

# 2019 CMS QRDA I Conformance Statement Resource Update and 2020 CMS QRDA I and III Updates

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**CMS QRDA I CONFORMANCE  
STATEMENT RESOURCE FOR 2019  
HOSPITAL QUALITY REPORTING**



# CMS QRDA I CONFORMANCE STATEMENT RESOURCE UPDATE

- CMS has updated the QRDA Category I Conformance Statement Resource to support calendar year (CY) 2019 electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) reporting for the:
  - Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program
  - Medicare and Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program for Eligible Hospitals and CAHs



# CMS QRDA I CONFORMANCE STATEMENT RESOURCE UPDATE (CONT'D)

- QRDA error messages are identified with a conformance (CONF) statement, or system-requirement specification, and corresponding CONF number, which provide a high-level explanation of why a test or production QRDA I file was rejected and unable to be processed by the CMS data receiving system within the [QualityNet Secure Portal](#).
- The Conformance Statement Resource assists data submitters by providing detailed information on how to troubleshoot the most common conformance errors and how to resolve the errors causing the file to be rejected.



# TESTING QRDA I FILES

- [QualityNet Secure Portal](#) – Accepts test and production file submissions.
- [Pre-Submission Validation Application \(PSVA\) tool](#) - Data submitters may also benefit from testing the QRDA Category I files with the PSVA tool which ensures that the file format issues associated with 2019 CMS QRDA I Implementation Guide (IG) for Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) are addressed before submitting the QRDA I files to the test or production system within the [QualityNet Secure Portal](#). Visit the PSVA tab on the [QualityNet website](#) for additional details regarding the PSVA tool.



# **UPDATED 2020 CMS QRDA I IG, SCHEMATRON, AND SAMPLE FILE**



# UPDATED 2020 CMS QRDA I IG

- CMS has updated and republished the [2020 CMS QRDA Category I IG, Schematron, and Sample File for HQR.](#)
- The CMS QRDA I IG outlines requirements for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals reporting electronic clinical quality measures for the:
  - Hospital IQR Program
  - Medicare and Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program for Eligible Hospitals and CAHs



# UPDATED 2020 CMS QRDA I IG (CONT'D)

- **Updates to the 2020 CMS QRDA I IG for HQR include:**
  - Updated language to clarify that the base IG for the 2020 CMS QRDA I IG is the [HL7 QRDA I R1 STU R5.1](#) and its subsequent Errata update.
  - Added Appendix 9 for “Guidance for Reason Template Placement When Specifying ‘Not Done’ with a Reason” to include guidance from the “Processing Consideration” section in Volume 1 of the HL7 QRDA I R1 STU R5.1 October 2019 Errata.
  - Added Appendix 10 “Ensuring Data Uniqueness” to include guidance from the “Processing Consideration” section in Volume 1 of the HL7 QRDA I R1 STU R5.1 October 2019 Errata.



# UPDATED 2020 CMS QRDA I SCHEMATRON

- **Updates to the 2020 CMS QRDA I Schematron:**
  - CMS has updated the [2020 CMS QRDA I Schematron](#) in order to better align it with its base HL7 QRDA I R1 STU R5.1 and support the October 2019 Errata.
  - Updates include:
    - Changes for the Errata
    - Correcting assertion texts so that they match the base IGs
    - Removing old unused assertions



# UPDATED 2020 CMS QRDA I SAMPLE FILE

- **Updates to the 2020 CMS QRDA I Sample File:**
  - The [2020 CMS QRDA I Sample File](#) has been updated to support the QRDA I R1 STU R5.1 October 2019 Errata.
  - The updated Sample File contains the correction of a typo for an incorrect example reporting period end date in the Reporting Parameters section:
    - Incorrect line: <high value="20200301" />
    - **Corrected line:** <high value="20200331" />
  - The Reporting Parameter Section effective date range must exactly match one of the HQR allowable calendar year discharge quarters.



# **UPDATED 2020 CMS QRDA III IG, SCHEMATRON, AND SAMPLE FILE**



# UPDATED CMS QRDA III IG

- CMS has released an update to the [2020 CMS QRDA Category III IG for Eligible Clinicians and Eligible Professionals](#) along with the [CPC+ Sample File](#).
- The updated 2020 CMS QRDA III IG outlines requirements for eligible clinicians and eligible professionals to report eCQMs, Improvement Activities, and Promoting Interoperability measures for the CY 2020 performance period for these programs:
  - Quality Payment Program: MIPS and APMs
  - CPC+
  - Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program



# UPDATED CMS QRDA III IG (CONT'D)

- The update includes updates to the list of eCQMs finalized by CMS for the CY 2020 Performance Period based on the [CY 2020 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule](#) released in November 2019.
- It also includes information for Improvement Activity Identifiers, Promoting Interoperability Objectives and Measures, and Promoting Interoperability Attestation Statement Identifiers finalized by CMS for the CY 2020 Performance Period based on the CY 2020 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule.



# UPDATED 2020 CMS QRDA III IG (CONT'D)

- **Changes to the 2020 CMS QRDA III IG:**

- Updates to Table 14: UUID List for MIPS CY 2020 Performance Period eCQM Specifications Eligible Professionals and Eligible Clinicians
- Updates to Table 15: Improvement Activities Identifiers for the MIPS CY 2020 Performance Period.
- Updates to Table 16: 2020 Promoting Interoperability Objectives and Measures Identifiers
- Updates to Table 17: Promoting Interoperability Attestation Statements Identifiers



# UPDATED 2020 CMS QRDA III SCHEMATRON AND SAMPLE FILE

- **Changes to the 2020 CMS QRDA III Schematron**
  - Correction to enforce rules for Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)/National Provider Identifier when CMS program name code is “CPCPLUS”
- **Changes to the CPC+ 2020 QRDA III Sample File**
  - Enhanced to include further guidance using multiple TINs



# REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

- For questions related to the QRDA Igs and/or Schematrons, visit the [ONC Project Tracking System \(Jira\) QRDA project](#).
- For questions about the [QualityNet Secure Portal](#), contact the [QualityNet Help Desk](#) or call (866) 288-8912, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET.
- Additional QRDA-related resources, as well as current and past implementation guides, are found on the [Electronic Clinical Quality Improvement \(eCQI\) Resource Center QRDA page](#).
- For questions related to this guidance, the QRDA IGs or Schematrons, visit the [ONC Project Tracking System \(Jira\) QRDA project](#).

