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The Prospective Payment System (PPS)-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program data submission deadline is **Monday, August 16, 2021**, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time (PT) for the Oncology Care Measure (OCM) and Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) measures.

Participating hospitals should submit OCM measure via the [Hospital Quality Reporting Simple Data Entry \(SDE\) Tool](#). For detailed instructions on submitting the data, please refer to the PCHQR Program webinar of [July 15, 2020](#), found on the [Quality Reporting Center PCH Events on Demand page](#).

| PCH # | Oncology Care Measure | Treatment Dates |
|--------|---|-----------------------------------|
| PCH-15 | Oncology: Plan of Care for Moderate to Severe Pain (National Quality Forum [NQF] #0383) | Q1–Q4 2020 (01/01/20–12/31/20) |

In response to the Public Health Emergency due to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has granted an exception for reporting Quarter (Q) 1 2020 and Q2 2020 OCM data. Please refer to this link for more information: <https://qualitynet.cms.gov/files/5ee20c3ccdb8240023e226e1?filename=2020-21-PCH.pdf>.

Note: Q1 2020 and Q2 2020 PCH-15 data entry fields are marked as **optional** in the HQR SDE Tool.

The HAI measures listed below will be submitted via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to CMS based on data you enter into the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).

| PCH # | HAI Measures | Event Dates |
|--------|--|--------------------------------|
| PCH-4 | Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) (NQF #0139) | Q1 2021 (01/01/21–03/31/21) |
| PCH-5 | Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) (NQF #0138) | |
| PCH-6 | Surgical Site Infection (SSI)—Colon (NQF #0753) | |
| PCH-7 | SSI—Abdominal Hysterectomy (NQF #0753) | |
| PCH-26 | <i>Clostridium difficile</i> Infection (CDI) (NQF #1717) | |
| PCH-27 | Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) Bacteremia (NQF #1716) | |

Please ensure that your data for the submission period are entered prior to the submission deadline of 11:59 p.m. PT on Monday, August 16, 2021. Participants should run their facility’s NHSN – Analysis – CMS Reports before and after submission to confirm the completeness and accuracy of data.

At this time, these steps are required while the new HQR performance reports are under development. Instructions to generate the NHSN – Analysis – CMS Reports can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/cms/pps.html>

Extraordinary Circumstances Exceptions (ECE)

In the event your hospital is unable to submit data or meet requirements due to an extraordinary circumstance, you may request an individual exception. For events impacting your submission of data, the ECE must be submitted within 90 calendar days from when you determined that the extraordinary event occurred. The event may occur during the measurement period through the submission or reporting deadline. Please refer to the PCHQR Program [ECE policy page](#) on QualityNet for further information.

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