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Announcement from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS):

The Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) System is now accepting XML test file submissions for the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) program. You can now submit a test XML file to ensure that the format meets the requirements for FY 2027 submissions that begin on July 1, 2026.

**Please note:**

- Test XML file uploads are considered practice, **will not** be calculated, and do not count toward the data submission requirements for the IPFQR Program.
- **Only** test files will be accepted for IPF patient-level records. Neither test nor production facility-level (FLD) XML files will be accepted.

You can submit a test file by logging into the [HQR System](#), navigating to **Data Submissions**, and uploading your file via File Upload or the Chart-Abstracted tab. For additional guidance, please refer to the following webinar:

- [\*\*IPFQR Program: Keys to Successful FY 2026 Reporting\*\*](#)
  - Please refer to this educational event as a reference. The Keys to Successful FY 2027 Reporting webinar will be held in summer 2026.

As the HQR System continues to improve, any changes will be communicated.

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