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**Subject:** **Now Available: Updated 2023 CMS QRDA I Implementation Guide (IG), Schematron, and Sample Files for Hospital Quality Reporting**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has published an update to the [2023 CMS Quality Reporting Document Architecture \(QRDA\) Category I Implementation Guide \(IG\), Schematron, and Sample Files](#) for Hospital Quality Reporting. The 2023 CMS QRDA I IG outlines requirements for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) to report electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs) for the calendar year 2023 reporting period for these programs:

- Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program
- Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program
- Outpatient Quality Reporting Program (voluntary)

Changes to the 2023 CMS QRDA I IG include:

- Updates to require patient telephone and email address.
- Updates to provide guidance when report “result as *type*” such as “result as Quantity”.

Changes to the 2023 CMS QRDA I schematron file:

- Updates to support the changes in the December 2022 Errata release of the Health Level Seven International (HL7) Clinical Document Architecture (CDA®) R2 IG: QRDA Category I (QRDA I), Release 1, Standard for Trial Use (STU) Release 5.3.
- Updates to add assertion rules requiring patient telephone and email address.

Changes to the 2023 CMS QRDA I Sample Files:

- Updates to align with the changes to require patient telephone and email address.

**Additional QRDA-Related Resources:**

- To find out more about QRDA and eCQMs, visit the [Electronic Clinical Quality Improvement \(eCQI\) Resource Center](#).
- For questions related to the QRDA IGs and/or Schematrons, visit the [ONC Project Tracking System \(Jira\) QRDA project](#).
- See the [QRDA Known Issues Dashboard](#) for solutions under development for both QRDA I and III known technical issues. These known issues supplement the information in QRDA IGs and other supporting documents.