

CMS QRDA I and III Implementation Guide Updates

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2020 CMS QRDA I Conformance Statement Resource

- CMS has updated the [Quality Reporting Document Architecture \(QRDA\) Category I Conformance Statement Resource](#) to support calendar year (CY) 2020 HQR.
- QRDA error messages are identified with a conformance (CONF) statement, or system-requirement specification, and corresponding CONF number which provides a high-level explanation of why a test or production QRDA I file was rejected and unable to be processed by the [HQR System](#).
 - [HARP Account Access](#)
- 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 rejection of the file.

Testing QRDA I Files

- The HQR System has been accepting QRDA I files since November 2020. For more information, view [the news story on the eCQI Resource Center](#).
- [Cypress](#) provides implementers with the ability to validate the conformance of QRDA I and III documents.

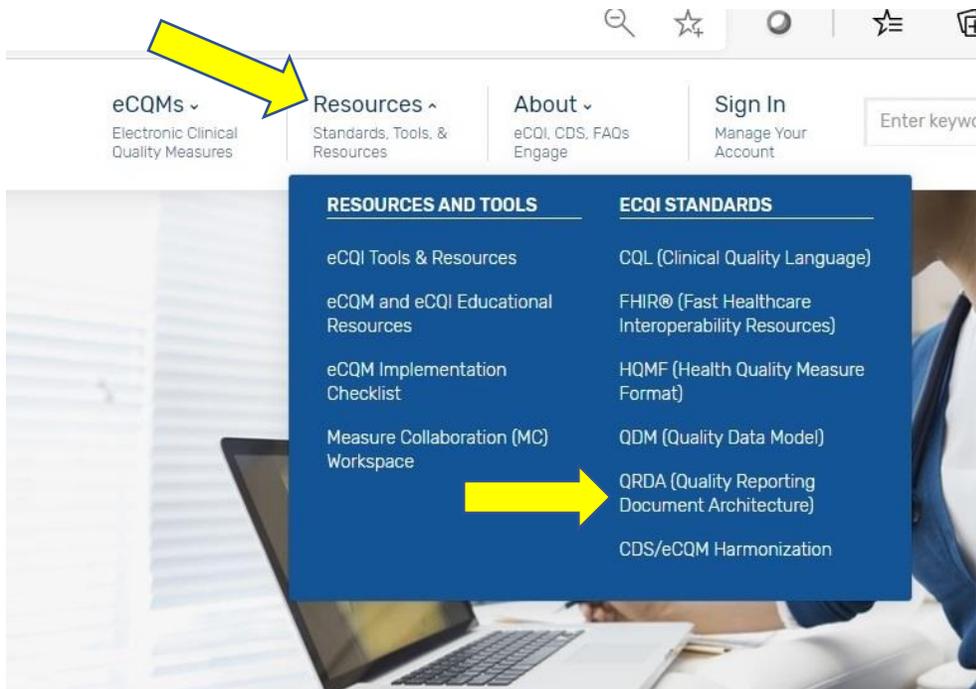
Updated 2021 CMS QRDA I Schematron for Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR)

- CMS released an [update to the 2021 QRDA I Schematron for Hospital Quality Reporting \(HQR\)](#).
- The change to the 2021 CMS QRDA I Schematron is:
 - An assertion rule has been added to the Schematron to allow only one Encounter Diagnosis QDM template with a rank attribute equal to 1, to indicate the principal diagnosis, within an Encounter Performed template. This enforcement is in alignment with guidance provided in section 3.19 in the HL7 QRDA I STU Release 5.2 Implementation Guide with errata, which states “When there are multiple diagnoses, only one diagnosis should be identified as principal diagnosis.”

Updated 2021 CMS QRDA III IG for the Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule

- CMS released an update to the [2021 CMS QRDA III Implementation Guide \(IG\) for Eligible Clinicians and Eligible Professionals](#) based on the CY 2021 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule published in December 2020.
- Changes to the 2021 CMS QRDA III IG include updates to:
 - Table 14: universally unique identifier (UUID) List for MIPS CY 2021 Performance Period eCQM Specifications for Eligible Professionals and Eligible Clinicians
 - Table 15: Improvement Activities Identifiers for the MIPS CY 2021 Performance Period.
 - Table 16: 2021 Promoting Interoperability Objectives and Measures Identifiers
 - Table 17: Promoting Interoperability Attestation Statements Identifiers

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The [Quality Reporting Document Architecture \(QRDA\)®](#) is the data submission standard used for a variety of quality measurement and reporting initiatives. QRDA creates a standard method to report [quality measure®](#) results in a structured, consistent format and can be used to exchange [eCQM®](#) data between systems.

Current QRDA Reference and Implementation Guides:

QRDA Known Issues are found in the [QNC QRDA Known Issues Project](#) [↗](#).

2021 Reporting and Performance Period

The 2021 CMS QRDA Category I Implementation Guide for Hospital Quality Reporting for 2021 eCQM reporting is based on the HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) Release 2: Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category I, Release 2, [Standard for Trial Use®](#) Release 5.2 with errata (published June 2020).

- [2021 CMS QRDA I Implementation Guide for Hospital Quality Reporting \(PDF\)](#) (May 2020)
- [2021 CMS QRDA I Schematrons and Sample Files for Hospital Quality Reporting \(ZIP\)](#) (May 2020)

The 2021 CMS QRDA Category III Implementation Guide for [Eligible Clinicians®](#) and [Eligible Professionals®](#) for 2021 eCQM reporting is based on the HL7 Implementation Guide for Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) Release 2: Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) Category III, Release 2.1, Standard for Trial Use Release 2.1 (published June 2017).

- [2021 CMS QRDA III Implementation Guide for Eligible Clinicians and Eligible Professionals \(PDF\)](#) (July 2020)

QRDA Known Issues Project

- CMS has created a new [QRDA Known Issues](#) project for **both QRDA I and QRDA III** on the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Project Tracking System (Jira) website.
- QRDA Known Issues provide supplemental information for QRDA Implementation Guides (IGs) or supporting documents with known technical issues with solutions or the solution is under development and may not yet be available.
- You must have a [Jira account](#) to track existing issues. No account is required to view the issues.

QRDA Questions

- For questions related to the QRDA IGs and/or Schematrons, visit the ONC Project Tracking System (Jira) [QRDA project](#).