

Key Resources for External Quality Measure Reporting

(Online version of this resource at www.jointhehealthjourney.com/for-hospitals)

Step 1 – Find out who in the organization is collecting and or reporting to the following organizations and be sure they have a backup and that you have their login information.

- [QualityNet](#) – CMS system for reporting quality measures
 - If you need to [register](#) yourself to report data.
- [NHSN](#) – CDC system for reporting infections
 - [Enrolling](#) your facility
 - If you need to register yourself to report data.
- [Joint Commission](#)
 - [Joint Commission Connect](#) – site for Joint Commission accredited organizations (note browser change on May 8, 2018)
- Blue Cross Blue Shield and other commercial payers – There may be items your hospital reports as part of contract requirement. Check with the hospital’s contact for insurance contracting.

Step 2 – Download for each reporting program the measures to be reported and the associated deadlines for reporting; some measures are based on Medicare claims and will not require additional reporting. (Due to constant updates, be sure you download the list that applies to the current reporting period.)

CMS Reporting

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| Inpatient Quality Reporting | Measures | Deadlines | Measure Reporting Quarters |
| | Specifications Manual | | |
| IP Psychiatric Reporting | Measures | Specifications Manual | |
| Outpatient Quality Reporting | Measures | Deadlines | Specifications Manual |
| Value-Based Purchasing | Measures | Reports to check | |
| | How to read your FY2018 Baseline Measures Report | | |
| | How to read your FY2018 Percentage Payment Summary Report | | |
| Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction | Measures | Fact Sheet | Key Information |
| Readmissions Reduction | Measures | Key Dates | |
| | User Guide for Hospital-Specific Reports | | |
| Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) | Measures | Resource Center | |
| | eCQM Paper | Technical Checklist | |
| Hospital Star Rating | Measures/Collection Period | Methodology | |
| Hospital Compare | Measure Collection Periods/Updates | | |

CDC/NHSN Reporting

- [Information](#) on each type of infection surveillance (e.g., CAUTI, CLABSI)
- Reported [required by CMS](#)
- Targeted Assessment for Prevention [Reports](#)

Joint Commission Reporting

- [Performance Measurement](#)
- [Hospital accreditation Guide](#)
- Purchase JC Specifications [Manual](#)
- CMS & Joint Commission [Common Measures](#)

MACRA Reporting

If your hospital reports for your physicians, read about [MACRA](#).

Other Resources

- Medicare [Conditions of Participation](#)
- Information on CMS [chart-abstracted data validation](#)
- Information on CMS eQIM [data validation](#)
- Hospital Compare [data sets](#)
- Readmissions reports & Excess Days reports from AQA on QualityNet portal (login required)
- CMS Email [notifications](#) on IQR
- CMS Email [notifications](#) for OQR
- [CMS Benchmarks](#) for different reporting years
- QualityNet [help desk](#)
- [Website](#) with great resources for CMS Reporting