2028 Results Reporting Key Dates and Resources: Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmission (H-HWR) and Hybrid Hospital-Wide Mortality (H-HWM) Measures

Introduction

This document summarizes key dates and resources for hospitals participating in the 2028 Results Reporting of the Hybrid HWR (H-HWR) and the Hybrid HWM (H-HWM) measures.

Key Dates

For the 2028 Results Reporting of the hybrid measures, participating hospitals should submit data on Core Clinical Data Elements (CCDE) (6 vital signs 7 laboratory test results for HWR and 4 vital signs and 6 laboratory tests for HWM, respectively), and linking variables:

- For discharges occurring between July 1, 2026 June 30, 2027
- By October 1, 2027

Hospitals will receive Hospital-Specific Reports (HSRs) in Spring 2028.

Questions?

Please submit hybrid measure questions to the QualityNet Question and Answer tool at https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_qa?id=ask_a_question by selecting: (i) IQR - Inpatient Quality Reporting under "Program", and then (ii) Hybrid Measures under "Topic" or submit your questions via JIRA https://oncprojectracking.healthit.gov/support/browse/CHM

eCQI Resource Center – Hybrid Page

https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh-cah?qttabs_eh=ecqmresources&globalyearfilter=2023&global_m easure_group=3716

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- eCQM Specifications for CMS529v4 (H-HWR) (version 6)
- eCQM Specifications for CMS844v4 (H-HWM) (version 6)
- H-HWR and H-HWM Value Sets and Direct Reference Codes
- H-HWR and H-HWM Binding Parameter Specifications
- H-HWR (CMS529v6) Technical Release Notes
- H-HWM (CMS844v6) Technical Release Notes
- eCQM Annual Update Implementation Checklist and Pre-Publication Document

eCQI Resource Center – Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA)

https://ecqi.healthit.gov/qrda

- 2026 CMS QRDA I Implementation Guide for Hospital Quality Reporting
- 2026 CMS QRDA I Schematrons and Sample Files for Hospital Quality Reporting

Resources on QualityNet

https://www.qualitynet.org/inpatient/measures/hybrid/resources

- 2028 H-HWR and H-HWM Frequently Asked Questions (to be posted in Spring 2028)
- 2028 H-HWR and H-HWM Fact Sheets (to be posted in Spring 2028)
 https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/measures/readmission/methodology
- 2028 H-HWR and H-HWM Measure Methodology Reports (to be posted in Spring 2028) https://www.qualitynet.org/inpatient/measures/hybrid/reports
- 2028 H-HWR and H-HWM HSR User Guides (to be posted in Spring 2028)