April 20 CMS Quality Vendor Workgroup

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Questions
2018 IPPS and LTCH Proposed Payment Rule Announcement
Kathleen Johnson
Division of Health Information Technology (DHIT), CMS
Announcement

2018 Medicare Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) (CMS-1677-P)

• On Friday, April 14, CMS issued a proposed rule to update fiscal year (FY) 2018 Medicare payment policies and rates under the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) (CMS-1677-P).
  • More information can be found here: https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/current.
  • Comments are due by June 13, 2017
Upcoming Webinar: Hospice Quality Reporting Program: Public Reporting
Amanda Barnes

Division of Chronic and Post Acute Care, CMS
Announcement

Hospice Quality Reporting Program: Public Reporting Webinar
Thursday, April 27, 2017
1:30 – 3:00 PM ET

• During this webinar, CMS will discuss the new Preview Reports for Hospices that will be available to providers in the near future. Participants will gain an understanding of how to access these reports, how to interpret the contents of these reports, and what to do if they believe their report contains an error.

• Interested participants can register for the webinar here: https://engage.vevent.com/index.jsp?eid=3536&seid=767.
eCQM Implementation Checklist
Shanna Hartman and Edna Boone
Division of Electronic and Clinical Quality (DECQ), CMS
eCQM Implementation Checklist Location

eCQM Electronic Specifications

These electronic specifications are fully developed and represent the electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs) for the Inpatient hospital quality reporting programs. This page will be updated if changes are made to the final measure requirements.

Each year, CMS makes updates to the electronic specifications of the Clinical Quality Measures approved for submission in CMS programs. CMS encourages the implementation and use of the updates because they include new codes, logic corrections and clarifications.

For those attesting to eCQMs to demonstrate meaningful use for the EHR Incentive Programs: CMS will accept the most recent version of the eCQMs (which would be the electronic specifications of the CQMs published by CMS in 2016) through attestation as finalized in the 2015 EHR Incentive Programs final rule (80 FR 62893). For eReporting of eCQMs to demonstrate meaningful use or for Quality Reporting Programs: An eligible hospital or critical care hospital must use the most current version of the eCQMs identified below. Information on Reporting Options is available on here.

The vocabulary value sets used by eCQMs consist of codes and terms drawn from standard vocabularies such as SNOMED CT, HCPCS Level II, ICD-9-CM, and OMB-45.
eCQM Implementation Checklist

Pre-Check

1. Signup for a Unified Medical Language System (UMLS) account
2. Signup for a JIRA account
3. Signup for eCQM page change notifications on the eCQM Resource Center
4. Review the code versions used in the Annual Update
5. Review the standards, tools, and documents used in the Annual Update

Checklist

1. Access the appropriate eCQM Annual Update
2. Secure detailed information about each measure
3. Download value sets
Using the Checklist

Pre-Check

1. Signup for a Unified Medical Language System (UMLS) account
   This account will allow you to access the National Library of Medicine’s (NLM) Value Set Authority Center (VSAC) to view all codes included in eCQM value sets.

2. Signup for a JIRA account
   This account allows you to submit issues regarding eCQM implementation and receive feedback. Key topic areas include the CQM Issue Tracker, Quality Data Model (QDM) Issue Tracker, Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Issue Tracker, Bonnie Issue Tracker and Cypress Issue Tracker. Review JIRA instructions.

3. Signup for eCQM page change notifications on the eCQI Resource Center

4. Review the code versions used in the Annual Update

5. Review the standards, tools, and documents used in the Annual Update
Suggested Pre-Check Items

Pre-Check

- 1) Signup for a Unified Medical Language System (UMLS) account
- 2) Signup for a JIRA account
- 3) Signup for eCQM page change notifications on the eCQI Resource Center
- 4) Review the code versions used in the Annual Update
- 5) Review the standards, tools, and documents used in the Annual Update
Suggested Checklist Items

Checklist

1) Access the appropriate eCQM Annual Update

2) Secure detailed information about each measure

3) Download value sets

4) Prepare to implement the updates by understanding changes to the eCQM

5) Prepare to report the updated eCQMs

6) Reach out for help
Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Annual Update
Implementation Checklist May 2017

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires all Eligible Providers (EP), Eligible Clinics, Eligible Hospital (EH), or Critical Access Hospital (CAH) to use the most current version of the eCQMs for quality reporting purposes.

This checklist assumes that a health care practice/organization has determined which measures to report on. It provides the necessary technical steps, health information technology (HIT) developers, implementers and health care organizations must take to update their systems and processes with the eCQM Annual Update for the upcoming reporting and performance periods. The 2017 eCQM Annual Update should be applied to your system for use in electronic quality reporting.

Pre-Check

1. Register for a Unified Messaging System (UMS) account. This account will allow you to access the National Library of Medicine’s (NLM) Value Set Authority Center (VSAC) to review all codes included in eCQM value sets.

