



Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

2026 Electronic Clinical Quality Measures for Hospitals - Outpatient

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING ELECTRONIC CLINICAL QUALITY MEASURES (ECQMS) FOR CMS QUALITY REPORTING PROGRAMS FOR HOSPITALS - OUTPATIENT

The table below titled, “Electronic Clinical Quality Measures for Hospitals - Outpatient,” includes up-to-date information for Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs) that will be used to electronically report 2026 clinical quality measure data for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) quality reporting programs. Measures are not eligible for 2026 reporting unless and until they are proposed and finalized through CMS notice-and-comment rulemaking for each applicable program. Subsequent updates will be provided in a new version of this table with a summary of the updates located in a version history table at the end of the document.

Please note, because the measure stewards updated the titles and descriptions for the eCQMs in this table, they may not match the information provided on the consensus-based entity (CBE)’s [Submission Tool and Repository \(STAR\) Measure Database](#). Measures that do not have a CBE number are not currently endorsed.

This table does not include the measures listed under the 2026 program candidate eCQM filter of the eCQI Resource Center.

CMS eCQM ID	CBE #	Measure Title	Measure Description	Numerator Statement	Denominator Statement	Measure Type
CMS996v6	3613e	Appropriate Treatment for ST-Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Patients in the Emergency Department (ED)	Percentage of emergency department (ED) encounters for patients 18 years and older with a diagnosis of ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) that received appropriate treatment, defined as fibrinolytic therapy within 30 minutes of ED arrival, percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) within 90 minutes of ED arrival, or discharge to an acute care facility within 45 minutes of ED arrival	Emergency department encounters with a diagnosis of STEMI: - where time from ED arrival to fibrinolysis is 30 minutes or fewer; OR - where PCI is performed within 90 minutes of arrival; OR - where the patient is discharged to an acute care facility within 45 minutes of ED arrival	Equals Initial Population: All emergency department encounters for patients 18 years and older at the start of the encounter with a diagnosis of ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) during an Emergency Department encounter that ends during the measurement period	Process
CMS1206v3	3663e	Excessive Radiation Dose or Inadequate Image Quality for Diagnostic Computed Tomography (CT) in Adults (Facility OQR)	This measure is an episode of care measure that provides a standardized method for monitoring the performance of diagnostic CT to discourage unnecessarily high radiation doses, a risk factor for cancer, while preserving image quality. This measure is expressed as a percentage of CT exams that are out-of-range based on having either excessive radiation dose or inadequate image quality relative to evidence-based thresholds based on the clinical indication for the exam. All diagnostic CT exams of specified anatomic sites performed in hospital non-inpatient care settings (including emergency settings) are eligible. This eCQM requires the use of additional software to access primary data elements stored within radiology electronic health records and translate them into data elements that can be ingested by this eCQM.	Calculated CT Size-Adjusted Dose greater than or equal to a threshold specific to the CT Dose and Image Quality Category, or Calculated CT Global Noise value greater than or equal to a threshold specific to the CT Dose and Image Quality Category	Equals Initial Population (All CT scans in adults aged 18 years and older at the start of the measurement period that have a CT Dose and Image Quality Category and were not performed in a hospital inpatient setting, that ends during the measurement period, and not part of an inpatient hospitalization) with a CT Dose and Image Quality Category, a Calculated Global Noise value, and a Calculated CT Size-Adjusted Dose value	Intermediate Outcome

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