



# **IPFQR Program FY 2022 APU Reconsideration Process**

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# Acronyms

<b>APU</b>	Annual Payment Update
<b>CBM</b>	claims-based measure
<b>CMS</b>	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
<b>CY</b>	calendar year
<b>DACA</b>	Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement
<b>FY</b>	fiscal year
<b>IMM-2</b>	Influenza Immunization
<b>IPF</b>	inpatient psychiatric facility
<b>IPFQR</b>	Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Quality Reporting
<b>PPS</b>	Prospective Payment System
<b>PRRB</b>	Provider Reimbursement Review Board
<b>VIQR</b>	Value, Incentives, and Quality Reporting

# Purpose

The purpose of today's presentation is to provide information regarding the CMS IPFQR Program annual payment update (APU) reconsideration process for fiscal year (FY) 2022.

# Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Identify the IPFQR Program requirements and understand the APU reconsideration process.
- File a Reconsideration Request Form with CMS.

# Overview of FY 2022 Results for Eligible Facilities

There were 1,618 IPFs eligible to participate in the IPFQR Program for FY 2022.

- 1,560 eligible IPFs (96.4%) met all requirements.
- 32 IPFs (2.0%) are new facilities that are not required to meet program requirements in FY 2022.
- 21 IPFs (1.3%) participated, but they failed to meet all requirements.
- 37 IPFs (2.3%) chose not to participate.

# FY 2022 IPF Payment Decisions

To participate in the IPFQR Program and qualify to receive the full FY 2022 APU, eligible IPFs had to meet the following requirements by the August 16, 2021, deadline:

- Maintain at least one active QualityNet Security Administrator/Official
- Have an IPFQR Program Notice of Participation status of “Participating”
- Submit measure and non-measure data
- Complete the Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement (DACA)

# APU Status Notifications

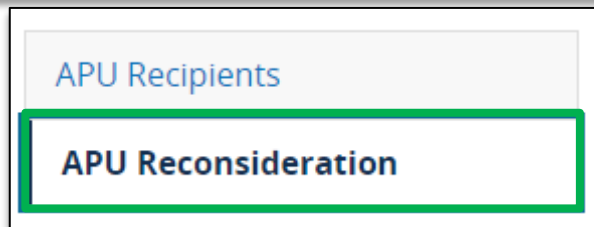
- Notification letters were sent **September 8, 2021**, to facilities not meeting one or more of the program requirements.
- Reconsideration Request Forms for decisions are due to CMS **30 days** from the date on the APU decision letter.
- Notifications of APU reconsideration decisions will be sent by CMS to facilities filing a reconsideration approximately 90 days after the Reconsideration Request Form is submitted.

# APU Reconsideration Process on QualityNet

An overview of the APU reconsideration process for the IPFQR Program is available on the **APU Reconsideration** page on QualityNet:  
<https://www.qualitynet.org/ipf/ipfqr/apu#tab2>



# APU Reconsideration Process on QualityNet



From the QualityNet home page, click on the **Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities** button.

In the Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program box, click the **Learn more** button.

Click on **APU** in the top menu. Then, select **APU Reconsideration**.

This will direct you to the overview page for the IPFQR Program APU reconsideration process for FY 2022.

# Reason for Reconsideration Request

- Provide the CMS-identified reason(s) why the facility did not meet the APU requirement.
- Specify reason(s) for believing the facility did meet the quality reporting program requirement(s) and should receive the full APU.
- Include any supporting information or documentation by attaching a PDF file with your completed APU Reconsideration Request Form.
- Submit the Reconsideration Request Form via one of the methods listed below.
  - *Hospital Quality Reporting Secure Portal* Managed File Transfer and the [QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com](mailto:QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com) email address
  - Secure fax to (877) 789-4443
  - Email to [QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com](mailto:QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com)

# Filing a Provider Reimbursement Review Board Appeal

If a facility is dissatisfied with the result of the CMS APU reconsideration determination, the facility may file a Provider Reimbursement Review Board (PRRB) appeal.

An appeal:

- Can only be submitted after the facility has submitted a request for reconsideration and received a decision on the request.
- Can be submitted up to 180 days following the IPF reconsideration notification date.

Details about the PRRB appeal process can be found on the CMS website: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Review-Boards/PRRBReview/index>.

# Questions

Please submit all questions regarding the APU reconsideration process to:

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Any additional questions about the IPFQR Program can be submitted to the Inpatient Value, Incentives, and Quality Reporting (VIQR)

Outreach and Education Support Contractor:

[https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet\\_qa?id=ask\\_a\\_question](https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_qa?id=ask_a_question)