

Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Submission Overview for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program and Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program			
Program Requirements	Submit data for at least four (4) of the nine (9) available eCQMs for two self-selected quarters of CY 2021 data (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4) during the same reporting period. The self-selected eCQMs must be the same eCQMs across quarters in a given reporting year.	Dual Program Acceptance	Hospitals that successfully report on four (4) of nine (9) available eCQMs for two self-selected quarters via the Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) System will meet CQM requirements for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital IQR Program • Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program for Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals
Reporting Deadline	Thursday, March 31, 2022, 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time (The original deadline was February 28, 2022.)		
Technical Requirements	Hospitals submitting eCQM data will need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Health Information Technology (Health IT) certified by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) to the existing 2015 Edition certification criteria, the 2015 Edition Cures Update criteria, or a combination of both. • Use eCQM specifications published in the 2020 eCQM annual update for CY 2021 reporting and applicable addenda, available on the eCQI Resource Center. • Use the 2021 CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category I, Schematron, and sample QRDA Category I files found on the Eligible Hospital/Critical Access Hospital eCQMs page of the eCQI Resource Center. 	Successful Submission	Data must be submitted through the <i>HQR Secure Portal</i> as any combination of the following: <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 HQR System will be open for Test and Production File Submissions (Fall 2021).
		File Validation Tool	Via the HQR System, providers can validate QRDA Category I test and production file structure and contents and generate CSV files for feedback to correct QRDA Category I files prior to production re-submissions.
Who Can Submit Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitals with a HCQIS Access Roles and Profile (HARP) account can submit data. • Electronic health record (EHR) vendors can create a HARP account to submit data on their behalf. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hospitals can log in to the HQR Secure Portal and use the Vendor Management System to assign, modify, and remove vendor access from one page. The user will receive instant confirmation that vendors are added, suspended, or removed. Contact the QualityNet Service Center for additional assistance at (866) 288-8912 or qnetsupport@hcqis.org. 	Contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit questions on the Hospital IQR Program and eCQM reporting requirements to the Hospital IQR Program Support Contract Team at (844) 472-4477 or visit the Quality Question and Answer Tool. • Submit questions on the <i>HQR Secure Portal</i>, Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program, or eCQM data submission process to the QualityNet Service Center at (866) 288-8912 or qnetsupport@hcqis.org. • Visit the ONC Jira Issue Tracker to research prior responses and submit questions to CMS subject matter experts for assistance with the eCQM Issue Tracker, QRDA Issue Tracker, CQL Issue Tracker, and CMS hybrid measures.