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Subject: New eCQM Addendum Process for Eligible Clinician and Hospital eQMs

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has established a formal [electronic clinical quality measure](#) (eCQM) addendum process for eQMs used in the hospital - inpatient, hospital - outpatient, and eligible clinician quality reporting programs. This process will support the timely resolution of high-impact issues identified after publication of the eCQM annual update release.

Through the eCQM addendum process, CMS may provide updates to published measure specifications and/or supporting documentation without requiring republication of the full annual update. Addenda may be used to correct technical errors; clarify implementation guidance; or address issues that significantly affect measure calculation, reporting, or implementation.

An addendum will be considered only when:

- The issue prevents accurate measure calculation or reporting or substantially affects the intended clinical intent of the measure.
- The issue is driven by an urgent public health or external need.
- The issue has a significant impact on implementer interpretation, burden, or usability.

Addenda will be published at least 90 days before the applicable reporting/performance period. For annual reporting programs, this generally means before September 30.

Addendum for Eligible Clinician eCQM CMS22v15

The first issue to follow the new addendum process is [eCQM Known Issue #48 \(EKI-48\)](#). This EKI relates to CMS22v15 – Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for High Blood Pressure and Follow Up Documented for the 2027 performance period. The numerator logic interval syntax error that caused patients with a diastolic blood pressure of exactly 80 mmHg to be included in multiple numerator subgroups has been corrected. The measure specification has a minor version update where the logic is corrected and is posted on the [eCQI Resource Center](#).

For questions regarding this eCQM visit the [eCQM Issue Tracker](#). Note that an [ONC Project Tracking System \(Jira\) account](#) is required to ask a question or comment.