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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has selected the targeted sample of hospitals for data validation of measures within the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 payment determination and the Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program for FY 2023 program year. An updated list of the selected hospitals is available on the CMS *QualityNet* website, <https://qualitynet.cms.gov>. It is possible for a hospital to be selected in consecutive years. The quarters included in the data validation efforts for FY 2023 are third quarter 2020 (3Q 2020) and fourth quarter 2020 (4Q 2020).

In a typical year, CMS targets hospitals based on multiple criteria outlined in the FY 2014 Inpatient Prospective Payment System/Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System Final Rule (78 FR 50833 through 50834). Many of the targeting criteria are based on previous fiscal year validation efforts. However, due to CMS granting unprecedented exceptions in response to the public health emergency for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), this year's targeting has been based solely on whether hospitals have been selected for CMS data validation in any of the previous three years.

Selected hospitals will receive a direct email from the CMS Value, Incentives, and Quality Reporting Validation Support Contractor. The updated list of hospitals selected for FY 2023 validation, as well as validation resources, can be found on <https://qualitynet.cms.gov>. To access, select [**Hospitals – Inpatient**], and then [**Data Management**], followed by [**Data Validation**], and lastly [**Resources**]: <https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/data-management/data-validation/resources>.

All random and targeted hospitals selected for validation are subject to the same requirements.

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