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Subject: HQR System Now Accepting CY 2026 eCQM Data

The Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) system is now accepting electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) data for the calendar year (CY) 2026 reporting period. The HQR system accepts Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category I test and production files using CY 2026 requirements. The data submission deadline is **Monday, March 1, 2027, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) considers test QRDA Category I data submissions as practice submissions, and they do not count towards CMS program credit. Production QRDA Category I data submissions by hospitals, or by health information technology vendors on the hospital's behalf, count as final data submissions to fulfill the eCQM reporting requirements for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) and Medicare Promoting Interoperability Programs.

CMS has updated the HQR system to accept QRDA Category I test and production files associated with this reporting period. The requirements are located on the [Electronic Clinical Quality Improvement Resource Center](#).

More information on eCQM reporting is available on the [eCQM Measure](#) page of the QualityNet website. On that page, you can also access the [CY 2026 eCQM Submission Overview](#) document.

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