

## Calendar Year (CY) 2019 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Submission Overview for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program

<b>Program Requirements</b>	Submit data for at least <b>four (4)</b> of the 15 <a href="#">available eCQMs</a> for one self-selected quarter of CY 2019 data (Q1, Q2, Q3, or Q4) during the same reporting period.	<b>Dual Program Acceptance</b>	Hospitals that successfully report on at least four (4) of 15 available eCQMs via the <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> will meet CQM requirements for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hospital IQR Program</b></li> <li>• <b>Promoting Interoperability Program</b> for Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting Deadline</b>	<b>March 2, 2020</b> , by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time (Deadline extended due to original deadline falling on a weekend and/or holiday.)	<b>Successful Submission</b>	Data must be submitted through the <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> as any combination of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>QRDA Category I files</b> with patients meeting the initial patient population of the applicable measure(s)</li> <li>• <b>Zero denominator declarations</b></li> <li>• <b>Case threshold exemptions</b></li> </ul>
<b>Technical Requirements</b>	Hospitals submitting eCQM data will need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use health information technology (Health IT) certified to the 2015 Edition of Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) criteria.</li> <li>• Use eCQM specifications published in the 2018 eCQM annual update for CY 2019 reporting and applicable addenda available on the <a href="#">eCQI Resource Center</a> website at <a href="https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eligible-hospital-critical-access-hospital-ecqms">https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eligible-hospital-critical-access-hospital-ecqms</a>.</li> <li>• Use the 2019 <i>CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category I Hospital Quality Reporting</i>, Schematron, and sample QRDA Category I files at <a href="https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eligible-hospital-critical-access-hospital-ecqms">https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eligible-hospital-critical-access-hospital-ecqms</a>.</li> </ul>	<b>System Availability</b>	The Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) system in the <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> will be open for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Test File Submissions</b> (<i>Summer 2019</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Production File Submissions</b> (<i>Summer 2019</i>)</li> </ul>
		<b>Tools Available</b>	The <b>Pre-Submission Validation Application (PSVA) tool</b> (available as a download from the <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> ) is highly recommended for hospitals to <b>validate</b> that the file structure is correct prior to test and production QRDA Category I file submissions.
<b>Who Can Submit the Data</b>	The following entities can submit data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hospitals</b> with a <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> account and the EHR Data Upload Role assigned</li> <li>• <b>EHR vendors</b> selected by the hospitals to submit data on their behalf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hospitals will need to log in to the <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> and use the Vendor Authorization screen to provide authorization to the vendor.</li> <li>○ EHR vendors will need to have a <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i> account with the EHR Data Upload Role assigned.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Whom to Contact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit questions on the Hospital IQR Program and eCQM reporting requirements to the Hospital IQR Program Support Contract Team at (844) 472-4477 or visit <a href="https://cms-ip.custhelp.com">https://cms-ip.custhelp.com</a>.</li> <li>• Submit questions on the <i>QualityNet Secure Portal</i>, PSVA, Promoting Interoperability Program, or eCQM data submission process to the <i>QualityNet</i> Help Desk at (866) 288-8912 or <a href="mailto:gnetssupport@hcqis.org">gnetssupport@hcqis.org</a>.</li> <li>• Submit eCQM implementation questions (eMeasure specifications, logic, code sets, and measure intent) to the <a href="#">ONC JIRA eCQM Issue Tracker</a>.</li> <li>• Submit technical questions/issues identified during implementation/reporting with the QRDA Category I standard to the <a href="#">ONC JIRA QRDA Issue Tracker</a>.</li> </ul>