# Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program Quick Reference Guide Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Payment Update (APU) Reconsideration

#### **Reconsideration Request**

## Download the Reconsideration Request Form

- 1. Visit https://qualitynet.cms.gov/.
- 2. Select the "Hospitals Inpatient" link.
- 3. Select "Learn more" below the "Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program" link.
- 4. Select the "APU" link.
- 5. Select the "APU Reconsideration" link.
- 6. Select "Download" next to Reconsideration Request Form.

### Complete the Reconsideration Request Form and Provide the Reconsideration Reasons

- An asterisk (\*) indicates a required field. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will not accept the form if any required fields are blank.
- Physical addresses are required (i.e., no PO boxes are accepted).
- If there is not enough room on the form to completely provide all information about your request, you may continue on a separate document (e.g., a Word document).
- Supporting documentation (e.g., emails, reports, screenshots) is not required but may be submitted.
- The form should be signed.

#### **Submit the Form**

**Deadline:** CMS must receive the form **no later than 30 days** from the date the hospital received the Hospital IQR Program Annual Payment Update (APU) Notification Letter.

The form may be submitted in any of these three ways:

- Use the Hospital Quality Reporting Secure Portal Managed File Transfer
  - Go to <a href="https://harp.cms.gov/login/login?ADO=MFT">https://harp.cms.gov/login/login?ADO=MFT</a> and sign in using your HARP User ID and Password
  - o Open "Mail" then click "Compose"
  - Enter QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com in the "To" field
  - Uncheck the "Require Registered Users" option
  - Attach your document(s) and click "Send"
- Fax to (877) 789-4443.
- Email to QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com.

**Note:** Follow all Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rules. **Do not submit any Personal Health Information or other sensitive patient information.** 

### **CMS** Response

Upon receipt of the reconsideration request, CMS will:

- Email an acknowledgement to the hospital's chief executive officer (CEO)/Designee and Security Official (as indicated on the form) that the request has been received.
- Notify the CEO/Designee by letter of the reconsideration decision.

CMS expects the process to take approximately 90 days from receipt of the reconsideration request.