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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

The Health Level Seven International (HL7) Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) defines constraints on the HL7 Clinical Document Architecture Release 2 (CDA R2). QRDA is a standard document format for the exchange of electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) data. QRDA reports contain data extracted from electronic health records (EHRs) and other information technology systems. The reports are used for the exchange of eCQM data between systems for quality measurement and reporting programs.

This QRDA guide contains the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) implementation guide to the *HL7 Implementation Guide for CDA Release 2: Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category I, Release 1, Standard for Trial Use (STU) Release 5.3, US Realm*, and any subsequent errata update[1], for the 2024 reporting period.

1.2 Organization of the Guide

Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 contain introductory material that pertains to this guide.

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Conformance Conventions Used in This Guide — describes the formal representation of templates and additional information necessary to understand and correctly implement the content found in this guide

Chapter 3 to Chapter 6 contain technical specifications for the QRDA I STU 5.3 CMS Implementation Guide for Hospital Quality Reporting

- Chapter 3: Overview
- Chapter 4: QRDA Category I Requirements — information on succession management, value sets, and time zones
- Chapter 5: QRDA Category I Validation — contains the formal definitions for the QRDA Category I Report:
    - Document-level template that defines the document type and header constraints specific to CMS reporting
    - Section-level templates that define measure reporting, reporting parameters, and patient data
    - Additional validations rules performed by the HQR system
- Chapter 6: Hybrid Measures/CCDE Submission — guidance on hybrid measures/core clinical data element submission.

APPENDIX

- Chapters 7-16 provide references and resources, including a change log of changes made to the QRDA Category I base standard to produce the CMS Implementation Guide, a change log for the 2024 CMS QRDA IG for HQR programs from the 2023 CMS

[1] HL7 QRDA I R1 STU 5.3 and any subsequent errata update.
http://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/product_brief.cfm?product_id=35

QRDA IG, and validation rules for data types, National Provider Identifier (NPI), and Tax Identification Number (TIN).

2 Conformance Conventions Used in This Guide

2.1 Conformance Verbs (Keywords)

The keywords **SHALL**, **SHOULD**, **MAY**, **NEED NOT**, **SHOULD NOT**, and **SHALL NOT** in this guide are to be interpreted as follows:

- **SHALL**: an absolute requirement for the particular element. Where a **SHALL** constraint is applied to an Extensible Markup Language (XML) element, that element must be present in an instance, but may have an exceptional value (i.e., may have a `nullFlavor`), unless explicitly precluded. Where a **SHALL** constraint is applied to an XML attribute, that attribute must be present, and must contain a conformant value.
- **SHALL NOT**: an absolute prohibition against inclusion.
- **SHOULD/SHOULD NOT**: best practice or recommendation. There may be valid reasons to ignore an item, but the full implications must be understood and carefully weighed before choosing a different course.
- **MAY/NEED NOT**: truly optional; can be included or omitted as the author decides with no implications.

2.2 Cardinality

The cardinality indicator (0..1, 1..1, 1..*, etc.) specifies the allowable occurrences within a document instance. The cardinality indicators are interpreted with the following format "m…n" where m represents the least and n the most:

- 0..1 zero or one
- 1..1 exactly one
- 1..* at least one
- 0..* zero or more
- 1..n at least one and not more than n

When a constraint has subordinate clauses, the scope of the cardinality of the parent constraint must be clear. In Figure 1, the constraint says exactly one participant is to be present. The subordinate constraint specifies some additional characteristics of that participant.

Figure 1: Constraints Format – only one allowed

1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`participant`** (CONF:2777).
   a. This participant **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@typeCode`**="`LOC`" (`CodeSystem: 2.16.840.1.113883.5.90 HL7ParticipationType`) (CONF:2230).

In Figure 2, the constraint says only one participant “like this” is to be present. Other participant elements are not precluded by this constraint.

Figure 2: Constraints Format – only one like this allowed

1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`participant`** (CONF:2777) such that it
   a. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@typeCode`**="`LOC`" (CodeSystem: `2.16.840.1.113883.5.90 HL7ParticipationType`) (CONF:2230).

2.3 Null Flavor

Information technology solutions store and manage data, but sometimes data are not available; an item may be unknown, not relevant, or not computable or measureable. In HL7, a flavor of null, or `nullFlavor`, describes the reason for missing data. Please note that although nullFlavor may be allowed to be entered in a field, the absence of the actual data for data elements necessary for eCQM calculations may compromise calculation results.

Figure 3: nullFlavor Example

```
<raceCode nullFlavor="ASKU"/>
<!—coding a raceCode when the patient declined to specify his/her
race-->

<raceCode nullFlavor="UNK"/>
<!--coding a raceCode when the patient's race is unknown-->
```

Use null flavors for unknown, required, or optional attributes:

- **NI** No information. This is the most general and default null flavor.
- **NA** Not applicable. Known to have no proper value (e.g., last menstrual period for a male).
- **UNK** Unknown. A proper value is applicable, but is not known.
- **ASKU** Asked, but not known. Information was sought, but not found (e.g., the patient was asked but did not know).
- **NAV** Temporarily unavailable. The information is not available, but is expected to be available later.
- **NASK** Not asked. The patient was not asked.
- **MSK** There is information on this item available but it has not been provided by the sender due to security, privacy, or other reasons. There may be an alternate mechanism for gaining access to this information.
- **OTH** The actual value is not and will not be assigned a standard coded value. An example is the name or identifier of a clinical trial.

This list contains those null flavors that are commonly used in clinical documents. For the full list and descriptions, see the `nullFlavor` vocabulary domain in the HL7 standard, *Clinical Document Architecture, Release 2.0*[2].

Any **SHALL** conformance statement may use `nullFlavor`, unless the attribute is required or the `nullFlavor` is explicitly disallowed. **SHOULD** and **MAY** conformance statements may also use `nullFlavor`.

[2] HL7 CDA Release 2.0 Normative Edition
https://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/product_brief.cfm?product_id=496

QRDA I STU 5.3 CMS Implementation Guide for Hospital Quality Reporting

3 Overview

3.1 Background

This guide is a CMS Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category I (QRDA I) implementation guide to the *HL7 Implementation Guide for CDA Release 2: Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category I, Release 1, STU Release 5.3*, and any subsequent errata update, referred to as the HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3 in this guide. This guide describes additional conformance statements and constraints for EHR data submissions that are required for reporting to CMS for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program, Hospital Outppatient Quality Reporting Program, and the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program 2024 reporting period.

The purpose of this guide is to serve as a companion to the base HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3 for entities such as eligible hospitals (EHs), critical access hospitals (CAHs), and vendors to submit QRDA I data for consumption by CMS systems including for Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR).

Each QRDA Category I report[3] contains quality data for one patient for one or more quality measures, where the data elements in the report are defined by the particular measure(s) being reported on. A QRDA Category I report contains raw applicable patient data. When pooled and analyzed, each report contributes the quality data necessary to calculate population measure metrics.

3.2 How to Read This QRDA I Guide

CMS will process clinical quality measure (CQM) QRDA I reports originating from EHR systems. Submitted QRDA I reports for HQR in the 2024 reporting period must meet the conformance statements specified in this guide in addition to the conformance statements specified in the HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3. Only reports that are valid against the CDA Release 2 schema enhanced to support the *urn:hl7-org:sdtc* namespace (CDA_SDTC.xsd)[4] will be accepted for processing. Reports that are invalid against this rule will be rejected.

This guide is based on following rules:

1. The HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3 provides information about QRDA data elements with conformance numbers and constraints. Some of these existing conformance restrictions have been modified in accordance with CMS system requirements. The "CMS_" prefix (e.g., CMS_0001) indicates the new conformance statements. The “_C01” postfix indicates that the conformance statement from the base HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3 standard is further constrained in this guide.
2. The original **SHALL**/**SHOULD**/**MAY** keywords along with conformance numbers from the HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3 for relevant data elements and attributes have been included in this

[3] Note that the terms QRDA I report and QRDA I file are used interchangeably in this guide.
[4] CDA_SDTC.xsd is available at https://github.com/HL7/cda-core-2.0.

guide for ease of reference. For brevity, the hierarchy of enclosing elements has not been shown.

4 QRDA Category I Requirements

4.1 QRDA Category I Reporting

The HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3 base standard allows either one or multiple measures to be reported in a QRDA I report. For HQR, there should be one QRDA I report per patient for the facility CMS Certification Number (CCN).

4.2 eCQM, Hybrid Measure, and Value Set Specifications

The eCQM Specifications for Hospital Quality Reporting May 2023[5], and any applicable addenda, must be used for the HQR programs for the 2024 reporting period.

The eCQM Value Sets for eligible hospitals May 2023[6], and any applicable addenda, published at the Value Set Authority Center (VSAC) must be used for HQR programs for the 2024 reporting period.

