2026 Public Reporting Key Dates and Resources: Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmission(H-HWR) and Hybrid Hospital-Wide Mortality(H-HWM) Measures

Introduction

This document summarizes key dates and resources for hospitals participating in the 2026 Public Reporting of the Hybrid HWR (H-HWR) and the Hybrid HWM (H-HWM) measures.

Key Dates

For the 2026 Public Reporting of the hybrid measures, participating hospitals should submit data on Core Clinical Data Elements (CCDE) (6 vital signs 7 laboratory test results for HWR and 4 vital signs and 6 laboratory tests for HWM, respectively), and linking variables::

- For discharges occurring between July 1, 2024 June 30, 2025
- By October 1, 2025

Hospitals will receive Hospital-Specific Reports (HSRs) in Spring 2026.

Hybrid measure results are anticipated to be publicly reported on Care Compare in Summer 2026.

Questions?

Please submit hybrid measure questions to the QualityNet Question and Answer tool at https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_qa?id=ask_a_question by selecting: (i) IQR - Inpatient Quality Reporting under "Program", and then (ii) Hybrid Measures under "Topic" or submit your questions via JIRA https://oncprojectracking.healthit.gov/support/browse/CHM

eCQI Resource Center – Hybrid Page

https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh-cah?qttabs eh=3&globalyearfilter=2023

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- eCQM Specifications for CMS529v4 (H-HWR) (version 4)
- eCQM Specifications for CMS844v4 (H-HWM) (version 4)
- H-HWR and H-HWM Value Sets and Direct Reference Codes
- H-HWR and H-HWM Binding Parameter Specifications
- H-HWR (CMS529v4) Technical Release Notes
- H-HWM (CMS844v4) Technical Release Notes
- eCQM Annual Update Implementation Checklist and Pre-Publication Document

eCQI Resource Center – Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA)

https://ecqi.healthit.gov/qrda

- 2024 CMS QRDA I Implementation Guide for Hospital Quality Reporting
- 2024 CMS QRDA I Schematrons and Sample Files for Hospital Quality Reporting

Resources on QualityNet

https://www.qualitynet.org/inpatient/measures/hybrid/resources

- 2026 H-HWR and H-HWM Frequently Asked Questions (to be posted in Spring 2026)
- 2026 H-HWR and H-HWM Fact Sheets (to be posted in Spring 2026)
 https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/measures/readmission/methodology
- 2026 H-HWR and H-HWM Measure Methodology Reports (to be posted in Spring 2026) https://www.qualitynet.org/inpatient/measures/hybrid/reports
- 2026 H-HWR and H-HWM Mock HSRs (to be posted in Spring 2026)
- 2026 H-HWR and H-HWM HSR User Guides (to be posted in Spring 2026)