
42 C.F.R. § 438.358

Activities related to external quality review.

(a) *General rule.* (1) The State, its agent that is not an MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM entity (described in § 438.310(c)(2)), or an EQRO may perform the mandatory and optional EQR-related activities in this section.

(2) The data obtained from the mandatory and optional EQR-related activities in this section must be used for the annual EQR in § 438.350 and must include, at a minimum, the elements in § 438.364(a)(2)(i) through (iv).

(b) *Mandatory activities.* (1) For each MCO, PIHP, or PAHP the following EQR-related activities must be performed:

(i) Validation of performance improvement projects required in accordance with § 438.330(b)(1) that were underway during the preceding 12 months.

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