



# Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program

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### Measure Collaboration Workspace Webinar Series: Measure Collaboration Workspace and eCQM Flows and Clinical Flow Prototype

#### Questions and Answers

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*Subject-matter experts researched and answered the following questions after the live webinar. The questions may have been edited for grammar.*

**Question 1: Does the measure developer submit these, or is this for the future?**

The Measure Collaboration (MC) Workspace and submitting measures under development to the New eCQM Clinical Workflow and eCQM Test Results modules provide additional avenues for CMS measure developers to gather feedback from stakeholders.

**Question 2: You can submit feedback on measures under development via the New eCQM Clinical Workflow. Is there a similar space where you can provide feedback on measures already developed and in use?**

Questions and comments regarding current eCQMs can be submitted to the ONC Jira Project Tracking System (<https://oncprojecttracking.healthit.gov/>). Access the search bar at the top right-hand corner of the landing page to determine if a question like yours exists. You may also create a login and password to submit your issue to allow subject-matter experts to address your question.

**Question 3: Is the expectation that the measure developer responds to any and all comments? Can everyone view comments? Lastly, will this replace JIRA for eCQM feedback?**

This is in reference to the community providing information to the MC Workspace regarding measures under development. There is an option to complete a feedback submission form or to provide a comment at the bottom. Any feedback submitted through the feedback submission form is shared directly with the measure developer and not visible to the public. However, feedback shared via the comment field at the bottom of each entry in the eCQM Concepts, New eCQM Clinical Workflow, or eCQM Test Results modules is visible to the measure developer and the public.

CMS measure developers have the option to use these tools to share details about measures under development. The CMS measure developers may acknowledge or respond to comments regarding these measures under development.

The MC Workspace will not replace the ONC Jira Issue Tracker. Continue to use the ONC Jira Project Tracking System (<https://oncprojecttracking.healthit.gov/>) to report implementation issues or questions regarding current eCQMs.

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**Question 4:** **It appears the test template does not align with the National Quality Forum (NQF) Feasibility Scorecard. Could you please comment on this?**

The data element feasibility template displayed during the eCQM Test Results demo was based on the NQF Feasibility Scorecard. The data element feasibility template and the eCQM Test Results module are not intended to replace the NQF Feasibility Scorecard or change any processes currently in place for NQF endorsement.

Recognizing the eCQM Test Results module would be used by those in the field without immediate access to a measure developer, the goal was to use plain language in the data element feasibility template to make it easy to understand for someone who may not have a high level of technical expertise or who may not be more closely involved in the measure development process. The information on the form would supplement what is happening in the field for the measure developer.

The information gathered through the eCQM Test Results module will inform what the measure developer includes on the NQF Feasibility Scorecard. One builds on the other until the developer creates what is needed to put the measure into the NQF process.

**Question 5:** **Do you know when the 2021 version of the eCQM flows will be available for the nine eCQM measures? Will the eCQM flows become available when the measure specifications are posted? For 2020, the measure specifications were made available in May 2019, but the eCQM flows were not made available until August 2019.**

The eCQM flows are generally published several months after the measure specifications to allow for development time after the measure specifications are published. We anticipate the eCQM flows to be available late summer 2020 and encourage you to visit the eCQI Resource Center for updates at <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/>.

**Question 6:** **Where are the Eligible Hospital (EH)/Critical Access Hospital (CAH) eCQM flows on the eCQI Resource Center website?**

EH/CAH submitters should visit the eCQI Resource Center and locate the EH/CAH page; that page contains an eCQM Resources tab (<https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh-cah?globalyearfilter=2020>). Under the eCQM Resources tab, there is a list of implementation resource

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documents including the eCQM Flows (zip) file. The 2020 eCQM flows were published last year, and the 2021 eCQM flows should publish soon.

Although these were not reviewed during today's webinar, the Eligible Professional (EP)/Eligible Clinician (EC) eCQM flows are also posted on the eCQI Resource Center and located on the EP/EC resources tab with a list of additional implementation resource documents:

<https://ecqi.healthit.gov/ep-ec?globalyearfilter=2020>

**Question 7: Can this also be used for Ambulatory Care Centers (ACSs)?**

The MC Workspace currently supports collaboration on eCQMs used in CMS quality reporting programs. If there is interest in submitting an eCQM concept idea relevant to ACSs, the team has happy to work with you. Please send information to [ecqi-resource-center@hhs.gov](mailto:ecqi-resource-center@hhs.gov).

**Question 8: Can you review telehealth-gathered measures such as body mass index (BMI) and blood pressure (BP)? Do these count if reported by the patient?**

Questions and comments regarding current eCQMs, including telehealth related questions, can be submitted to the ONC Jira Project Tracking System for additional assistance at <https://oncprojecttracking.healthit.gov>.