

April 20 CMS Quality Vendor Workgroup

April 20, 2017
12:00 – 1:30 p.m. ET



Agenda

Topic	Speaker
2018 IPPS and LTCH Proposed Payment Rule Announcement	Kathleen Johnson <i>Division of Health Information Technology (DHIT), CMS</i>
Upcoming Webinar: Hospice Quality Reporting Program	Amanda Barnes <i>Division of Chronic and Post Acute Care (DCPAC), CMS</i>
eCQM Implementation Checklist	Shanna Hartman and Edna Boone Temaner <i>Division of Electronic and Clinical Quality (DECQ), CMS</i>
Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (HIQR) Program Update	Artrina Sturges <i>Hospital Inpatient Value, Incentives, and Quality Reporting (VIQR) Outreach and Education Support Contractor, CMS</i>

Questions

2018 IPPS and LTCH Proposed Payment Rule Announcement

Kathleen Johnson

*Division of Health Information Technology (DHIT),
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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

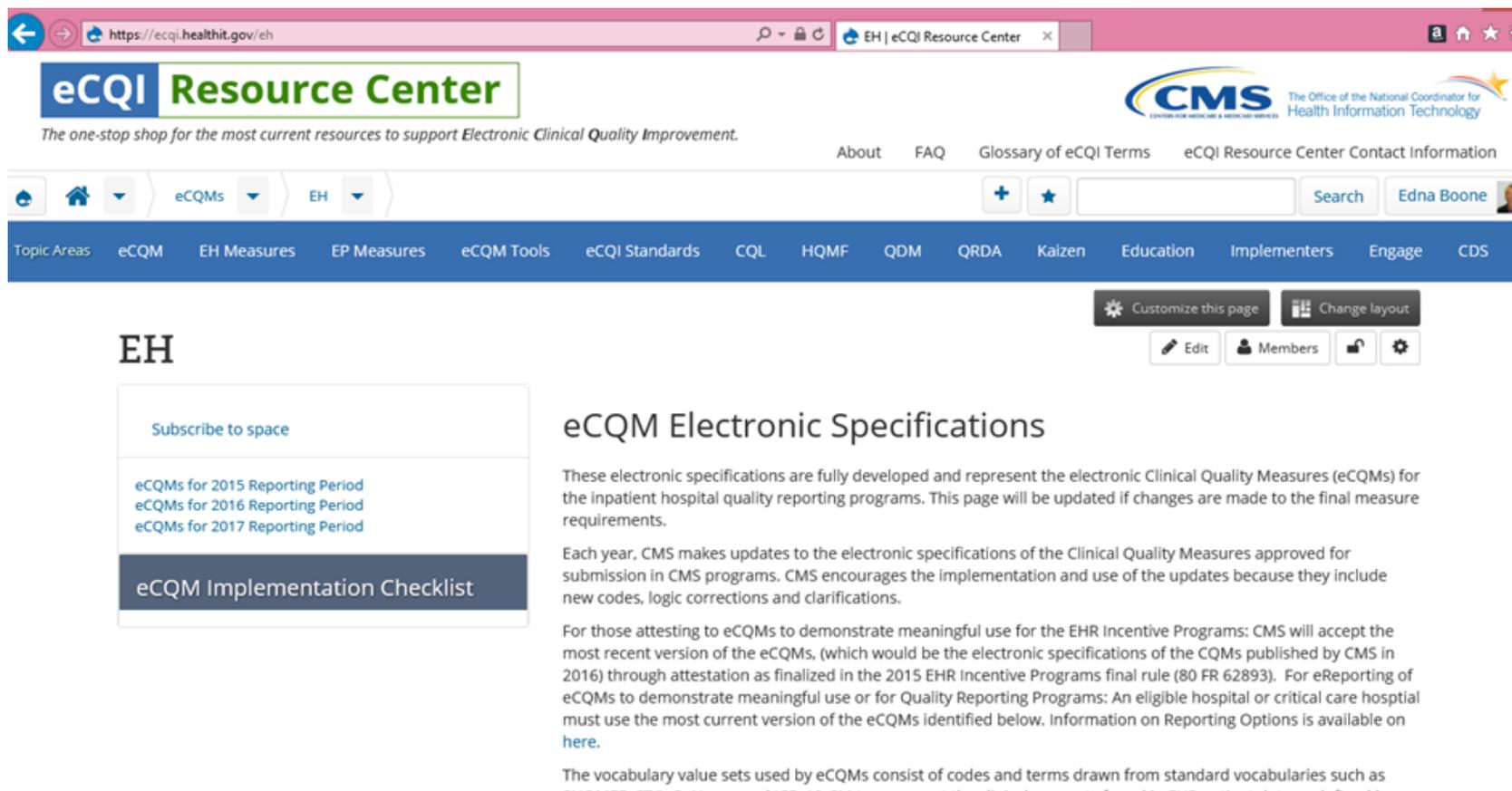
- During this webinar, CMS will discuss the new Preview Reports for Hospices that will be available to providers in the near future. Participants will gain an understanding of how to access these reports, how to interpret the contents of these reports, and what to do if they believe their report contains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



