Critical Access Hospital eCQM Resource List

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Note: This resource list for electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs) was last updated on June 11, 2018. Resources included are those most currently available as of that date. This list is updated periodically to reflect updates and new materials released by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for 2018 reporting.

I. Understand eCQM Reporting requirements

Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)

- **2018**: Submit four of the 15 available eCQMs for one self-selected calendar quarter. *Data Due 2/28/2019*
  Note: Critical access hospitals (CAHs) are not held to the IQR program requirements, but meeting the Hospital IQR Program eCQM requirement also satisfies the CQM electronic reporting requirement for the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program.

Promoting Interoperability Program (formerly known as the Medicare EHR Incentive Program)

- **2018**: Eligible hospitals (EH) and CAHs must electronically report CQMs as aligned with the CMS IQR requirements, using CEHRT (Certified EHR Technology) when feasible. Attestation will no longer be an option except in circumstances where electronic reporting is not feasible. *Data Due 2/28/2019*
  Note: ED-3 is available to report for the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program, but, because it is an outpatient measure, it is not applicable or available to report for the Hospital IQR Program.

II. Review eCQM Resources

- QualityNet eCQM Overview: Information on eCQM reporting requirements for the Hospital IQR Program
- CY 2017 eCQM Overview: Summary of program requirements, technical requirements and tools from the CMS Quality Reporting Center. *Note: a similar overview of CY 2018 eCQM reporting is not yet available, but significant changes are not anticipated*.
- List of measures for hospital eCQM submission
  - CY 2018 Available eCQMs
- Quality Reporting Center eCQM Archived Events: Materials and recordings of training and events related to eCQM reporting and the IQR program. Available recordings include:
  - FY 2018 IPPS Final Rule Overview: Overview of the Hospital IQR Program and Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs Specific to eCQMs and MU Requirements
  - CMS QRDA Category I Implementation Guide Changes for CY 2018 for Hospital Quality Reporting
  - CY 2017 eCQM Reporting Tips and Tools for the Hospital IQR and Medicare EHR Incentive Programs *Note: a similar resource for CY 2018 is not yet available.*

III. Prepare IT and data

- **Health IT**: Must be certified to the 2014 and/or 2015 Edition ONC standards
- **Data Files:** Use any combination of QRDA Category I files, zero denominator declarations, and/or case threshold exemptions
    - Technical Specifications and Resources for eCQM Reporting on QualityNet (link includes):
        - CMS Implementation Guide for QRDA Category I Hospital Quality Reporting Implementation Guide for 2018
        - 2018 CMS QRDA I Schematrons and Sample Files for Hospital Quality Reporting
    - eCQM Electronic Specifications (eCQI resource Center)
        - Technical documentation is available for download to support CY 2018 eCQM reporting activities, including an eCQM Implementation Checklist, eCQM eMeasure Logic Guidance, and eCQM Technical Release Notes.
- **Submission Portal:** Ensure your facility has a QualityNet Secure Portal account, and the EHR Data Upload Role has been assigned. Contact the QualityNet Helpdesk for assistance (qnetsupport@hcqis.org, (866) 288-8912).

IV. Submit Test and Production Files via QualityNet

Use the Pre-Submission Validation Application (PSVA) checklist for submitting a test file to test for accuracy and issues, and the production checklist (submission file) for final submission once issues are resolved.

1. Follow instructions from this resource to submit test files:
   CY 2017 Preparation Checklist – Test *Note: a similar resource for CY 2018 is not yet available.*
2. Upload files as per instructions on checklist and online
3. Review files for omissions, errors, and work with vendor to resolve them
    - This recorded session from the Quality Reporting Center may be helpful in resolving issues:
      How to Correct Common Schema Validation Errors for Hospital QRDA Category I Submissions and Other Guidance
4. Resubmit test file until no errors or omissions occur. Contact Quality Net Help Desk for unresolved issues (qnetsupport@hcqis.org, (866) 288-8912)
5. Follow instructions from this resource to complete submission:
   CY 2017 Preparation Checklist – Production *Note: a similar resource for CY 2018 is not yet available.*

Additional Resources

- Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program Requirements
- Additional eCQM Related Tools and Resources (scroll to bottom of web page)
- eCQM Issues Tracker