For hybrid measures/core clinical data element (CCDE) submission, this guide must be used for reporting of 2024 - 2025 data (measurement period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025) and be submitted in 2025. The 2024 reporting period hybrid measure specifications must be used.[7]

4.3 Succession Management

This section describes the management of successive replacement files for QRDA I reports. For example, a submitter notices an error in an earlier submission and wants to replace it with a corrected version.

4.3.1 QRDA I Report Document Succession Management for HQR

For HQR, the QRDA I *document/id* convention is not used for Document Succession Management. Rather, HQR allows file resubmission to update a previously submitted file. The most recently submitted and accepted production QRDA I file will overwrite the original file based on the exact match of five key elements identifying the file: CCN, CMS Program Name, EHR Patient ID, EHR Submitter ID[8], and the reporting period specified in the Reporting Parameters Section. The new file must be cumulative and contain all the patient data for the same reporting period not only the corrected or new data. In the event that any of the five key identifiers are incorrect, the HQR system provides the user with the capability to delete a previously submitted file.

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[5] eCQI Resource Center, Eligible Hospital/Critical Access Hospital eCQMs web page. https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh-cah. Select the EH/CAH eCQMs tab, then select 2024 reporting period.
[6] Value Set Authority Center, VSAC Downloadable Resources web page. https://vsac.nlm.nih.gov/download/ecqm. Select 2024 Reporting/Performance Period eCQM Value Sets.
[7] eCQI Resource Center, Eligible Hospital/Critical Access Hospital eCQMs web page. https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh-cah. Select the Hybrid Measures tab, then select 2024 reporting period.
[8] The EHR Submitter ID is the ID that is assigned by QualityNet to submitter entities upon registering into the system and will be used to upload QRDA I files. It is not submitted as an element in the QRDA I report. For vendors, the EHR Submitter ID is the Vendor ID; for hospitals, the EHR Submitter ID is the hospital's CCN.

4.3.2 Program Identifiers used in Succession Management

The CMS program name requirement for QRDA I submission is specified in 5.1.4 informationRecipient. Each QRDA I report **must** contain only one CMS program name, which shall be selected from the QRDA I CMS Program Name value set (2.16.840.1.113883.3.249.14.103) for the 2024 reporting period specified in this guide.

4.4 Value Sets

4.4.1 eCQM Specified Value Sets Take Precedence

There are some cases where the value sets specified in eCQMs for clinical quality data criteria do not align with the value sets of the corresponding data elements specified in the QRDA I standard, or they are subsets of the value sets that are specified in the QRDA I standard. In these cases, the value sets that are specified in eCQMs always take precedence. For example, the routeCode attribute is defined to be selected from the SPL Drug Route of Administration Terminology value set (2.16.840.1.113883.3.88.12.3221.8.7) in QRDA templates, but an eCQM criterion uses value set "Intravenous route" (2.16.840.1.113883.3.117.1.7.1.222). In this case, the "Intravenous route" (2.16.840.1.113883.3.117.1.7.1.222) value set shall take precedence over the “SPL Drug Route of Administration Terminology" (2.16.840.1.113883.3.88.12.3221.8.7) value set in constructing a QRDA I report.

4.4.2 Value Sets Codes Case Sensitive

Codes from some code systems contain alpha characters (e.g., the ONC Administrative Sex value set contains codes “F” for Female and “M” for Male). Case of these alpha characters will be validated by the HQR systems. How codes are displayed in the Vocabulary file (voc.xml) and VSAC and in the VSAC exports will serve as the source of truth for conducting the case validations for value sets specified in eCQM specifications. For example, for a particular code, if alpha characters in this code were shown as upper case in VSAC or the Vocabulary file (voc.xml), then the validation will require them to be upper case.

4.5 Time Zone

Time comparisons or elapsed time calculations are frequently involved as part of determining measure population outcomes.

Table 1: Time Zone Validation Rule

CONF. #	Rules
CMS_0121	A Coordinated Universal Time (UTC time) offset should not be used anywhere in a QRDA Category I file or, if a UTC time offset is needed anywhere, then it *__must__* be specified *__everywhere__* a time field is provided.

This time zone validation rule (Table 1) is performed on the following elements:

- `effectiveTime/@value`
- `effectiveTime/low/@value`
- `effectiveTime/high/@value`
- `time/@value`
- `time/low/@value`
- `time/high/@value`

There are two exceptions to this validation rule:

- The effectiveTime element of the `Reporting Parameters Act - CMS` template (CONF:CMS_0027 and CONF:CMS_0028) will not be validated using this time zone validation rule:
  act[@templateId="`2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.3.8.1`"][@extension="`2016-03-01`"]/effectiveTime/low
  act[@templateId="`2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.3.8.1`"][@extension="`2016-03-01`"]/effectiveTime/high

- The time zone validation rule is not performed on `birthTime/@value`

Figure 4: Time Zone Example

```
<!-- This is an example when timezone offset is provided -->
<encounter>
  <text>Encounter Performed: Hospital Measures-Encounter
    Inpatient</text>
  ...
  <effectiveTime>
    <!-- Attribute: admission datetime -->
    <low value="202403250930-0500"/>
    <!-- Attribute: discharge datetime -->
    <high value="202403291052-0500"/>
  </effectiveTime>
  ...
</encounter>
```

4.6 Submit eCQM Version Specific Measure Identifier ONLY

For the 2024 reporting period, only the eCQM Version Specific Measure Identifier is required to uniquely identify the version of an eCQM. The eCQM Version Specific Measure Identifier must be submitted in QRDA I.

It is recommended that eCQM Version Numbers not be included in QRDA submissions. This is due to a known data type mismatch issue between the HL7 QRDA and Health Quality Measure Format (HQMF) standards for the *versionNumber* attribute. The QRDA I standard is based on HL7 CDA R2, which is derived from the HL7 Reference Information Model (RIM) Version 2.07. In RIM 2.07, the *versionNumber* attribute is specified as INT data type. HQMF R1 Normative, however, is derived from HL7 RIM, Version 2.44, where *versionNumber* is specified as ST data type. The version numbers for eCQM Specifications for Hospital Quality Reporting for the 2024 reporting period generated by the Measure Authoring Tool (MAT) are string values such as 12.0.000 instead of integers such as 12. If a version number such as 12.0.000 were submitted, the QRDA reports will fail the CDA_SDTC.xsd schema validation and will be rejected by the receiving systems. If the *versionNumber* attribute is supplied as an INT value, the report will not be rejected, but the value will be ignored.

4.7 Templates Versioning and Validations

Both the base HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3 and the CMS QRDA I implementation guide have versioned the templates by assigning a new date value to the templateId extension attribute if changes were made to the previous version of the template. Details about CDA templates versioning in general are described in 4.1.3 Template Versioning of the HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3. For example, in HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3, the previous `Procedure Performed (V6)` template is now `Procedure Performed (V7)`, and its template identifier is

"2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.64:2021-08-01". Both the @root and @extension are required as specified in the IG.

SHALL contain exactly one [1..1] **templateId** (CONF:4509-11262) such that it

a. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@root**="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.64" (CONF:4509-11263).
b. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@extension**="2021-08-01" (CONF:4509-27129).

Correct template versions that are specified by both the base HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3 and the 2024 CMS IG must be used for 2024 CMS QRDA I submissions. For instance, if a QRDA I report used Procedure Performed (V6) instead of Procedure Performed (V7), this older version of the template will be ignored by the HQR System. Data submitted using template versions that are not specifically required by the base HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3 and the 2024 CMS QRDA I IG will not be processed by the CMS receiving system; this could lead to unexpected results in measure calculations. Submitters should ensure correct template versions are used and be aware of the consequences if wrong versions are used.

5 QRDA Category I Validation

5.1 Document-Level Template: QRDA Category I Report - CMS

This section defines the document-level templates in a QRDA I document. All of the templates in the HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3 are Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) templates.

5.1.1 General Header

This template describes header constraints that apply to the QRDA Category I report.