2. Signing for a CDM system. This account allows you to submit issues regarding eCQM implementation and receive feedback. Key steps include the CDM Issue Tracker, Quality Data Model (QDM) Issue Tracker, Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Issue Tracker, Bonnie Issue Tracker, and Express Issue Tracker. Review the instructions.

3. Signing for eCQM pages change notifications on the eCQM Resource Center. Signing up for an eCQM Resource Center account and subscribing to the applicable eCQM pages on the eCQM Resource Center will allow users to select when the CDM or eCQM page has been updated.

4. Review the code versions used in the Annual Update (for example, LHSAC CTT 2016-00) by reviewing the LHSAC CTT 2016-00 document and the LHSAC documentation.
   * Work with your coding department and health IT vendor to ensure your systems have been updated to the latest code versions.
   * Some versions contain “retired” codes. These codes will be marked in the current code system version, but will be considered inactive in one of the prior code system versions. Date the file.

5. Review the CQM Pre-Publication Document and Standards and Specifications used in the Annual Update.
   * Work with your health IT vendor to ensure your systems are using updated technical standards and testing tools.

Checklist

2. Access the appropriate eCQM Annual Update: Eligible Providers/Eligible Clinics or Eligible Hospitals.
   a. Revise the updated eCQMs used in CMS quality programs for the current reporting period in the applicable tables on the Eligible Hospital or Eligible Provider page within.
   b. Download the eCQM annual update .zip file and ensure the resulting artifacts on the Eligible Provider or Eligible Provider page within.

3. Secure detailed information about each measure.
   a. Click into an eCQM on the online table to view detailed human-readable information on the measure.
   b. Download and open .zip files for the individual eCQM for organization use.
   c. Open the HyperText Markup Language (HTML) document that contains the measure specification.

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Checklist Locations

» Eligible Hospital Measure Page
  • https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh

» Eligible Professional and Eligible Clinician Measure Page
  • https://ecqi.healthit.gov/ep

» Direct URL
  • https://ecqi.healthit.gov/ecqm-implementation-checklist
Feedback

» Send feedback and suggestions regarding the eCQM Implementation Checklist to ecqi-resource-center@hhs.gov.
HIQR Program Update

Artrina Sturges, EdD
Hospital Inpatient VIQR Outreach and Education Support Contractor, CMS
Preparations for CY 2017 eCQM Reporting

• Updates to the HQR 2017 CMS QRDA I Schematron for Pre-Submission Validation Application (PSVA) are now available
  • Listserve notification distributed April 6, 2017

• CMS will announce via Listserve the readiness of the CMS data receiving system for CY 2017 test and production QRDA Category I files (late April, early May)

• eCQM Educational Tools & Resources for CY 2017 reporting (located on the QualityNet and QualityReportingCenter websites)

• eCQM Technical Specifications for CY 2017 reporting (available on the eCQI Resource Center and QualityNet websites)
FY 2018 IPPS/LTCH PPS Proposed Rule

• The FY 2018 IPPS Proposed Rule (released Friday, April 14th)
  • Addresses proposed modifications on the CY 2017 and CY 2018 eCQM reporting requirements.

• Display copy of FY 2018 IPPS/LTCH PPS proposed rule available at: [https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2017-07800.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2017-07800.pdf) and, on 4/28/17, the Federal Register copy will be available online at: [https://federalregister.gov/d/2017-07800](https://federalregister.gov/d/2017-07800).

• CMS is accepting comments through June 13, 2017.
Webinars

Archived:

• March 28, 2017: CMS QRDA Implementation Guide Changes for CY 2017 Hospital Quality Reporting

Upcoming:

• May 4, 2017: IQR/HVBP/eCQM - FY 2018 IPPS Proposed Rule
• May 9, 2017: eCQM - FY 2018 IPPS Proposed Rule-eCQM Reporting Requirements

NOTE: To register for upcoming webinars and to locate archived IQR-EHR Incentive Program Alignment webinar materials, please visit QualityReportingCenter.com.
Resources (1 of 2)

**QualityNet Help Desk – PSVA and Data Upload**

Qnetsupport@hcqis.org
(866) 288-8912, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday

**eCQM General Program Questions – IQR Program & Policy**

https://cms-ip.custhelp.com
(866) 800-8765 or (844) 472-4477, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday (except holidays)
Resources (2 of 2)

EHR (Meaningful Use) Information Center – EHR Incentive Program

(888) 734-6433, 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday

JIRA – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Project Tracking System

http://oncprojecttracking.org

Resource to submit questions and comments regarding:

- Issues identified with eCQM logic
- Clarifications on specifications
- Combined QRDA Implementation Guide for 2016
Questions?

cmsqualityteam@ketchum.com
Thank you!
The next CMS Quality Vendor Workgroup will be held on Thursday, May 18 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. ET.