
42 C.F.R. § 412.140

Participation, data submission, and validation requirements under the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program.

(a) *Participation in the Hospital IQR Program.* In order to participate in the Hospital IQR Program, a section 1886(d) of the hospital must—

- (1) Register on QualityNet website, before it begins to report data;
- (2) Identify and register a QualityNet security official as part of the registration process under paragraph (a)(1) of this section; and
- (3) Submit a completed Notice of Participation Form to CMS if the hospital is participating in the program for the first time, has previously withdrawn from the program and would like to participate again, or has received a new CMS Certification Number (CCN).

(i) A hospital that would like to participate in the program for the first time (and to which paragraph (a)(3)(ii) of this section does not apply), or that previously withdrew from the program and would now like to participate again, must submit to CMS a completed Notice of Participation Form by December 31 of the calendar year preceding the first quarter of the calendar year in which data submission is required for any given fiscal year.

(ii) A hospital that has received a new CCN and would like to participate in the program must submit a completed Notice of Participation Form to CMS no later than 180 days from the date identified as the open date on the approved CMS Quality Improvement Evaluation System (QIES).

(b) *Withdrawal from the Hospital IQR Program.* CMS will accept Hospital IQR Program withdrawal forms from hospitals on or before—

- (1) Prior to the FY 2016 payment determination, August 15 of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which a Hospital IQR determination will be made.
- (2) Beginning with the FY 2016 payment determination, May 15 of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which a Hospital IQR payment determination will be made.

(c) *Submission and validation of Hospital IQR Program data.* (1) *General rule.* Except as provided in paragraph (c) (2) of this section, subsection (d) hospitals that participate in the Hospital IQR Program must submit to CMS data on measures selected under section 1886(b)(3)(B)(viii) of the Act in a form and manner, and at a time, specified by CMS. A hospital must begin submitting data on the first day of the quarter following the date that the hospital submits a completed Notice of Participation form under paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

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