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**Subject:** Now Accepting Public Comments on the Draft 2026 CMS QRDA III Implementation Guide (IG) for Eligible Clinicians

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted the draft 2026 CMS Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category III Implementation Guide (IG) for Eligible Clinician public comment starting on **May 29, 2025**, and ending at 5 p.m. eastern time (ET) on **June 17, 2025**. The 2026 CMS QRDA III IG outlines requirements for eligible clinicians to report electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs) for the calendar year 2026 reporting period. Visit the [QRDA Issue Tracker on the ONC Project Tracking System \(Jira\) website](#) to submit comments.

The 2026 CMS QRDA III IG uses the same base Health Level 7 (HL7) QRDA III standard as the 2026 CMS QRDA I IG.

The draft 2026 CMS QRDA III IG contains the following high-level updates to support the 2026 reporting period.

- Removal of the Primary Care First (PCF) submission guidance
- Removal of the Making Care Primary (MCP) submission guidance

Information about submitting comments:

- Ticket number: [QRDA-1301](#)
- You must have a JIRA account to submit a comment
- We are accepting comments until 5:00 p.m. ET on June 17, 2025

**Please note, this is a *draft* document, and the contents are subject to change.** Contents may change based on final rules and your comments. We look forward to receiving your feedback on the draft 2026 CMS QRDA III IG.

**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 Implementation Guides and/or Schematrons, visit the [ONC Project Tracking System \(Jira\) QRDA project](#).