Table 2: QRDA Category I Report - CMS (V8) Constraints Overview
ClinicalDocument (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.3:2022-02-01)

XPath	Card.	Verb	Data Type	CONF. #	Value
templateId	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0001	
@root	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0002	2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.3
@extension	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0003	2022-02-01
id	1..1	SHALL		1198-5363 1198-9991	
effectiveTime	1..1	SHALL		1198-5256	US Realm Date and Time (DTM.US.FIELDED) (identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.5.4)
languageCode	1..1	SHALL		1198-5372	urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.1.11.11526 (Language)
@code	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0010	en

1. Conforms to QDM-Based QRDA (V8) template `(identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.2:2021-08-01)`.
2. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`templateId`** (CONF:CMS_0001) such that it
   a. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@root`**`="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.3"` (CONF:CMS_0002).
   b. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@extension`**`="2022-02-01"` (CONF:CMS_0003).
3. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`id`** (CONF:1198-5363).
   a. This id **SHALL** be a globally unique identifier for the document (CONF:1198-9991).
4. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] `US Realm Date and Time (DTM.US.FIELDED) (identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.5.4)` (CONF:1198-5256).
5. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`languageCode`**, which **SHALL** be selected from ValueSet `Language urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.1.11.11526` **DYNAMIC** (CONF:1198-5372).
   a. This languageCode **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@code`**`="en"` (CONF:CMS_0010).

Figure 5: CMS 2023 QRDA I Document Header Example

```
<ClinicalDocument>
    <realmCode code="US"/>
    <typeId root="2.16.840.1.113883.1.3" extension="POCD_HD000040"/>
    <!-- US Realm Header (V3) -->
    <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.1.1"
extension="2015-08-01"/>
    <!-- QRDA Category I Framework (V4) -->
    <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.1"
extension="2017-08-01"/>
    <!-- QDM-based QRDA (V8) -->
    <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.2"
extension="2021-08-01"/>
    <!-- QRDA Category I Report - CMS (V8) -->
    <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.3"
extension="2022-02-01"/>
    <!-- This is the globally unique identifier for this QRDA I
report -->
    <id root="be8eeafc-86b2-4d1f-881d-971def0c74ec"/>
    <code code="55182-0" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1"
        codeSystemName="LOINC" displayName="Quality Measure Report"/>
    <title>Good Health QRDA I Report</title>
    <!-- This is the report creation time -->
    <effectiveTime value="20240201"/>
    <confidentialityCode code="N" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.5.25"
    codeSystemName="HL7Confidentiality"/>
    <languageCode code="en"/>
  ...
</ClinicalDocument>
```

5.1.2 recordTarget

The `recordTarget` records the patient whose health information is described by the clinical document; it must contain at least one `patientRole` element.

Table 3: recordTarget Constraints Overview

ClinicalDocument (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.3:2022-02-01)

XPath	Card.	Verb	Data Type	CONF. #	Value
recordTarget	1..1	SHALL		4509-16598	
patientRole	1..1	SHALL		4509-16856	
id	0..1	SHOULD		4509-16857_C01	
@root	1..1	SHALL		4509-16858	2.16.840.1.113883.4.572
id	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0009	
@root	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0053	
@extension	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0103	

XPath	Card.	Verb	Data Type	CONF. #	Value
id	0..1	SHOULD		4509-28697_C01	
@root	1..1	SHALL		4509-28698	2.16.840.1.113883.4.927
addr	1..*	SHALL		1198-5271	US Realm Address (AD.US.FIELDED) (identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.5.2)
telecom	1..*	SHALL		1198-5280	
@use	0..1	SHOULD		1198-5375	urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.11.20.9.20 (Telecom Use (US Realm Header))
telecom	0..*	SHOULD		CMS_0130	
@value	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0131 CMS_0132	
telecom	0..*	SHOULD		CMS_0133	
@value	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0134 CMS_0135	
patient	1..1	SHALL		4509-27570	
name	1..1	SHALL		1198-5284_C01	US Realm Person Name (PN.US.FIELDED) (identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.5.1.1)
administrativeGenderCode	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0011 CMS_0029	urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113762.1.4.1 (ONC Administrative Sex)
birthTime	1..1	SHALL		1198-5298 1198-5300_C01 1198-32418	
raceCode	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0013 CMS_0030 CMS_0031	urn:oid:2.16.840.1.114222.4.11.836 (Race)
sdtc:raceCode	0..*	MAY		CMS_0014	urn:oid:2.16.840.1.114222.4.11.836 (Race)
ethnicGroupCode	1..1	SHALL		1198-5323 CMS_0032 CMS_0033	urn:oid:2.16.840.1.114222.4.11.837 (Ethnicity)

6. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`recordTarget`** (CONF:4509-16598).
    a. This recordTarget **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`patientRole`** (CONF:4509-16856).

HQR: Medicare HIC Number is not required for HQR but should be submitted if the payer is Medicare and the patient has an HIC number assigned.

i. This patientRole **SHOULD** contain zero or one [0..1] **`id`** (CONF:4509-16857_C01) such that it
    1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@root="`**`2.16.840.1.113883.4.572`**`"`** Medicare HIC number (CONF:4509-16858).

HQR: Patient Identification Number is required for HQR.

ii. This patientRole **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`id`** (CONF:CMS_0009) such that it
    1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@root`** (CONF:CMS_0053). Note: This is the provider's organization OID or other non-null value different than the OID for the Medicare HIC Number (2.16.840.1.113883.4.572) and the OID for the Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (2.16.840.1.113883.4.927).
    2. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@extension`** (CONF:CMS_0103). Note: The value of @extension is the Patient ID.

HQR: Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) is not required for HQR but should be submitted if the payer is Medicare and the patient has an MBI number assigned.

iii. This patientRole **SHOULD** contain zero or one [0..1] **`id`** (CONF:4509-28697_C01) such that it
    1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@root="`**`2.16.840.1.113883.4.927`**`"`** Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) (CONF:4509-28698).

iv. This patientRole **SHALL** contain at least one [1..*] US Realm Address (AD.US.FIELDED) (`identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.5.2`) (CONF:1198-5271).

v. This patientRole **SHALL** contain at least one [1..*] **`telecom`** (CONF:1198-5280).
    1. Such telecoms **SHOULD** contain zero or one [0..1] **`@use`**, which **SHALL** be selected from ValueSet `Telecom Use (US Realm Header) urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.11.20.9.20` **DYNAMIC** (CONF:1198-5375).

vi. This patientRole **SHOULD** contain zero or more [0..*] **`telecom`** (CONF:CMS_0130) such that it
    1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@value`** (CONF:CMS_0131).
        a. This value **SHALL** begin with **`"`**mailto:**`"`** which is the email address of the patient (CONF:CMS_0132).

vii. This patientRole **SHOULD** contain zero or more [0..*] **`telecom`** (CONF:CMS_0133) such that it
    1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@value`** (CONF:CMS_0134).
        a. This value **SHALL** begin with **`"`**tel:**`"`** which is the telephone of the patient (CONF:CMS_0135).

viii. This patientRole **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`patient`** (CONF4509-27570).

1. This patient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] US Realm Person Name (PN.US.FIELDED) (`identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.5.1.1`) (CONF:1198-5284_C01).
2. This patient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`administrativeGenderCode`**, which **SHALL** be selected from ValueSet `ONC Administrative Sex urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113762.1.4.1` **DYNAMIC** (CONF:CMS_0011).
    a. If the patient's administrative sex is unknown, nullFlavor="UNK" **SHALL** be submitted (CONF:CMS_0029).
3. This patient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`birthTime`** (CONF:1198-5298).
    a. SHALL be precise to day (CONF:1198-5300_C01).

For cases where information about newborn's time of birth needs to be captured.

    b. MAY be precise to the minute (CONF:1198-32418).

4. This patient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`raceCode`**, which **SHALL** be selected from ValueSet `Race urn:oid:2.16.840.1.114222.4.11.836` **DYNAMIC** (CONF:CMS_0013).
    a. If the patient's race is unknown, nullFlavor="UNK" **SHALL** be submitted (CONF:CMS_0030).
    b. If the patient declined to specify his/her race, nullFlavor="ASKU" **SHALL** be submitted (CONF:CMS_0031).
5. This patient **MAY** contain zero or more [0..*] **`sdtc:raceCode`**, which **SHALL** be selected from ValueSet `Race urn:oid:2.16.840.1.114222.4.11.836` **DYNAMIC** (CONF:CMS_0014).
   Note: If a patient has more than one race category, one race is reported in raceCode, and additional races are reported using sdtc:raceCode.
6. This patient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`ethnicGroupCode`**, which **SHALL** be selected from ValueSet `Ethnicity urn:oid:2.16.840.1.114222.4.11.837` **DYNAMIC** (CONF:1198-5323).
    a. If the patient's ethnicity is unknown, nullFlavor="UNK" **SHALL** be submitted (CONF:CMS_0032).
    b. If the patient declined to specify his/her ethnicity, nullFlavor="ASKU" **SHALL** be submitted (CONF:CMS_0033).

