

## IPFQR Program FY 2023 APU Reconsideration Process

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## Acronyms

APU	Annual Payment Update
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
DACA	Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement
FY	fiscal year
НСР	healthcare personnel
HQR	Hospital Quality Reporting
IPF	inpatient psychiatric facility
IPFQR	Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Quality Reporting
NHSN	National Healthcare Safety Network
NOP	Notice of Participation
PRRB	Provider Reimbursement Review Board
Q	quarter
VIQR	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) 2023.

## **Objectives**

Participants will be able to:

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

# Overview of FY 2023 Results for Eligible Facilities

There were 1,601 IPFs eligible to participate in the IPFQR Program for FY 2023.

- 1,420 eligible IPFs (88.7%) met all requirements.
  - 30 IPFs (1.9%) are new facilities that are not required to meet program requirements in FY 2023.
- 146 IPFs (9.1%) participated, but they failed to meet all requirements.
- 35 IPFs (2.2%) chose not to participate.

## **FY 2023 IPF Payment Decisions**

To participate in the IPFQR Program and qualify to receive the full FY 2023 APU, eligible IPFs had to meet the following requirements:

#### • By May 16, 2022:

 Submit Quarter (Q)4 2021 COVID Healthcare Personnel (HCP) measure data to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).

#### • By August 15, 2022:

- Have an IPFQR Program Notice of Participation (NOP) status of "Participating."
- Submit measure and non-measure data.
- Complete the Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement (DACA).

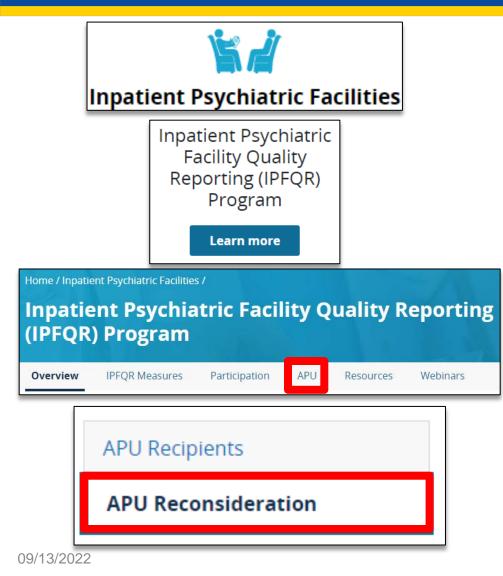
## **APU Status Notifications**

- Notification letters were sent September 7, 2022, to facilities that did not meet 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: <u>https://www.qualitynet.org/ipf/ipfqr/apu#tab2</u>

## APU Reconsideration Process on QualityNet



- From the QualityNet home page, click on the Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities button.
- In the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program box, click the Learn more button.
- Click on APU in the top menu. Then, select APU Reconsideration.
- You will see the overview page for the IPFQR Program APU reconsideration process for FY 2023.

## **Reconsideration Request**

- Provide the CMS-identified reason(s) why the facility did not meet the APU requirement.
- Specify your 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 (HQR) Secure Portal Managed File Transfer and the <u>QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com</u>email address
  - Secure fax to (877) 789-4443
  - Email to <u>QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com</u>



## 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: <u>https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-</u> <u>Guidance/Review-Boards/PRRBReview/index</u>.

## Questions

Please submit all questions regarding the APU reconsideration process to: <u>QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com</u>

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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