

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Spotlights & Announcements - Archives

Updates

May 5, 2026

Reminder of Upcoming Data Submission Deadline

The submission deadline for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) is approaching. IRF Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI) assessment data and data submitted via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for Oct 1 – Dec 31 (Q4) of the calendar year (CY) 2025 are due with this submission deadline. **The annual NHSN Measure Influenza Vaccination among Healthcare Personnel is also due with this deadline.**

All data must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 18, 2026.

It is recommended that the applicable Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) reports and NHSN analysis reports are run prior to each quarterly reporting deadline to ensure that all required data have been submitted. We encourage you to verify all facility information prior to submission, including CMS Certification Number (CCN) and facility name.

View the list of measures required for the May 18, 2026, deadline in the **Downloads** section on the [IRF Quality Reporting Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

For submission information, visit:

- [iQIES Reference & Manuals](#)
- [CMS Resources for NHSN Users](#)

Swingtech sends informational messages to IRFs that are not meeting the Annual Increase Factor (AIF) threshold on a quarterly basis ahead of each submission deadline. If you need to add or change the email addresses to which these messages are sent, please email QRPHelp@swingtech.com and be sure to include your facility name and CCN along with any requested email updates.

April 3, 2026

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) *Prospective Payment system (PPS)* and Updates to the Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for FY 2027 (CMS-1845-P)

On April 03, 2026, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-1845-P) that provides updates to the fiscal years (FYs) 2027 and 2029 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program (IRF QRP). In this proposed rule, CMS is proposing to revise the IRF QRP Data Submission Deadlines beginning with the FY 2029 IRF QRP. CMS is also soliciting public comments through one Request for Information (RFI) on future measure concepts for the IRF QRP.

The proposed rule went on display at the Federal Register and will be available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>

March 25, 2026

Public Reporting March 2026 Refresh of IRF QRP Data – Now Available

The **March 2026** refresh of the IRF QRP data is now available on the compare tool on [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) and [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#).

For more information, please visit the [IRF QRP Public Reporting](#) website.

March 13, 2026

IRF Provider Preview Reports – Now Available

The Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Provider Preview Reports have been updated and are now available. These reports contain provider performance scores for quality measures, which will be published on the compare tool on [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) and the [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#) during the **June 2026 refresh**.

For more information, please visit the [CMS IRF QRP Public Reporting](#) website.

August 1, 2025

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) *Prospective Payment system (PPS)* and Updates to the Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for FY 2026 (CMS-1829-F)

On August 1, 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule (CMS-1829-F) that provides updates to the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program (IRF QRP). In this final rule, CMS is removing the COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) measure; the COVID-19 Vaccine: Percent of Patients/Residents Who Are Up to Date measure; and four assessment

items in the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) category: one item for Living Situation, two items for Food, and one item for Utilities. CMS is also amending the IRF QRP reconsideration policy and process. Finally, CMS is summarizing feedback on four Requests for Information (RFI) including potential revisions to the IRF-PAI; future quality measure concepts for the IRF QRP; potential revisions to the data submission deadlines for assessment data collected for the IRF QRP; and advancing digital quality measurement in IRFs that were in the proposed rule.

The final rule went on display at the Federal Register and will be available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>

July 21, 2025

IRF Quality Reporting Program: Non-Compliance Notifications

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notifications to Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs) that were determined to be out of compliance with IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) requirements for calendar year (CY) 2024, which will affect their fiscal year (FY) 2026 Annual Increase Factor (AIF). Non-compliance notifications will be distributed by the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and will be placed into facilities' My Reports folders in the Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) on July 21, 2025. Facilities that receive a letter of non-compliance may submit a request for reconsideration to CMS **via email no later than 11:59 pm, August 26, 2025**. If you receive a notice of non-compliance and would like to request a reconsideration, see the instructions in your notification letter and on the [IRF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) webpage.

Please note: any reconsideration containing protected health information (PHI) will not be processed. All PHI must be removed for a reconsideration to be reviewed.

Additionally, all submissions must be less than 20 MB overall (email message and attachments). Submissions that are greater than 20 MB in size cannot be processed.

April 11, 2025

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Prospective Payment system (PPS) and Updates to the Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for FY 2026 (CMS-1829-P)

On April 11, 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-1829-P) that provides updates to the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program (IRF QRP). In this proposed rule, CMS is proposing the removal of the COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) measure; the COVID-19 Vaccine: Percent of Patients/Residents Who Are

Up to Date measure; and four assessment items in the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) category: one item for Living Situation, two items for Food, and one item for Utilities. CMS is also proposing to amend the IRF QRP reconsideration policy and process. Finally, CMS is seeking feedback with four Requests for Information (RFI) including potential revisions to the IRF-PAI; future quality measure concepts for the IRF QRP; potential revisions to the data submission deadlines for assessment data collected for the IRF QRP; and advancing digital quality measurement in IRFs.

The proposed rule went on display at the Federal Register and will be available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/current>