Figure 6: recordTarget Example, QRDA Category I Report - CMS (V8)

```
<recordTarget>
  <patientRole>
    <!-- Patient Identifier Number. The root OID could be provider's
      organization OID or other value -->
    <id root="2.16.840.1.113883.123.123.1" extension="022354"/>
    <addr use="HP">
      <streetAddressLine>101 North Pole Lane</streetAddressLine>
      <city>Ames</city>
      <state>IA</state>
      <postalCode>50014</postalCode>
      <country>US</country>
    </addr>
    <telecom use="HP" value="tel:+1(781)271-3000"/>
    <telecom use="HP" value="mailto:me@email.com"/>
    <patient>
      <name>
        <given>Jane</given>
        <family>Doe</family>
      </name>
      <administrativeGenderCode code="F"
         codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.5.1"/>
      <!-- If the patient administrative sex is unknown, use
         nullFlavor="UNK" -->
      <!-- <administrativeGenderCode nullFlavor="UNK"/> -->
      <birthTime value="19460102"/>
      <!-- raceCode "2131-1 (Other Race)" shall not be used for
         either raceCode or sdtc:raceCode -->
      <raceCode code="2106-3" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.238"/>
      <!-- if the patient declined to specify his/her race, use
         nullFlavor="ASKU" -->
      <!-- <raceCode nullFlavor="ASKU"/> -->
      <!-- if the patient's race is unknown, use nullFlavor="UNK" -->
      <!-- <raceCode nullFlavor="UNK"/> -->
      <!-- Use sdtc:raceCode only if the patient has more than one
         race category -->
      <!-- <sdtc:raceCode code="2054-5"
         codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.238"/> -->
      <ethnicGroupCode code="2186-5"
         codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.238"/>
      <!-- if the patient declined to specify his/her ethnicity, use
         nullFlavor="ASKU" -->
      <!-- <ethnicGroupCode nullFlavor="ASKU"/> -->
      <!-- if the patient's ethnicity is unknown, use
         nullFlavor="UNK" -->
      <!-- <ethnicGroupCode nullFlavor="UNK"/> -->
    </patient>
  </patientRole>
</recordTarget>
```

5.1.3 Custodian

The **`custodian`** element represents the organization that is in charge of maintaining the document. The custodian is the steward that is entrusted with the care of the document.

Table 4: Custodian Constraints Overview

ClinicalDocument (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.3:2022-02-01)

XPath	Card.	Verb	Data Type	CONF. #	Value
custodian	1..1	SHALL		4509-16600	
assignedCustodian	1..1	SHALL		4509-28239	
representedCustodianOrganization	1..1	SHALL		4509-28240	
id	1..1	SHALL		4509-28241_C01	
@root	1..1	SHALL		4509-28244	2.16.840.1.113883.4.336
@extension	1..1	SHALL		4509-28245 CMS_0035	

1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`custodian`** (CONF:4509-16600).
    a. This custodian **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`assignedCustodian`** (CONF:4509-28239).
        i. This assignedCustodian **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`representedCustodianOrganization`** (CONF:4509-28240).

HQR: This representedCustodianOrganization id/@root='2.16.840.1.113883.4.336' coupled with the id/@extension represents the organization's Facility CMS Certification Number (CCN). CCN is required for HQR.

1. This representedCustodianOrganization **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`id`** (CONF:4509-28241_C01) such that it
    a. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@root="`**`2.16.840.1.113883.4.336`**`"`** CMS Certification Number (CONF:4509-28244).
    b. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@extension`** (CONF:4509-28245).
    Note: A fixed CCN value 800890 shall be used for HQR test submission when no hospital is associated with a submitted QRDA report.
        i. CCN **SHALL** be six to ten characters in length (CONF:CMS_0035).

Figure 7: CCN as Custodian Example, QRDA Category I Report - CMS (V8)

```
<!-- This is an example for QRDA I test submission to HQR.
CCN is required for HQR.-->
<custodian>
  <assignedCustodian>
    <representedCustodianOrganization>
    <!-- @extension attribute contains the submitter's CCN.
       @nullFlavor is not allowed. -->
      <id root="2.16.840.1.113883.4.336" extension="800890"/>
      <name>Good Health Hospital</name>
      <telecom value="tel:(555)555-1212" use="WP"/>
      <addr use="WP">
        <streetAddressLine>17 Daws Rd.</streetAddressLine>
        <city>Blue Bell</city>
        <state>MA</state>
        <postalCode>02368</postalCode>
        <country>US</country>
      </addr>
    </representedCustodianOrganization>
  </assignedCustodian>
</custodian>
```

5.1.4 informationRecipient

The `informationRecipient` element records the intended recipient of the information at the time the report is created.

Table 5: informationRecipient Constraints Overview

ClinicalDocument (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.3:2022-02-01)

XPath	Card.	Verb	Data Type	CONF. #	Value
informationRecipient	1..1	SHALL		4509-16703_C01	
intendedRecipient	1..1	SHALL		4509-16704	
id	1..1	SHALL		4509-16705_C01	
@root	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0025	2.16.840.1.113883.3.249.7
@extension	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0026	urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.3.249.14.103 (QRDA I CMS Program Name)

1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`informationRecipient`** (CONF:4509-16703_C01).
    a. This informationRecipient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`intendedRecipient`** (CONF:4509-16704).
        i. This intendedRecipient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`id`** (CONF:4509-16705_C01).
            1. This id **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@root`**="`2.16.840.1.113883.3.249.7`" (CONF:CMS_0025).
            2. This id **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@extension`**, which **SHALL** be selected from ValueSet `QRDA I CMS Program Name`

urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.3.249.14.103 **STATIC** 2022-02-01 (CONF:CMS_0026).
Note: The value of @extension is CMS Program Name.

Table 6: QRDA I CMS Program Name

Value Set: QRDA I CMS Program Name urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.3.249.14.103 Specifies the CMS Program for QRDA I report submissions.			
Code	**Code System**	**Code System OID**	**Print Name**
HQR_PI	CMS Program	urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.3.249.7	Hospital Quality Reporting for the Promoting Interoperability Program
HQR_IQR	CMS Program	urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.3.249.7	Hospital Quality Reporting for the Inpatient Quality Reporting Program
HQR_PI_IQR	CMS Program	urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.3.249.7	Hospital Quality Reporting for the Promoting Interoperability Program and the Inpatient Quality Reporting Program
HQR_OQR	CMS Program	urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.3.249.7	Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Program

Figure 8: informationRecipient Example, QRDA Category I Report - CMS (V8)

```
<!-- This example shows the @extension attribute with a value of
"HQR_PI", which indicates that this QRDA I report is submitted to the
Hospital Quality Reporting for the Promoting Interoperability Program
-->

<informationRecipient>
  <intendedRecipient>
    <!-- CMS Program Name is required. @nullFlavor is not allowed -->
    <id root="2.16.840.1.113883.3.249.7"
       extension="HQR_PI"/>
  </intendedRecipient>
</informationRecipient>
```

5.1.5 Participant (CMS EHR Certification ID)

The Certified Health Information Technology (IT) Product List (CHPL) is the authoritative and comprehensive listing of health IT certified through the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Health IT Certification Program. A CMS EHR Certification ID is a number generated by the CHPL and used for reporting to CMS. It represents a single product or combination of products in the CHPL. The eligible hospital selects a certified health IT product that meets 100% of the requirements for a complete EHR system, or combines multiple certified health IT products (Modules) to create a complete EHR product suite, as indicated in the CHPL chart on the CHPL website.[9]

CMS EHR Certification ID is different from the CHPL product number. In the CHPL, this would be the number that is generated when select EHR Certification ID for a suite of products that

[9]Certified Health IT Product List. https://chpl.healthit.gov/

make up the hospital's EHR solution. If a product changes, then a different CMS EHR Certification ID will be generated. If there are no changes to the product(s) selected to create the CMS EHR Certification ID, the ID will remain the same. If the EHR product update has a new CHPL product number and occurs during the period of time between the beginning of data capture and export, then a new CMS EHR Certification ID would need to be generated to select the suite of all products used during the data capture and reporting period. The CMS EHR Certification ID is only unique to the product suite, if two different hospitals happen to use the same products, then they will both have the same CMS EHR Certification ID.

Table 7: Participant Constraints Overview

ClinicalDocument (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.3:2022-02-01)

XPath	Card.	Verb	Data Type	CONF. #	Value
participant	1..1	SHALL		1198-10003_C01	
associatedEntity	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0004	
id	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0005	
@root	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0006	2.16.840.1.113883.3.2074.1
@extension	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0008	

1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`participant`** (CONF:1198-10003_C01).

HQR: CMS EHR Certification Number is required for HQR.

   a. This participant **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`associatedEntity`** (CONF:CMS_0004).
      i. This associatedEntity **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`id`** (CONF:CMS_0005).
         1. This id **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@root="`**`2.16.840.1.113883.3.2074.1`**`"`** CMS EHR Certification ID (CONF:CMS_0006).
         2. This id **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@extension`** (CONF:CMS_0008).
            Note: The value of @extension is the CMS EHR Certification ID.

