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To: All Programs (IQR, OQR, PCH, Validation, VBP, eCQM, HACRP, ESRD QIP)

Subject: Q3 2020 Data Submission Deadline Extension for Certain Medicare Quality Reporting and Value-Based Purchasing Programs

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is extending quarter (Q) 3 2020 data submission deadlines by one month for providers that participate in certain Medicare Quality Reporting and Value-Based Purchasing Programs to help providers focus on patient care during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

This extension is for acute care hospitals, Prospective Payment System (PPS)-exempt cancer hospitals, end stage renal disease dialysis facilities, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and long-term care hospitals, and affects the following programs and deadlines:

| Program | Affected Measure/Requirement(s) | Original Q3 Deadline Date | Extended Q3 Deadline Date |
|--|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR) Program | Population and Sampling | February 1, 2021 | March 1, 2021 |
| | Patient-level chart-abstracted clinical data: OP-2, OP-3, OP-18, OP-23 | February 1, 2021 | March 1, 2021 |
| Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program | Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) | January 6, 2021 | February 8, 2021 |
| | Population and Sampling | February 1, 2021 | March 18, 2021 |
| | Patient-level, chart-abstracted clinical data: SEP-1 and PC-01 | February 16, 2021 | March 18, 2021 |
| Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program | Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) data: CLABSI, CAUTI, Colon and Abdominal Hysterectomy SSI, MRSA, CDI | February 16, 2021 | March 18, 2021 |
| PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program | HAI data: CLABSI, CAUTI, Colon and Abdominal Hysterectomy SSI, MRSA, CDI | February 16, 2021 | March 18, 2021 |
| | HCAHPS | January 6, 2021 | February 8, 2021 |

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| End Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program (ESRD QIP)* | September 2020 Clinical Month: Kt/V; Hypercalcemia; Long-term Catheter; SFR; UFR; MedRec | January 4, 2021** | February 1, 2021 |
| | October 2020 Clinical Month: (Same as September 2020 Clinical Month) | January 4, 2021 | February 1, 2021 |
| | NHSN Blood Stream Infection (BSI) and NHSN Dialysis Event | December 31, 2020 | February 1, 2021 |
| Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRF) Quality Reporting Program | HAI data: CAUTI and CDI | February 16, 2021 | March 18, 2021 |
| Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program | HAI data: CLABSI, CAUTI, and CDI | February 16, 2021 | March 18, 2021 |

*Clinical closure dates apply to all Collection Types (Hemodialysis; Peritoneal Dialysis). Additionally, clinical data submissions apply to all submission methods.

**This deadline was previously extended from November 30, 2020 to January 4, 2021.

Although the submission deadlines for Q3 2020 data have been extended, the processes for collecting and submitting these data have not changed. This extension does not affect any future deadlines. CMS will continue to monitor the situation for potential adjustments and will update exception lists, excepted reporting periods, and submission deadlines accordingly as events occur.

Extraordinary Circumstances Exceptions (ECE)

In the event that your hospital or facility is unable to submit data or meet requirements due to an extraordinary circumstance, you may request an exception based on individual circumstances by following the specific instructions for each program from which an exception is being sought.

Please refer to the ECE request process and form specific to the program for additional information.

Hospital Quality Programs

- ECE process: Forms are located on the program pages at <https://qualitynet.cms.gov/>.
- Questions: Please contact the Outreach and Education Support Team at https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_qa?id=ask_a_question or (844) 472-4477.

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End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program

- ECE process: <https://qualitynet.cms.gov/esrd/esrdqip/participation#tab4>
- Questions: Please contact the QIP Team at https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenow.com/qnet_ga?id=ask_a_question.

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP)

- ECE process: [IRF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) or email questions to IRFQRPreconsiderations@cms.hhs.gov
- Questions: Please contact IRF.questions@cms.hhs.gov.

Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP)

- ECE process: [LTCH Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) or email questions to LTCHQRPreconsiderations@cms.hhs.gov
- Questions: Please contact CMS at LTCHQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov.

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