QDI User Group Meeting Notes June 17, 2026

Meeting Name	**Quality Data Implementation (QDI) User Group**
Recording	To improve notetaking, an audio recording of the discussion is desired. The recording will be used internally to ensure accuracy. Please alert us to any objections at the start of the meeting. Thank you.
Meeting Information	**Microsoft Teams** Need help? **Join the meeting now** Meeting ID: 297 443 617 546 00 Passcode: h54HD983
Meeting Purpose	The QDI User Group is established to provide a collaborative, multi-stakeholder forum to guide the development, implementation, maintenance, and harmonization of quality data models used in healthcare quality measurement and improvement.
Meeting Facilitator	Angela Flanagan, eCQI Standards Team
Meeting Date	**Meeting Date:** June 17, 2026 **Meeting Time:** 3 PM ET

Meeting Notes

Opening & Announcements

Meeting called to order by Angela Flanagan.

Session recorded for internal documentation.

Participants invited to join distribution list via eCQI@lantanagroup.com.

Purpose: Collaborative discussion on quality data model development, implementation, and alignment.

Agenda Overview

Reshare Radiology Links for future discussions, referencing and use

eCQM Flow Diagrams Poll Results

Charter Approved

Data element issues (sharing what works, what does not work)

Request of Agenda items for July 15, 2026

Discussion Items

Radiology Resources and Reference Materials

- Radiology implementation resources shared again for continued reference.
- Materials are evolving and expected to mature over time to support measure development.

eCQI Flow Diagram Survey Results

- Flow diagrams are used **occasionally**, with no respondents indicating "never."
- Primary users: quality analysts/reporting staff and IT developers.
- Main uses:
    - Education and training
    - System development
- Majority prefer **existing visual format**; limited interest in narrative-only alternatives.
- Suggested improvements:
    - Provide both visual and narrative formats
    - Improve navigation and readability
    - Include clearer query examples

Charter Approval

- Updated QDI User Group charter approved by CMS.
- Reflects shift from QDM tools (MAT/Bonnie) to FHIR-based measurement.
- Charter available via eCQI Resource Center.

Data Element Challenges (Primary Discussion)

Lack of Structured Data

Common issues include:

- Key data elements (e.g., clinical "reason" fields) not available as structured inputs
- Reliance on free text or separate systems (e.g., cardiac systems, referral workflows)

- Referral loop completion cannot be reliably tracked due to lack of linkage (e.g., referral ID)

Disparate Systems and Integration Gaps
- Clinical data often stored across multiple systems (EHR, specialty systems, billing tools)
- Manual workarounds required (e.g., new fields, duplicate documentation)
- Some measures not reported due to inability to capture required structured data

Documentation and Workflow Misalignment
- Providers may not update problem lists (resolved vs. active conditions), impacting measures
- Follow-up actions (e.g., counseling, education) difficult to capture consistently
- Clinical documentation often occurs in unstructured notes

Coding and Source-of-Truth Issues
- Confusion between:
    - Clinical documentation (SNOMED/problem lists)
    - Coding/billing data (ICD-10 with POA)
- Measures may not clearly specify which source should be used
- Result: inconsistent or inaccurate measure calculations

Terminology and Mapping Challenges
- LOINC, SNOMED, RxNorm mismatches with local or vendor-specific codes
- Lab instrumentation codes may not align with measure value sets
- Mapping gaps prevent valid clinical data from counting toward measures

Timing and Encounter Issues
- Data captured outside defined encounter windows (e.g., ED → inpatient transitions)
- Urgent care and outpatient encounters not linked to inpatient measures
- Encounter definitions differ between clinical systems and billing systems
- Combined billing encounters vs separate clinical encounters create inconsistencies

Measure Logic Constraints
- Screening measures tied to eligible encounters rather than patient history
- Behavioral health providers included in screening measures due to billing logic
- Measures may not align with real-world clinical workflows or specialty roles

Workflow Burden and Remediation
- Manual abstraction or retrospective data entry required to meet measures
- Frequent IT tickets and workflow changes needed during performance periods
- Weekly or bi-weekly governance meetings (IT, quality, vendors) used to manage issues

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2026
Time: 3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time

Agenda items may be submitted to **ecqi@lantanagroup.com**.
Participants were encouraged to share future meetings with colleagues.

Action Items

Item Number	Task Description	Date Created	Responsible	Status	Target Date
1	Distribute radiology reference links to participants	June 17, 2026	Lantana Team	Not started	To be determined
2	Provide access to approved QDI charter (Resource Center link)	June 17, 202	Lantana Team	Not started	To be determined
3	Compile and document data element challenges raised (structured, timing, terminology)	June 17, 202	Lantana Team	Not started	To be determined
4	Share STEMI-related timing and diagnosis issues with measure developers	June 17, 202	Measure Development Leads	Not started	To be determined
5	Review feasibility of improving guidance on data source (coder vs provider vs claims)	June 17, 202	Standards and SME Team	Not started	To be determined
6	Evaluate terminology/value set gaps submitted by users (e.g., LOINC mismatches)	June 17, 202	Standards and SME Team	Not started	To be determined
7	Explore improvements to encounter timing logic (ED, urgent care, inpatient continuity)	June 17, 202	Measure Development Team	Not started	To be determined
8	Encourage and streamline JIRA ticket submissions; assess response delays	June 17, 202	Lantana Team	Not started	To be determined
9	Collect additional real-world examples of data capture challenges from participants	June 17, 202	Lantana / User Group Members	Not started	To be determined

10	Add new discussion topics (e.g., UDS/FQHC issues, referrals, screenings) to next agenda	June 17, 202	Lantana Team	Not started	To be determined

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