5.1.6 component

Table 8: component Constraints Overview

ClinicalDocument (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.3:2022-02-01)

XPath	Card.	Verb	Data Type	CONF. #	Value
component	1..1	SHALL		4509-12973	
structuredBody	1..1	SHALL		4509-17081	
component	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0056	
section	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0054	Reporting Parameters Section - CMS (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.2.1.1:2016-03-01)
component	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0057	
section	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0055	Patient Data Section QDM (V8) - CMS (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.1.1:2022-02-01)
component	1..1	SHALL		4509-17082	
section	1..1	SHALL		4509-17083	Measure Section QDM (identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.3)

1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **component** (CONF:4509-12973).
    a. This component **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **structuredBody** (CONF:4509-17081).
        i. This structuredBody **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **component** (CONF:CMS_0056) such that it
            1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **Reporting Parameters Section - CMS** (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.2.1.1:2016-03-01) (CONF:CMS_0054).
        ii. This structuredBody **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **component** (CONF:CMS_0057) such that it
            1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **Patient Data Section QDM (V8) - CMS** (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.1.1:2022-02-01) (CONF:CMS_0055).
        iii. This structuredBody **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **component** (CONF:4509-17082) such that it
            1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **Measure Section QDM** (identifier:

urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.3) (CONF:4509-17083).

5.2 Section-Level Templates

5.2.1 Measure Section

This section contains information about the eCQM(s) being reported. It must contain entries with the identifiers of all the eCQMs so that corresponding QRDA Quality Data Model (QDM) data element entry templates to be instantiated in the Patient Data Section are identified. Each eCQM for which QRDA QDM data elements are being sent must reference eCQM version specific identifier (QualityMeasureDocument/id).

Only the list of conformance statements from the eCQM Reference QDM template (urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.97) that specifies how eCQM version specific measure identifier is referenced in the Measure Section are shown below. Please refer to the base HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3 standard for the full specification of Measure Section.

Table 9: Measure Section (eCQM Reference QDM) Constraints Overview
organizer (identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.97)

XPath	Card.	Verb	Data Type	CONF. #	Value
reference	1..1	SHALL		67-12808	
@typeCode	1..1	SHALL		67-12809	urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.5.1002 (HL7ActRelationshipType) = REFR
externalDocument	1..1	SHALL		67-12810	
@classCode	1..1	SHALL		67-27017	urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.5.6 (HL7ActClass) = DOC
id	1..1	SHALL		67-12811	
@root	1..1	SHALL		67-12812	2.16.840.1.113883.4.738
@extension	1..1	SHALL		67-12813	

1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **reference** (CONF:67-12808) such that it
    a. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@typeCode**="REFR" refers to (CodeSystem: HL7ActRelationshipType urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.5.1002 **STATIC**) (CONF:67-12809).
    b. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **externalDocument** (CONF:67-12810).
        i. This externalDocument **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@classCode**="DOC" Document (CodeSystem: HL7ActClass urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.5.6) (CONF:67-27017).
        ii. This externalDocument **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **id** (CONF:67-12811) such that it
            1. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@root**="2.16.840.1.113883.4.738" (CONF:67-12812).

Note: This OID indicates that the @extension contains the version specific identifier for the eCQM.

2. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@extension`** (CONF:67-12813).
   Note: This @extension SHALL equal the version specific identifier for eCQM (i.e., QualityMeasureDocument/id)

Figure 9: Measure Section Example

```
<section>
  <!-- This is the templateId for Measure Section -->
  <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.2"/>
  <!-- This is the templateId for Measure Section QDM -->
  <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.3"/>
  <code code="55186-1" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1"/>
  <title>Measure Section</title>
  <text>...</text>
  <!-- 1..* Organizers, each containing a reference to an
    eCQM -->
  <entry>
    <organizer classCode="CLUSTER" moodCode="EVN">
      <!-- This is the templateId for Measure Reference -->
      <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.98"/>
      <!-- This is the templateId for eMeasure Reference QDM -->
      <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.97"/>
      <statusCode code="completed"/>
      <reference typeCode="REFR">
        <externalDocument classCode="DOC" moodCode="EVN">
       <!-- This is the eCQM version specific identifier -->
          <id root="2.16.840.1.113883.4.738"
              extension="2c928083-8651-08a3-0186-754df8c706a4"/>
        </externalDocument>
      </reference>
    </organizer>
  </entry>
  <entry>
    <organizer>
      ...
    </organizer>
  </entry>
</section>
```

5.2.2 Reporting Parameters Section – CMS

The Reporting Parameters Section provides information about the reporting time interval, and may contain other information that provides context for the patient data being reported.

Table 10: Reporting Parameters Section – CMS Constraints Overview
section (identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.2.1.1:2016-03-01)

XPath	Card.	Verb	Data Type	CONF. #	Value
templateId	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0040	
@root	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0041	2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.2.1.1
@extension	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0042	2016-03-01
entry	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0023	

XPath	Card.	Verb	Data Type	CONF. #	Value
act	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0024	Reporting Parameters Act - CMS (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.3.8.1:2016-03-01)

1. Conforms to `Reporting Parameters Section` template `(identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.2.1)`.
2. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`templateId`** (CONF:CMS_0040) such that it
    a. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@root`**="`2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.2.1.1`" (CONF:CMS_0041).
    b. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@extension`**="`2016-03-01`" (CONF:CMS_0042).
3. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`entry`** (CONF:CMS_0023) such that it
    a. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] `Reporting Parameters Act - CMS (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.3.8.1:2016-03-01)` (CONF:CMS_0024).

5.2.2.1 Reporting Parameters Act – CMS

Table 11: Reporting Parameters Act - CMS Constraints Overview
act (identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.3.8.1:2016-03-01)

XPath	Card.	Verb	Data Type	CONF. #	Value
templateId	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0044	
@root	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0045	2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.3.8.1
@extension	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0046	2016-03-01
effectiveTime	1..1	SHALL		23-3273	
low	1..1	SHALL		23-3274	
@value	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0048 CMS_0027	
high	1..1	SHALL		23-3275	
@value	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0050 CMS_0028	

1. Conforms to `Reporting Parameters Act` template `(identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.3.8)`.
2. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`templateId`** (CONF:CMS_0044) such that it
    a. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@root`**="`2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.3.8.1`" (CONF:CMS_0045).
    b. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@extension`**="`2016-03-01`" (CONF:CMS_0046).
3. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`effectiveTime`** (CONF:23-3273).
    a. This effectiveTime **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`low`** (CONF:23-3274).

i. This low **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@value`** (CONF:CMS_0048).
ii. **SHALL** be precise to day (CONF:CMS_0027)

b. This effectiveTime **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`high`** (CONF:23-3275).
i. This high **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@value`** (CONF:CMS_0050).
ii. **SHALL** be precise to day (CONF:CMS_0028)

Figure 10: Reporting Parameters Section - CMS and Reporting Parameters Act – CMS Example

```
<section>
  <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.2.1"/>
  <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.2.1.1"
extension=”2016-03-01”/>
  <code code="55187-9" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1"/>
  <title>Reporting Parameters</title>
  <text>
    ...
    <list>
      <item>Reporting period: 01 Jan 2024 – 31 March 2024</item>
    </list>
    ...
   </text>
   <entry typeCode="DRIV">
     <act classCode="ACT" moodCode="EVN">
       <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.3.8"/>
       <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.3.8.1"
         extension="2016-03-01"/>
       <id root="67e84480-1f84-4d04-9be3-cc3e8c2c6933"/>
       <code code="252116004" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96"
             displayName="Observation Parameters"/>
       <effectiveTime>
         <low value="20240101"/>
         <high value="20240331"/>
       </effectiveTime>
    </act>
  </entry>
</section>
```

5.2.3 Patient Data Section QDM (V8) - CMS

The Patient Data Section QDM (V8) - CMS contains entries that conform to the QDM approach to QRDA. The four supplemental data elements (ONC Administrative Sex, Race, Ethnicity, and Payer) specified in the eCQMs are required to be reported to CMS. While the administrative sex, race, and ethnicity data are sent in the document header, the payer supplemental data element is submitted using the Patient Characteristic Payer template contained in the patient data section. Therefore, the Patient Data Section QDM (V8) - CMS shall contain at least one Patient Characteristic Payer template and at least one entry template that is other than the Patient Characteristic Payer template. As for what entry templates and how many entry templates should be included in the patient data section for the referenced eCQMs, it should adhere to the "smoking gun" philosophy described in the QRDA I standard. This guide follows the specifications of entry templates as defined in the base HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3 standard with errata.

