2019 CMS QRDA I IG UPDATES
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- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has republished the CMS QRDA Category I IG for the 2019 reporting period reporting with these updates:
  - Guidance on Reason Template placement
  - Emphasized the change to not include value set Object Identifiers (OIDs)

- The CMS QRDA I IG outlines requirements for eligible hospitals and CAHs reporting electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs) for the:
  - Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program
  - Medicare and Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Programs for Eligible Hospitals and CAHs

2019 CMS QRDA I IG UPDATES - GUIDANCE ON THE REASON TEMPLATE PLACEMENT

- The 2019 QRDA I IG includes a new appendix in section 9, "Guidance for Reason Template Placement When Specifying 'Not Done' with a Reason"

- Provides detailed guidance for the placement of a Reason Template when used with any negated Quality Data Model (QDM) data element, such as "Medication, Not Discharged"

2019 CMS QRDA I IG UPDATES - GUIDANCE ON NOT REPORTING VALUE SET OIDS

- The base standard for the 2019 reporting period, the [Health Level Seven International (HL7) QRDA I IG Standard for Trial Use (STU) Release 5](#), removed the SHALL @sdtc:valueSet requirement for providing value set OIDs

- It is important to implement this change and to ensure value set OIDs for QDM data elements and coded QDM attributes are not included in QRDA I files when reporting for the 2019 reporting period

- Including value set OIDs may lead to unexpected measure results

- **Note:** Value set OIDs should ONLY be used to report negation of QDM data elements

2019 CMS QRDA I IG SAMPLE FILE

- The 2019 CMS QRDA I Sample File has also been updated to clarify the Reason Template and Value Set OID guidance

REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

- The Base HL7 QRDA IG includes a section that describes the change in Volume 1, Section 6 Quality Data Model-Based QRDA, 6.1 Introduction. All conformance statements that require sdtc:valueSet were removed from Volume 2 templates

- View the webinar presentation titled "CMS QRDA Category I IG Changes for Calendar Year 2019 HQR" for more details on changes from the 2018 QRDA I IG

- 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