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To: Anyone subscribed to the following QualityNet list serves: Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program Notifications and Hospital VBP Notify: Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program Notifications.

Subject: Reminder for the FY 2026 Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program Hospital-Specific Report Review and Correction Period

Review your Hospital-Specific Reports (HSRs) on the [Hospital Quality Reporting \(HQR\) system](#) for the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program.

The Review and Correction period began August 12, 2025 and ends September 10, 2025.

CMS encourages hospitals to review their HSRs and submit questions about their calculations as soon as possible. Submit all requests for corrections using the [QualityNet Question and Answer Tool](#) **no later than 11:59 p.m. PT on September 10, 2025.**

This is a reminder that the HSR for the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program is available via the [HQR system](#). The Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program HSR contains information on hospital performance on six 30-day risk-standardized unplanned condition- or procedure-specific readmission measures and payment reduction status displayed on the *Measure detail dashboard* of the [HQR system](#), as well as downloadable comma-separated values (CSV) files with your hospital's patient-level data. Hospital-level performance data is also available in downloadable portable document format (PDF) files. The report has an accompanying user guide with information about the contents of the HSR.

The following measures are included in the report:

Measure
30-day risk-standardized unplanned condition- and procedure-specific readmission measures
Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) readmission
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) readmission
Heart failure (HF) readmission
Pneumonia readmission
Coronary artery bypass graft surgery (CABG) readmission
Elective primary total hip and/or total knee arthroplasty (THA/TKA) readmission

Performance periods

Your hospital's results for the FY 2026 program year are calculated using data from the following measure-specific performance periods:

Measure	Performance period
30-day risk-standardized unplanned condition- or procedure-specific readmission measures	July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2024

Review and Correction period

The Review and Correction period enables hospitals to review the results in their HSR and submit questions about their calculations. Hospitals cannot request corrections to the underlying claims data or add new claims to the data extract during this period. Hospitals can review the data in their HSR and replicate their payment reduction and component results using the information in their HSR and accompanying user guide.

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To submit a question using the QualityNet Question and Answer Tool, select “HRRP - Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program” from the program list and “HRRP review & correction request” as the topic. Hospitals should describe each discrepancy and include the following:

- CMS Certification Number (CCN)
- Hospital name
- Hospital address
- Contact’s name, phone number, and email address
- Measure or component in question

Hospitals should not include personally identifiable information (PII) or protected health information (PHI) in their inquiry. When referring to the contents of the HSR, use the ID Number.

Additional information

More information about the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program is available on the [QualityNet website](#) or the [CMS website](#).