Table 12: Patient Data Section QDM (V8) – CMS Constraints Overview
section (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.1.1:2022-02-01)

XPath	Card.	Verb	Data Type	CONF. #	Value
templateId	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0036	

XPath	Card.	Verb	Data Type	CONF. #	Value
@root	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0037	2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.1.1
@extension	1..1	SHALL		CMS_0038	2022-02-01
entry	1..*	SHALL		CMS_0051 CMS_0039	
entry	1..*	SHALL		4509-14430_C01	
observation	1..1	SHALL		4509-14431	Patient Characteristic Payer (identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.55)

1. Conforms to `Patient Data Section QDM (V8)` template `(identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.1:2021-08-01)`.
2. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`templateId`** (CONF:CMS_0036) such that it
    a. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@root`**`="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.1.1"` (CONF:CMS_0037).
    b. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@extension`**`="2022-02-01"` (CONF:CMS_0038).
3. **SHALL** contain at least one [1..*] **`entry`** (CONF:CMS_0051) such that it
    a. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] entry template that is other than the Patient Characteristic Payer (identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.55) (CONF:CMS_0039).
4. **SHALL** contain at least one [1..*] **`entry`** (CONF:4509-14430_C01) such that it
    a. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] `Patient Characteristic Payer (identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.55)` (CONF:4509-14431).

Figure 11: Patient Data Section QDM (V8) – CMS Example

```
<section>
    <!-- Patient Data Section -->
    <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.2.4" />
    <!-- Patient Data Section QDM (V8) -->
    <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.1"
      extension="2021-08-01"/>
    <!-- Patient Data Section QDM (V8) - CMS-->
    <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.1.1"
      extension="2022-02-01"/>
    <code code="55188-7" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1"
      displayName="Patient Data"/>
    <title>Patient Data</title>
    <text>...</text>
    <entry typeCode="DRIV">
        ...
    </entry>
    <entry typeCode="DRIV">
        ...
    </entry>
    <!--supplemental data elements-->
    <!-- payer-->
    <entry typeCode="DRIV">
        <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN">
            <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.55"/>
            <id root="a83777f2-0753-4638-9bb4-9d0d4a559a52"/>
            <code code="48768-6" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1"
              codeSystemName="LOINC" displayName="Payment source"/>
            <statusCode code="completed" />
            <effectiveTime>
                <low value="20240101"/>
                <high value="20241231"/>
            </effectiveTime>
            <value xsi:type="CD" code="1"
              codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.3.221.5"
              codeSystemName="Source of Payment Typology"
              displayName="Medicare"/>
        </observation>
    </entry>
      ...
</section>
```

5.2.3.1 "Not Done" with a Reason

To report a QDM data element that is not done (when **`negationInd`**="true") with a reason, such as "Medication Not Administered" with negation rationale attribute indicating it is due to patient reason, the following steps must be followed:

1. Must set the attribute `negataionInd`="true"

2. <u>If QDM in eCQM specification is defined using a value set</u>, for example, ["Medication, Not Ordered": "Warfarin"]:

    - Must provide `code/[@nullFlavor="NA"]`
    - Must provide the value set OID instead of a specific code from the value set. Set the code attribute `code/sdtc:valueSet="[VSAC value set OID]"`
        - Use `code/originalText` for the text description of the concept in the pattern `"None of value set: [value set name]"`

3. If QDM element in eCQM specification is defined using direct referenced code:
   - Must not provide `code/[@nullFlavor="NA"]`
   - Must provide the direct referenced code. Set the code attribute `code ="[The Direct Referenced Code]"`

4. Must provide the reason for negation, such as a medical reason or a patient reason
   - Provide an **`entryRelationship`** to a Reason (V3) (templateId: `2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.88:2017-08-01`") with an actRelationship type of "RSON" is required. See Reason Template Placement When Specifying “Not Done” with a Reason for more details.

Figure 12: Not Done Example for QDM Element Defined with Value Set

```
<!--Medication not administered, patient refusal: Drug declined by
patient - reason unknown. No "Low Dose Unfractionated Heparin for VTE
Prophylaxis" were administered -->
<substanceAdministration classCode="SBADM" moodCode="EVN"
negationInd="true">
  <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.4.16" extension="2014-
06-09"/>
  <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.42" extension="2022-
08-01"/>
  <id root="48cb49dc-2bf7-43e9-9824-8538665158f8" />
  <statusCode code="completed"/>
  ...
  <consumable>
    <manufacturedProduct classCode="MANU">
      <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.4.23"
extension="2014-06-09"/>
      <manufacturedMaterial>
        <code nullFlavor="NA"
sdtc:valueSet="2.16.840.1.113883.3.464.1003.196.12.1001">
         <originalText>None of the value set: Antibiotic Medications
for Pharyngitis</originalText>
        </code>
      </manufacturedMaterial>
    </manufacturedProduct>
  </consumable>
  <entryRelationship typeCode="RSON">
     <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN">
      <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.88"
        extension="2017-08-01" />
      <code code="77301-0"
        codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1"
        displayName="Reason care action performed or not"
        codeSystemName="LOINC" />
      <value xsi:type="CD" code="182897004"
        codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96"
        displayName="Drug declined by patient - side effects
(situation)"
        codeSystemName="SNOMED CT"/>
    </observation>
  </entryRelationship>
</substanceAdministration>
```

5.2.3.2 Reporting “unit” for Result Value

If eCQM definition uses the “unit” in the measure logic for the “result” criteria, the patient QRDA report must report the result with the exact appropriate/required unit specified in the eCQM. For example, in the measure logic for maximum LDL-c result of less than 70 mg/dL, Unified Code

for Units of Measure (UCUM) code “mg/dL” is specified as “unit” by the eCQM definition.[10] If the LDL-c result value is provided without the unit or with a different unit than specified by the eCQM, depending on the system processing the data, the case might not meet the measure’s requirement and fail the “result” logic.

If eCQM definition does not specify the “unit” in the measure logic for the “result” criteria, for example, ["Laboratory Test, Performed": "INR"] INRLabTest where INRLabTest.result > 3.0, then the laboratory test performed result must be reported using one of the two options:

1) represent INR result using data type REAL or Interval REAL (xsi:type="REAL" or xsi:type="IVL_REAL") for results such as INR=2.4 or INR>=4.5;
2) represent INR result using data type PQ and PQ.unit should be using UCUM annotations {ratio} or {INR}.

For guidance on reporting result value “unit” for hybrid measures, please see 6.2 Reporting Result “unit” for Hybrid Measures.

5.2.3.3 Reporting “result as *type*”

CQL supports Choice type, which is defined by a list of component types. In cases where result values are cast as a specific type in measure specification, such as “result as Integer”, “result as Quantity”, and “result as DateTime”, result values shall also be cast to their corresponding HL7 V3 data types when reporting in QRDA to ensure appropriate evaluation.

For example, the following definition specified in CMS334v5 has result cast as Integer:

```
Last(["Assessment, Performed": "[#] Births.preterm"] PretermBirth
    where Global."EarliestOf"(PretermBirth.relevantDatetime,
PretermBirth.relevantPeriod)42 weeks or less before
PCMaternal."LastTimeOfDelivery"(Encounter)
      and PretermBirth.result is not null
    sort by Global."EarliestOf"(relevantDatetime, relevantPeriod)
).result as Integer
```

In this case, when report Assessment Performed result in QRDA, observation/value shall be cast to the INT data type.

When report result as Quantity and as DateTime, they shall be submitted using the PQ and TS data types respectively.

5.3 HQR Validations

This section details additional validation rules specified by CMS for HQR. Submissions that do not conform to these constraints will result in files being rejected by the HQR System.

[10] The Clinical Quality Language (CQL) specification defines a number of built-in units for timing, such as “week”, “weeks”, and “year”. CQL logic for eCQMs uses these built-in units. For the 2024 reporting period, submitting either “week” and “weeks” or their corresponding UCUM representation “wk” will be accepted by the receiving system.

5.3.1 Validation Rules for Encounter Performed

The effectiveTime low value (`effectiveTime/low/@value`) represents the Encounter Performed admission time, and the effectiveTime high value (`effectiveTime/high/@value`) represents the Encounter Performed discharge time.

The following are additional Encounter Performed validation rules for HQR QRDA I submissions.

i. The system **SHALL** reject QRDA I files if the Encounter Performed Discharge Date is null (CONF: CMS_0060).
ii. The system **SHALL** reject QRDA I files if the Encounter Performed Discharge Date (effectiveTime/high value) is after the upload date (discharge date is in the future) (CONF: CMS_0061).
iii. The system **SHALL** reject QRDA I files if the Encounter Performed Admission Date (effectiveTime/low value) is after the Encounter Performed Discharge Date (effectiveTime/high value) (CONF: CMS_0062).
iv. The system **SHALL** reject QRDA I files if there are no Encounter Performed Discharge Dates within the reporting period found in the QRDA (CONF: CMS_0063).

