

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Quality Program
Extraordinary Circumstances Exceptions (ECE) Request Form**

A facility may request an exception, as specified by CMS, for quality reporting and value-based purchasing programs due to extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the facility. Such circumstances may include (but are not limited to) natural disasters (such as a severe hurricane or flood), issues with CMS data-collection systems that directly affected the ability of facilities to submit data, or extreme circumstances that prevent facilities from electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) or electronic health record (EHR)-based reporting. Please refer to the *Federal Register* and *Code of Federal Regulations* for program-specific rules on availability of this exception. To request an exception, please complete and submit this form. This form must be submitted **within 90 calendar days of the extraordinary circumstance for all programs, except the submission of eCQMs under the Hospital IQR Program, which has an ECE Request deadline of April 1** following the end of the reporting period.

An asterisk (*) indicates required fields. All sections must be complete and specific in order for the CMS to consider the request.

Facility Contact Information

*Facility Name _____

*CMS Certification Number (CCN) _____

*National Provider Identifier Number (NPI) (ASC only) _____
(Place additional NPIs in Additional Comments section.)

***CEO/Designee Contact Information**

*Name _____ *Title _____

*Address (must include physical street address) _____

*City _____ *State _____ *Zip Code _____

*Telephone Number _____ *Extension _____

*Email Address _____

Additional Contact Information

Name _____ Title _____

Address (must include physical street address) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone Number _____ Extension _____

Email Address _____

***Dates**

*Date of Request _____ *Date of Extraordinary Circumstance _____

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***Program(s) and Program Requirement(s) for Which Facility is Requesting Exception**

Please indicate which program requirement(s) and quarter(s) were affected by the extraordinary circumstance and if you are requesting the requirement to be excepted from public reporting.

Program	Measure and/or Program Requirement	Quarter(s)
Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Web-based measure(s)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Claims-based measure(s)	
End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program (ESRD QIP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Depression Screening and Follow-up Plan	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Measure(s)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) Survey	
	<input type="checkbox"/> CAHPS Attestation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ESRD Quality Reporting System (EQRS)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Claims-based measure(s)	
Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Validation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Claims-based measure(s)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> NHSN Healthcare-associated infection (HAI) measure(s) data use	
	<input type="checkbox"/> NHSN HAI measure(s) data submission requirements	
Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Validation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chart-abstracted measure(s)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Claims-based measure(s)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Influenza Vaccination Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) measure	
	<input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 Vaccination Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) measure	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Web-based measure(s)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural measure(s)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Population and Sampling	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Validation	
Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-measure related requirement(s) (Please specify below)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chart-abstracted measure(s)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Web-based measure(s)	

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(OQR) Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Claims-based measure(s)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Validation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-measure related requirement(s) (Please specify below)	
Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program (HRRP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Claims-based measure(s)	
Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Claims-based measure(s)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey	
	<input type="checkbox"/> NHSN Healthcare-associated infection (HAI) measure(s)	
Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Chart-abstracted measure(s)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 Vaccination Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) measure	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Claims-based measure(s)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-measure related requirement(s) (Please specify below)	
PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Web-based measure(s)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Claims-based measure(s)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Influenza Vaccination Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) measure	
	<input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 Vaccination Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) measure	
	<input type="checkbox"/> NHSN Healthcare-associated infection (HAI) measure(s)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-measure related requirement(s) (Please specify below)	
Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing (SNF VBP) Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Claims-based measure(s)	

Exception or Extension Request Information

*Date ECE relief would end _____

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***Provide justification for the ECE end date.**

***Enter specific reasons for requesting an exception. Please include the specific requirements or data for which you are seeking an exception. Please indicate how the extraordinary circumstance negatively impacted performance or how the extraordinary circumstance prevented your facility from meeting the program requirement for the measure(s) for which an exception is being sought (if applicable). Attach supporting documentation when necessary.**

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***Provide evidence of the impact of the extraordinary circumstance including (but not limited to) photographs, web links, newspaper, and other media articles. Attach supporting documentation when necessary.**

Additional Comments (Attach additional documentation/comments if necessary.)

*CEO/Designee Signature: _____ *Date: _____

Extraordinary Circumstances Exceptions Request Form Submission Instructions

Complete and submit this form, via the *Hospital Quality Reporting Secure Portal*, Managed File Transfer to QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com. If unable to submit via Managed File Transfer, please submit via email to QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com or secure fax to (877) 789-4443.

For SNF VBP only requests, complete and submit this form to the SNF VBP mailbox at SNFVBP@rti.org.

Following receipt of the request form, CMS will (1) Provide a written acknowledgement using the contact information provided in the request, to the CEO and any additional designated facility personnel, notifying them that the facility's request has been received and (2) provide a formal response to the CEO and any additional designated facility personnel using the contact information provided in the request notifying them of our decision. CMS will strive to complete its review of each ECE request within 90 calendar days of receipt of the request.

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