The screenshot shows the eCQM Resource Center website. The browser address bar displays <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh>. The page header includes the eCQM Resource Center logo and the tagline "The one-stop shop for the most current resources to support Electronic Clinical Quality Improvement." Navigation links include "About", "FAQ", "Glossary of eCQI Terms", and "eCQI Resource Center Contact Information". A search bar is present with the name "Edna Boone" and a search button. A blue navigation bar contains various topic areas: "eCQM", "EH Measures", "EP Measures", "eCQM Tools", "eCQI Standards", "CQL", "HQMF", "QDM", "QRDA", "Kaizen", "Education", "Implementers", "Engage", and "CDS".

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- [eCQMs for 2015 Reporting Period](#)
- [eCQMs for 2016 Reporting Period](#)
- [eCQMs for 2017 Reporting Period](#)

eCQM Implementation Checklist

eCQM Electronic Specifications

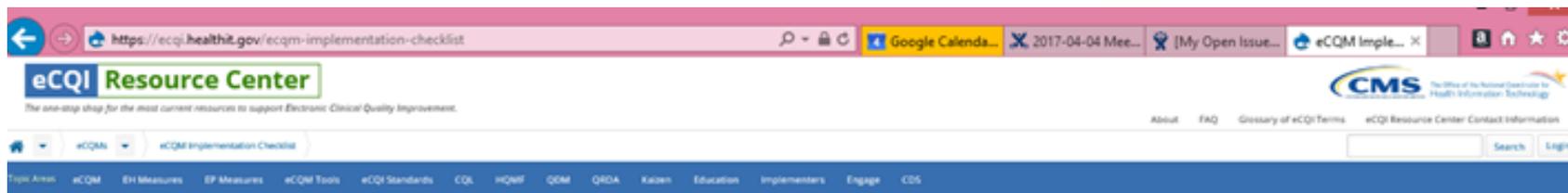
These electronic specifications are fully developed and represent the electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs) for the inpatient hospital quality reporting programs. This page will be updated if changes are made to the final measure requirements.

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

eCQM Implementation Checklist



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eCQM Implementation Checklist

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires an Eligible Professional (EP), Eligible Clinician, Eligible Hospital (EH) or Critical Access Hospital (CAH) to use the most current version of the eCQMs for quality reporting programs.

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 (IT) 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.

For a pdf of the Pre-Check and Checklist below, click [here](#).

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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

Checklist

- 1) Access the appropriate eCQM Annual Update
- 2) Secure detailed information about each measure
- 3) Download value sets

Using the Checklist

eCQI Resource Center

The one-stop shop for the most current resources to support Electronic Clinical Quality Improvement.

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](#).

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Suggested Pre-Check Items

Pre-Check

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- ▶ 2) Signup for a JIRA account
- ▶ 3) Signup for eQIM page change notifications on the eQI Resource Center
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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 eQMs

▶ 6) Reach out for help

Checklist in PDF Format

Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Annual Update Implementation Checklist May 2017

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- 2) Sign up 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) Sign up for eCQM page change notifications on the eCQI Resource Center. Signing up for an [eCQI Resource Center account](#) and subscribing to the [Eligible Professional/Eligible Clinician](#) and/or [Eligible Hospital](#) pages will provide you with alert when the EP or EH page has been updated.
- 4) Review the code versions used in the Annual Update (for example, SNOMED CT 2016-09) by reviewing the [eCQM Pre-Publication documents](#) and the [VSAC download maps](#).
 - Work with your coding department and health IT vendor to ensure your systems have been updated to the latest code versions.
 - Some value sets contain "legacy codes." These codes will be inactive in the current code system version but will be considered active in one of the prior code system versions noted in the file.
- 5) Review the [eCQM Pre-Publication document](#) and [Standards and Tool versions](#) used in the Annual Update.
 - Work with your health IT vendor to ensure your systems are using updated technical standards and testing tools.

Checklist

- 1) Access the appropriate eCQM Annual Update: [Eligible Professionals/Eligible Clinicians](#) or [Eligible Hospitals](#).
 - a. Review the updated eCQMs used in CMS quality programs for the current reporting/performance period in the sortable table on the [Eligible Hospital](#) or [Eligible Professional/Eligible Clinician](#) webpages
 - b. Download the eCQM annual update zip files and corresponding artifacts on the [Eligible Hospital](#) or [Eligible Professional/Eligible Clinician](#) webpages
- 2) 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 your organization uses
 - c. Open the Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML) document that contains the measure specification description

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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

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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> and, on 4/28/17, the Federal Register copy will be available online at: <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.