
42 C.F.R. § 412.634

Requirements under the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP).

- (a) *Participation.*(1) For the FY 2018 payment determination and subsequent years, an IRF must begin reporting data under the IRF QRP requirements no later than the first day of the calendar quarter subsequent to 30 days after the date on its CMS Certification Number (CCN) notification letter, which designates the IRF as operating in the CMS designated data submission system.
- (2) [Reserved]
- (b) *Submission requirements.* (1) IRFs must submit to CMS data on measures specified under sections 1886(j)(7)(D), 1899B(c)(1), 1899B(d)(1) of the Act, and standardized patient assessment data required under section 1899B(b)(1) of the Act, as applicable. Such data must be submitted in the form and manner, and at a time, specified by CMS.
- (2) CMS may remove a quality measure from the IRF QRP based on one or more of the following factors:
- (i) Measure performance among IRFs is so high and unvarying that meaningful distinctions in improvements in performance can no longer be made;
 - (ii) Performance or improvement on a measure does not result in better patient outcomes;
 - (iii) A measure does not align with current clinical guidelines or practice;
 - (iv) The availability of a more broadly applicable (across settings, populations, or conditions) measure for the particular topic;
 - (v) The availability of a measure that is more proximal in time to desired patient outcomes for the particular topic;

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