## Calendar Year (CY) 2017 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Submission Information for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program

**eCQM data submission is required for the CY 2017 reporting period (Fiscal Year 2019 payment determination).**

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| **Program Requirements** | Hospitals must submit data for at least **four (4)** of the 15 **available eCQMs** for **one self-selected quarter** of CY 2017 data (Q1, Q2, Q3, or Q4). | **Dual Program Acceptance** | Hospitals that successfully submit data for at least **four** (4) of the 15 available eCQMs via the *QualityNet Secure Portal* will meet the CQM electronic reporting requirements for the following:<br><br>• **Hospital IQR Program**<br>• **Medicare EHR Incentive Program** for eligible hospitals (EHs) and critical access hospitals (CAHs)<br>**NOTE:** This only meets the **CQM requirement.** |
| **Reporting Deadline** | February 28, 2018, by 11:59 p.m. PT | | |
| **Technical Requirements** | Hospitals submitting eCQM data will need to:<br><br>• **Use Health Information Technology (Health IT) certified to the 2014 and/or 2015 Edition** by Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) standards.<br>• Format **Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category I files** according to the **2017 CMS Implementation Guide (IG) (July 2016)** and the **2017 CMS QRDA Category I Schematrons and Sample Files for Hospital Quality Reporting.**<br>• Use the most current eCQM specifications for CY 2017. (**Addendum to eCQMs for eReporting for the 2017 Reporting Period for Eligible Hospitals**) | **Successful Submission** | Data must be submitted through the *QualityNet Secure Portal* as any combination of the following:<br><br>• **QRDA Category I files**, with patients meeting the Initial Patient Population (IPP) of the applicable measure(s)<br>• **Zero denominator declarations**<br>• **Case threshold exemptions** |
| | | **System Availability** | The CMS data receiving system in the *QualityNet Secure Portal* is open now through February 28, 2018, for **Test and Production QRDA Category I file submissions.** |
| | | **Tools Available** | The **Pre-Submission Validation Application (PSVA) tool** (available as a download from the *QualityNet Secure Portal*) is highly recommended for hospitals to use to check the file structure to ensure it is correct prior to Test and Production QRDA Category I file submissions. |
| **Who Can Submit** | • **Hospitals** with a *QualityNet Secure Portal* account and the electronic health record (EHR) Data Upload Role assigned<br>• **ONC Health IT vendors** selected by the hospitals to submit data on their behalf<br>  o Hospitals will need to log in to the *QualityNet Secure Portal* and use the Vendor Authorization Screen.<br>  o EHR vendors will need to have a *QualityNet Secure Portal* account with the EHR Data Upload Role assigned. | **Who to Call** | • For questions on the **Hospital IQR Program** and **eCQM reporting requirements**, call the Hospital Inpatient Support Contractor at (844) 472-4477 or visit https://cms-ip.custhelp.com.<br>• For questions on the *QualityNet Secure Portal*, **PSVA,** and the **eCQM data submission process**, call the *QualityNet* Help Desk at (866) 288-8912.<br>• For questions on the **Medicare EHR Incentive Program**, call the Electronic Health Record Information Center (EHRIC) Help Desk at (888) 734-6433, Option 1. |