



# **IPFQR Program FY 2023 APU Reconsideration Process**

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# Acronyms

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

<https://www.qualitynet.org/ipf/ipfqr/apu#tab2>



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- 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 [QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com](mailto:QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com) email address
  - Secure fax to (877) 789-4443
  - Email to [QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com](mailto:QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com)

# 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:

[QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com](mailto:QRFormsSubmission@hsag.com)

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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)