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PCHQR Program: Calendar Year 2018 Recap and a Look Ahead

Questions and Answers

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The following document provides actual questions from audience participants. Subject-matter experts researched and answered the following questions after the live webinar. This content may have been edited.

Question 1: **Will there be a dry run report of the 30-Day Unplanned Readmissions for Cancer Patients (National Quality Forum #3188) measure?**

We do not believe a dry run is necessary for this measure. Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS)/Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Final Rule (83 FR 41623) says, “This is a claims-based measure; therefore, there will be no separate data submission requirements for PCHs related to this measure as CMS will calculate measure rates using PCH claims data.” Furthermore, we note there were measures in the PCHQR Program that have had dry runs; however, that process was covered in other quality reporting programs prior to adoption in the PCHQR Program.

Question 2: **Will we receive dry run reports or patient-level data for the End-of-Life (EOL) measures?**

The EOL measures were not a part of a dry run; moreover, at this time, there are no dry run results to share. In the FY 2018 IPPS/LTCH PPS Final Rule, we finalized that these measures would be implemented in the PCHQR Program beginning with the FY 2020 program year, October 1, 2018 (82 FR 38424). We believe that we can begin publicly reporting data for these measures in calendar year 2020.