When there are multiple diagnoses for an Encounter Performed, only one diagnosis shall be identified as principal diagnosis. The following validation rule from the QRDA I STU 5.3 is used to enforce that only one Encounter Diagnosis Quality Data Model (QDM) template with a rank attribute equal to 1, to indicate the principal diagnosis, within an Encounter Performed template.

> If **entryRelationship to Encounter Diagnosis QDM (V2)** is present**, SHALL** contain at most one **Encounter Diagnosis QDM (V2)** of **rank 1**, as principal diagnosis (CONF:4509-32546).

5.3.2 Other HQR Validations

Table 13: Other Validation Rules for HQR Programs

CONF. #	Validation Performed	Description of Error Message and File Rejection
CMS_0066	CCN (NULL) cannot be validated.	CCN value does not appear in HQR lookup of valid CCNs. CCN is Null, resulting in this message.
CMS_0067	Submitter (%s) is not authorized to submit for this provider (%s).	Lookup performed and found that the Submitter (vendor) has not been authorized to submit data on behalf of the hospital (using the CCN in the QRDA I file).
CMS_0068	Provider is not allowed to use dummy CCN number (800890) for submissions.	Only vendors can use the dummy CCN.
CMS_0069	Dummy CCN (800890) cannot be used for production submissions.	Dummy CCN can only be used for Test Data submissions.
CMS_0070	Submission date is not within the submission period.	The validation process compares the upload date with the Production Date Range values stored in internal table. If the upload date is outside the acceptable range(s), which for the 2024 Reporting

CONF. #	Validation Performed	Description of Error Message and File Rejection
		Period is yet to be finalized, this message is returned.
CMS_0071	Data submitted is not a well formed QRDA XML.	File violates syntax rule in the XML specification, e.g., missing start/end tag or prime elements missing or not properly nested or not properly written. Processing stops immediately on file.
CMS_0072	QRDA file does not pass XML schema validation (CDA_SDTC.xsd).	QRDA structure does not pass CDA_SDTC.XSD schema check. Processing continues on file to identify other Errors/Warnings.
CMS_0073	The document does not conform to QRDA document formats accepted by CMS.	File is not in QRDA Category I STU Release 5.3 format -- does not contain all four of the required header templateIds including both of the R5.3 templateIds and extensions: HL7 R5.3: <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.1.1" extension="2015-08-01"/> <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.1" extension="2017-08-01"/> <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.2" extension="2021-08-01"/> 2024 CMS QRDA I IG: <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.3" extension="2022-02-01"/> This error is also produced for empty file or other non-XML file type (e.g., PDF). Processing stops immediately on file.
CMS_0074	The Version Specific Measure Identifier is not valid for the current program year.	The Version Specific Measure Identifier for an eCQM being reported is a required element in the QRDA file (i.e., XPath is QualityMeasureDocument/id/@root). The HQR System will only accept the "2023 version" of eCQMs for the CY 2024 reporting period. Each eCQM has an associated Version Specific Measure Identifier corresponding to the “2023 version of eCQM specifications” for the CY 2024 reporting period. Only those Version Specific Measure Identifiers for the current reporting year will be accepted. If any submitted version specific identifier does not match one of the defined set of the Version Specific Measure Identifier for the current reporting period, the file will be rejected.
CMS_0075	Admission Date is not properly formatted.	Fails validation check for Encounter Performed Admission Date (effectiveTime/low value) as specified in Table 14: Valid Date/Time Format for HQR.

CONF. #	Validation Performed	Description of Error Message and File Rejection
CMS_0076	Discharge Date is not properly formatted.	Fails validation check for Encounter Performed Discharge Date (effectiveTime/high value) as specified in Table 14: Valid Date/Time Format for HQR.
CMS_0077	Reporting Period Start Date (low value) is after the End Date (high value).	Fails validation check. Reporting Parameters Act effectiveTime low (Reporting Period Start Date) is after effectiveTime high (Reporting Period End Date).
CMS_0078	QRDA file size exceeds (10) MB.	QRDA file size exceeds 10 MB.
CMS_0079	Reporting Period Effective Date Range does not match one of the Program's calendar year Discharge Quarters.	The Reporting Parameter Section effective date range must exactly match one of the HQR allowable calendar year discharge quarters.
CMS_0082	CMS EHR Certification ID does not meet year/version criteria.	The EHR system needs to be certified to 2015 Edition Cures Update for CY2024/PY2026.
CMS_0083	CMS Certification ID format is not valid.	CMS EHR Certification ID must be 15 alpha numeric characters in length.
CMS_0085 [11]	*CMS program name and Measure ID are not compatible.*	*CMS program name for hybrid measure/CCDE submissions must be HQR_IQR.*
CMS_0086 [11]	*Measure type is not consistent across QRDA files within the batch.*	*Files containing hybrid measure/CCDE submissions and eCQM cannot be submitted within the same batch.*
CMS_0087	Low date is after high date.	Fails validation check. Low dates are after high dates.
CMS_0088	Invalid DateTime has been provided.	Fails validation check for low and high date time format.

[11] Error messages for CMS_0085 and CMS_0086 may require updates as system development is finalized. If changes are made, they will be published in an updated version of this guide.

5.3.3 Date and Time Validation

Table 14: Valid Date/Time Format for HQR

Attribute	Date and Time Format Validation Rules	Examples
<Encounter> <EffectiveTime> <low>(Admission Date) <high>(Discharge Date)	Valid Date/Time Format: YYYYMMDDHHMM YYYYMMDDHHMMSS YYYYMMDDHHMMSSxUUUU where YYYY - year - range 1900 to 9999 MM - month - range 01 to 12 DD - day - range 01 to 31 (note: true to month and leap years) HH - hour - range 0 to 23 MM - minutes - range 0-59 SS - seconds - range 0-59 x - plus or minus sign UUUU - UTC time shift -1200 thru+1400	For example, 202401301130
BirthTime	Valid Date/Time Format: YYYYMMDD YYYYMMDDHHMM YYYYMMDDHHMMSS where YYYY - year - range 1900 to 9999 MM - month - range 01 to 12 DD - day - range 01 to 31 (note: true to month and leap years) HH - hour - range 0 to 23 MM - minutes - range 0-59 SS - seconds - range 0-59	For example, 19910428 202404202115 (newborn)
Reporting Period <EffectiveTime> <low>(Start Date) <high>(End Date)	Valid Date/Time Format: YYYYMMDD where YYYY - year - range 1900 to 9999 MM - month - range 01 to 12 DD - day - range 01 to 31 (note: true to month and leap years)	For example, partial date/time such as 2024 or 202403 are not allowed.

Attribute	Date and Time Format Validation Rules	Examples
EffectiveTime (US Realm Header)	Valid Date/Time Format: YYYYMMDDHHMMSSxUUUU YYYYMMDDHHMMxUUUU YYYYMMDDHHxUUUU YYYYMMDDxUUUU YYYYMMDD YYYYMMDDHH YYYYMMDDHHMM YYYYMMDDHHMMSS where YYYY - year - range 1900 to 9999 MM - month - range 01 to 12 DD - day - range 01 to 31 (note: true to month and leap years) x - plus or minus sign UUUU - UTC time shift -1200 thru+1400	For example, 20240130 is valid.
NA	Leap year calculation is validated.	For example, 20240229 is valid, because 2024 is a leap year.
NA	The UTC time shift range is -1200 thru +1400. Time shifts outside this range are invalid. The last two digits are 'minutes' so they must be in the range of 00 to 59.	For example, -1262 is invalid because 62 is outside the range of 00 to 59.

