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IPFQR Program: FY 2023 APU Determination and Reconsideration Processes Presentation Transcript

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Evette Robinson: Before we proceed with today's webinar, I would like to remind everyone that we ask that you to submit any questions, pertinent to the webinar topic, to us via the Chat tool. Any unanswered questions will be responded to and considered for publication in the [QualityNet Questions & Answers Tool](#) at a later date. Any questions received that are not related to the topic of the webinar will not be answered in the Chat tool. Instead, we recommend that you go to the QualityNet Q&A Tool to search for posted question-and-answer pairs, as well as submit any new questions to us that are not already addressed in the Q&A tool or in a previously published summary of questions and answers.

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Welcome to today's presentation titled, *IPFQR Program: FY 2023 APU Determination and Reconsideration Processes*. My name is Evette Robinson, and I am the IPFQR Program Lead for the VIQR Support Contractor.

This presentation will summarize the annual payment update, or APU, determination and reconsideration processes related to the recent data submission period.

By the end of this presentation, attendees will be able to describe the FY 2023 APU determination and reconsideration processes.

First, let's review the APU determination process.

This slide lists all the requirements CMS used to determine whether an IPF will receive the full fiscal year 2023 APU. Specifically, eligible IPFs had to meet the following requirements: Have an IPFQR Program Notice of Participation, or NOP, status of Participating by the August 15, 2022, deadline.

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IPFs must have submitted measure and non-measure data by the deadlines indicated. Specifically, fourth quarter 2021 COVID HCP measure data were due May 16, 2022, while the remaining measure and non-measure data listed on this slide were due on August 15, 2022. Also, upon completion of the measure and non-measure data submission, IPFs must have completed the Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement, or DACA, by the August 15, 2022, deadline. Eligible IPFs that did not meet all the reporting requirements as described on this slide will be subject to a 2-percentage point reduction of their annual payment update.

As stated in the FY 2022 IPF Prospective Payment System, or PPS, Final Rule, patient-level data reporting occurred on a voluntary basis during the summer 2022 data submission period. During the summer 2022 submission period, CMS advised IPFs to submit all aggregate measure and non-measure data in the *HQR Secure Portal* prior to voluntarily submitting patient-level measure data to test processes for and gain experience in submitting patient-level data prior to the FY 2024 data submission period. IPFs could submit voluntary patient-level data for as few as one measure, or for all the required measures and non-measure data, except for the HBIPS-2 and HBIPS-3 measures, as only the numerator values for those measures could be submitted at the patient level.

CMS will send APU notification letters in September 2022 to facilities that did not meet one or more of the program requirements by the deadlines described on slide 10. Reconsideration requests for APU decisions are due to CMS 30 days from the date on the APU decision letter. CMS will send notifications of APU reconsideration decisions to facilities that file a reconsideration approximately 90 days following the submission of the reconsideration request.

Next, let's review the APU reconsideration process.

An overview of the APU reconsideration process for the IPFQR Program is available on the APU Reconsideration page on [QualityNet](#). You can access that web page from the link on this slide.

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This slide displays the QualityNet IPF APU Reconsideration webpage overall. In the next few slides, I will address each section of the webpage in more detail.

In the first section of the web page, you will find an overview of the APU reconsideration process, the IPFQR Program requirements for the fiscal year, as well as contact numbers you can call if you have questions about the APU reconsideration process.

The Resources section includes links to the APU Reconsideration Request Form, as well as the one-page IPFQR APU Reconsideration Quick Reference Guide. Both PDF files can be downloaded to your computer from this part of the webpage. Let's take a closer look at each of these documents.

This slide displays all three pages of the APU Reconsideration Form. We'll review the required and optional fields on each page in the subsequent slides.

At the top of page one, you will see that there are three options for submitting a complete APU reconsideration form. The form can be submitted via the *HQR Secure Portal*, via secure fax, or by email. The required fields on the form are indicated by an asterisk symbol. On page one, the required fields pertain to information about the facility, the CEO or Designated contact, and the Security Official contact.

Required fields pertaining to the Security Official contact information continues at the top of page 2, and the next required section is the reconsideration request information. You will notice at the bottom of page 2 that there is an optional section for additional comments.

Most of the last page of the APU reconsideration request form includes guidance related to validation. Since validation review is not part of the IPFQR Program at this time, no action is required with respect to the validation information on page 3 of the APU reconsideration form.

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The last required fields are the CEO or Designated Personnel signature and date. Note that all required fields must be completed in order for the documentation to be processed.

The image displayed on this slide is the IPFQR Program Quick Reference Guide for FY 2023 APU Reconsideration. This one-page document provides you with general guidance regarding how to access, complete, and submit the APU reconsideration form. Includes a short description of the next steps once CMS receives the APU reconsideration request.

Finally, at the bottom of the QualityNet IPF APU Reconsideration page is a section that describes the process for filing an appeal.

In the next several slides, I will review helpful resources pertaining to today's webinar as well as the IPFQR Program in general.

This slide displays a list of the acronyms that were referenced during this presentation.

This slide lists a few of the upcoming webinar topics. CMS will send email notifications about these events to the IPFQR Program Listserve.

CMS recommends that IPFs refer to the latest versions of IPFQR Program resources for information pertaining to the IPFQR Program. Various documents, including the IPF Specifications Manual, IPFQR Program Guide, and optional paper tools, are available for download from the QualityNet and Quality Reporting Center websites. These can be accessed by clicking on the icons on this slide. The IPFQR Program Guide is a great place to start, as it provides an overview of requirements, program measures, and various tools pertinent to the IPFQR Program.

We encourage you to keep us up to date with points of contact at your facility by sending the completed Contact Change Form to us whenever there are staff changes relevant to the IPFQR Program or other quality reporting programs.

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We also recommend that you sign up for the IPFQR Program ListServe, if you have not already, by clicking on the Listserve Registration icon on this slide. Once enrolled in the IPFQR Program Listserve, you will receive communications pertaining to IPFQR Program webinars, program updates, and other announcements. Information about upcoming webinars can be viewed by clicking on the Upcoming Webinars icon on this slide.

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This concludes the content portion of today's webinar titled, *IPFQR Program: FY 2023 APU Determination and Reconsideration Processes*. We thank you for your time and attention. Have a great day!