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From: Inpatient and Outpatient Healthcare Quality Development and Program Support
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Subject: Now Accepting Public Comments on the Draft 2026 CMS QRDA I
Implementation Guide (IG) for Hospital Reporting

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted the draft 2026 CMS Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category I Implementation Guide (IG) for Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) for public comment starting on **April 4, 2025,** and ending at 5 p.m. eastern time (ET) on **April 25, 2025**. The 2025 CMS QRDA I IG outlines requirements for hospitals 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 I IG uses the same base Health Level 7 (HL7) QRDA I standard as the 2025 CMS QRDA I IG.

The draft 2026 CMS QRDA I IG contains updates to support the 2026 reporting period.

Information about submitting comments:

- Ticket number: [QRDA-1287](#)
- You must have a JIRA account to submit a comment.
- We are accepting comments until 5:00 p.m. ET on April 25, 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 I 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](#).