The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) administers the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP) to promote high-quality services by outpatient dialysis facilities treating patients with ESRD. The first of its kind in Medicare, this program changes the way CMS pays for the treatment of ESRD patients by linking a portion of payment directly to facilities’ performance on quality care measures. The ESRD QIP will reduce payments to ESRD facilities that do not meet or exceed certain performance standards.

For more information about the program, see [http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/ESRDQIP/index.html](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/ESRDQIP/index.html). For more information about specifications on each measure (including exclusions), see [http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/ESRDQIP/061_TechnicalSpecifications.html](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/ESRDQIP/061_TechnicalSpecifications.html). If you have questions about the program after reviewing this content, you may reach the CMS ESRD QIP staff by emailing ESRDOIP@cms.hhs.gov.

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### Performance Period

- **Comparison Period:**
  - PY 2012: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
  - PY 2013: July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012
  - PY 2014: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013
  - PY 2015: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014
  - PY 2016: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015
  - PY 2018: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

- **National Performance Rate:**
  - CY 2011: National Performance Rate
  - CY 2012: National Performance Rate (CY 2011)
  - CY 2013: National Performance Rate (May – Dec. 2012) for Hypercalcemia
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  - CY 2015: National Performance Rate (CY 2015) for ICH CAHPS
  - CY 2016: National Performance Rate (CY 2016) for ICH CAHPS

### Weighting

- **Clinical**: 90%
- **Reporting**: 10%
- If facility has only one type of measure, that type is weighted at 100% of the score.

### Minimum Data Requirements

- **Low-Volume Facility Score Adjustment**: None
- **Minimum Total Performance Score**: 53 Points

Please note that this chart is an informal reference only and does not constitute official CMS guidance. Please refer to the implementing regulations for each PY.