissions (eCQM Specifications for Eligible Hospitals Update June 2015). 	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 is open for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test File Submissions: Now – March 13, 2017 Production File Submissions: October 1, 2016 –March 13, 2017
		Tools Available	The Pre-Submission Validation Application (PSVA) Tool (download from the QSP) is highly recommended for hospitals to validate that their QRDA Category I file structure is correct prior to test and production submissions.
Who Can Submit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitals with a 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 login 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 specifications, submit questions through JIRA – ONC Issue Tracking System. 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).