



Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program

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Questions & Answers

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Question 1: On slide 27, SUB-3/SUB-3a are not listed as required measures for the reporting program. Are they required?

The measures referenced on slide 27 pertain to the fiscal year (FY) 2018 IPFQR Program requirements. Calendar year (CY) 2017 SUB-3/-3a measure data will be due by August 15, 2018, for the FY 2019 Annual Payment Update (APU).

Question 2: Will the IPFQR Program add two new chart abstracted measures (Medication Reconciliation at Admission and Identification of Opioid Use Disorder)? If yes, in what calendar year will data collection begin?

Per the FY 2018 IPPS final rule, no new chart-abstracted measures have been added to the IPFQR Program. Review the webinar titled *Potential Measures for the IPFQR Program and the Pre-Rulemaking Process* (located here: [IPFQR Program Archived Events](#)) for more information of the measure development and review process that occurs prior to rulemaking.

Question 3: What is the definition of "topped out" for the IPFQR Program?

As stated on page 38463 of the FY 2018 IPPS/LTCH PPS Final Rule, the IPFQR Program aligned "criteria for determining that a measure is 'topped-out' with the Hospital IQR Program's criteria (80 FR 49642), which states that a measure is 'topped-out' if there is statistically indistinguishable performance at the 75th and 90th percentiles and the truncated coefficient of variation is less than or equal to 0.10."

Question 4: When will the FY 2019 payment determination submission period be announced?

The data submission periods are anticipated to be the following:

- Influenza Vaccination Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP):
October 1, 2017 through May 15, 2018
- All other IPFQR Program measure and non-measure data:
July 1, 2018 through August 15, 2018

CMS communicates the submission periods via the IPFQR Program ListServe.



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Question 5: Will IPFs still be required to submit a year's worth of data July 1 to August 15 the following year? For example, will we submit calendar year 2017 data by August of 2018?

Yes. IPFs will be required to submit a calendar year's worth of data for all measures and non-measure data with the following exceptions:

- Attestations (Use of EHR, Assessment of Patient Experience of Care): As of December 31, 2018
- IMM-2 and Influenza Vaccination Among HCP: October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018

The deadline for submitting all data is August 15 each year, unless otherwise communicated by CMS, with the exception of the Influenza Vaccination Among HCP measure, which must be reported to the CDC by May 15 each year.

Question 6: Will data be required to be submitted quarterly now instead of annually?

No. There has been no change to the frequency and duration of data collected for the IPFQR Program.