

2021 MEDICARE PROMOTING INTEROPERABILITY PROGRAM ELECTRONIC CLINICAL QUALITY MEASURES FACT SHEET

Overview

In order to successfully participate in the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) to report on electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs). These eCQMs are selected by CMS and require the use of certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT).

For calendar year (CY) 2021, in order to be considered a meaningful user and avoid a downward payment adjustment, eligible hospitals and CAHs may use (1) existing 2015 Edition certification criteria, (2) the 2015 Edition Cures Update criteria, or (3) a combination of the two in order to meet the CEHRT definition, as finalized in the [CY 2021 Physician Fee Schedule final rule \(85 FR 84818 through 84828\)](#).

eCQM Reporting Period in 2021

The reporting period for eligible hospitals and CAHs that report eCQMs in the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program is **two self-selected quarters** of CY 2021 data.

The submission deadline is two months following the close of CY 2021, specifically, **February 28, 2022**.

Reporting Criteria for 2021

Eligible hospitals and CAHs are required to report on at least **four** eCQMs. CMS requires Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA)-I for eCQM submissions for the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program. For more information on eCQM specifications and CMS's QRDA I Implementation Guide, visit the [Electronic Clinical Quality \(eCQI\) Information Resource Center](#).

eCQMs for Eligible Hospitals and CAHs for CY 2021		
Short Name	Measure Name	NQF No.
ED-2	Median Admit Decision Time to ED Departure Time for Admitted Patients	N/A
PC-05	Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding	N/A
STK-2	Discharged on Antithrombotic Therapy	N/A
STK-3	Anticoagulation Therapy for Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter	N/A
STK-5	Antithrombotic Therapy by the End of Hospital Day 2	N/A
STK-6	Discharged on Statin Medication	N/A
VTE-1	Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis	N/A
VTE-2	Intensive Care Unit Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis	N/A
Safe Use of Opioids	Safe Use of Opioids – Concurrent Prescribing	3316e