5.3.4 Validation XPath

Table 15: Validation XPath

Validation Item	CONF. #	CDA Template Name and CDA Element XPath
Admission Date	CMS_0062 CMS_0075	Encounter Performed /../encounter/effectiveTime/low
Discharge Date	CMS_0060 CMS_0061 CMS_0062 CMS_0063 CMS_0076	Encounter Performed /../encounter/effectiveTime/high
Reporting Period Start Date	CMS_0063 CMS_0077 CMS_0027	/ClinicalDocument/component/structuredBody/component/section[@templateId="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.2.1"]/entry/act[@templateId="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.3.8.1"]/effectiveTime/low

Validation Item	CONF. #	CDA Template Name and CDA Element XPath
Reporting Period End Date	CMS_0063 CMS_0079 CMS_0028	/ClinicalDocument/component/structuredBody/component/section[@templateId=''2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.2.1'']/entry/act[@templateId=''2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.3.8.1'']/effectiveTime/high
Version Specific Measure Identifier	CMS_0074	/ClinicalDocument/component/structuredBody/component/section[@templateId=”2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.2”]/entry/organizer[@templateId=”2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.97”]/reference/externalDocument/id[@root=”2.16.840.1.113883.4.738”]/@extension
Birth Time	1198-5300_C01 1198-32418	/ClinicalDocument/recordTarget/patientRole/patient/birthTime
effectiveTime (US Realm Header)	1198-5256	/ClinicalDocument/effectiveTime
effectiveTime (Applies to all effectiveTime except Admission Date, Discharge Date, and Reporting Period Start and End Date)	CMS_0087 CMS_0088	../effectiveTime/high ../effectiveTime/low
	CMS_0088	../effectiveTime/value ../time/value
CMS Program Name	CMS_0064	/ClinicalDocument/informationRecipient/intendedRecipient/id/@extension

6 Hybrid Measures/CCDE Submission

This section provides guidance on how to submit the encounter id associated with a core clinical data element and report result "unit" for submissions for hybrid measures.

Hybrid Measures/CCDE submissions SHALL use the CMS Program Name HQR_IQR.

6.1 Submitting the encounter id associated with a CCDE

Association of the data element to the encounter id uses the Related To (`2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.150:2017-08-01`) template in conjunction with the Laboratory Test, Performed (V6) (`2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.38:2021-08-01`) and the Physical Exam, Performed (V6) (`2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.59:2021-08-01`) templates respectively. The hybrid measures available for submission are listed in Table 16.

Table 16: Hybrid Measures for Submission

eCQM CMS#	eCQM Title	Short Name	Measurement Period
CMS529v4	Core Clinical Data Elements for the Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmission (HWR) Measure with Claims and Electronic Health Record Data.	Hybrid HWR	July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
CMS844v4	Core Clinical Data Elements for the Hybrid Hospital-Wide (All-Condition, All-Procedure) Risk-Standardized Mortality Measure (HWM)	Hybrid HWM	July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Hybrid measures submission reporting requirements:

- For each of the core clinical data elements specified in a hybrid measure, the measure specification returns the specific encounter id that a core clinical data element result is associated with.

For example, when reporting the first resulted sodium value and datetime, it should also provide the encounter id that the sodium result is associated with in the same Laboratory Test, Performed (V6) template. The encounter id must reference an existing instance of Encounter, Performed template's `encounter/id` contained in the same QRDA I file.

Figure 13 shows an example Encounter Performed instance with `encounter/id`. In this example, the encounter id has both a root and an extension that uniquely identifies a specific episode of care: `<id root="4836d196-85d5-480c-b640-e470790eec7d" extension="123"/>` (note that the value provided for root and extension are for demonstration purpose only).

Figure 13: Encounter Performed Example

```
<encounter classCode="ENC" moodCode="EVN">
  <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.4.49"
extension="2015-08-01"/>
  <!-- Encounter Performed (V6)-->
  <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.23"
extension="2021-08-01"/>
  <!-- The encounter id of this particular encounter that the
clinical core data element is associated with. -->
  <id root="4836d196-85d5-480c-b640-e470790eec7d"
extension="123"/>
  ...
</encounter>
```

Example XMLs in Table 17 demonstrate how to reference an existing `encounter/id` (see Figure 13) in a Laboratory Test, Performed (V6) and Physical Exam, Performed (V6) by including the Related To template. Note that the sdtc:id provided must reference and match the existing `encounter/id` for both the root and id attributes if both are present, for instance, `<sdtc:id root="4836d196-85d5-480c-b640-e470790eec7d" extension="123"/>`.

Table 17: Associating an Existing Encounter Id with a Core Clinical Data Element

Core Clinical Data Element	QRDA Template	Guidance
Bicarbonate Creatinine Glucose Hematocrit Platelet Potassium Sodium White blood cell count	Laboratory Test, Performed (V6) (2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.38:2021-08-01)	**<!-- Laboratory Test, Performed(V6) -->** <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN"> <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.38" extension="2021-08-01"/> <id root="83216def-91de-46dd-b96c-032aa8cb8823"/> <code xsi:type="CD" code="2947-0" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1" displayName="Sodium [Moles/volume] in Blood" codeSystemName="LOINC"/> <statusCode code="completed"/> <!-- QDM Attribute: Relevant dateTime --> <effectiveTime value="20230615113000"/> <!-- QDM Attribute: Result --> <entryRelationship typeCode="REFR"> <!-- Result (V4) --> <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN"> <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.4.2" extension="2015-08-01"/> <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.87" extension="2019-12-01"/> <id root="3fad091f-7b4e-4661-b61c-53f9a825198b"/> <code code="2947-0" displayName="Sodium [Moles/volume] in Blood" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1" codeSystemName="LOINC"/> <statusCode code="completed"/> <!-- QDM Attribute: Result dateTime --> <effectiveTime value="20230615113000"/> <value xsi:type="PQ" value="135" unit="mmol/L"/> </observation> </entryRelationship> **<!-- Related To -->** <sdtc:inFulfillmentOf1 typeCode="FLFS"> <sdtc:templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.150" extension="2017-08-01"/> <sdtc:actReference classCode="ENC" moodCode="EVN"> <!-- The id references and matches the Encounter, Performed encounter id (both root and extension if both are present)this core clinical data element is associated with. --> <sdtc:id **root="4836d196-85d5-480c-b640-e470790eec7d" extension="123"/>** </sdtc:actReference> </sdtc:inFulfillmentOf1> </observation>

Core Clinical Data Element	QRDA Template	Guidance
Heart rate Oxygen saturation Respiratory rate Systolic blood pressure Temperature Weight	Physical Exam, Performed (V6) (2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.59:2021-08-01)	**<!-- Physical Exam, Performed(V6) -->** <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN"> <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.4.13" extension="2014-06-09"/> <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.59" extension="2021-08-01"/> <id root="09982a50-a3f7-422b-9eb2-d9e26ad6448b"/> <code xsi:type="CD" code="8480-6" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1" displayName="Systolic blood pressure" codeSystemName="LOINC"/> <statusCode code="completed"/> <!-- QDM Attribute:Relevant dateTime --> <effectiveTime value="20230729090000"/> <!-- QDM Attribute: Result --> <value xsi:type="PQ" value="120" unit="mm[Hg]"/> **<!-- Related To -->** <sdtc:inFulfillmentOf1 typeCode="FLFS"> <sdtc:templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.150" extension="2017-08-01"/> <sdtc:actReference classCode="ENC" moodCode="EVN"> <!-- The id references and matches the Encounter, Performed encounter id (both root and extension if both are present) this core clinical data element is associated with. --> **<sdtc:id root="4836d196-85d5-480c-b640-e470790eec7d" extension="123"/>** </sdtc:actReference> </sdtc:inFulfillmentOf1> </observation>

6.2 Reporting Result "unit" for Hybrid Measures

For each core clinical data element specified in the Hybrid HWM and Hybrid HWR measures, it is recommended to report values using one of the appropriate UCUM units of measurement listed in Table 18.

Table 18: Hybrid HWM and Hybrid HWR UCUM Codes

Core Clinical Data Element	UCUM Unit – Hybrid HWM	UCUM Unit – Hybrid HWR
Bicarbonate	meq/L mmol/L	meq/L mmol/L
Creatinine	mg/dL umol/L	mg/dL umol/L
Glucose	*Not applicable*	mg/dL mmol/L
Heart rate	{Beats}/min	{Beats}/min

Core Clinical Data Element	UCUM Unit – Hybrid HWM	UCUM Unit – Hybrid HWR
Hematocrit	%	%
Oxygen saturation	%{Oxygen}	%{Oxygen}
Platelet	10*3/uL 10*9/L /mm3	*Not applicable*
Potassium	*Not applicable*	meq/L mmol/L
Respiratory rate	*Not applicable*	{Breaths}/min
Sodium	meq/L mmol/L	meq/L mmol/L
Systolic blood pressure	mm[Hg]	mm[Hg]
Temperature	Cel [degF]	Cel [degF]
Weight	*Not applicable*	kg [lb_av] g
White blood cell count	{Cells}/uL 10*3/uL 10*9/L /mm3	{Cells}/uL 10*3/uL 10*9/L /mm3

APPENDIX

7 Troubleshooting and Support

7.1 Resources

The following provide additional information:

- **eCQI Resource Center** is the one-stop shop for the most current resources to support electronic clinical quality improvement: https://ecqi.healthit.gov/
- **National Library of Medicine (NLM) Value Set Authority Center (VSAC)** contains the official versions of the value sets used for eCQMs and hybrid measures: https://vsac.nlm.nih.gov/
- **The ONC Project Tracking System** is a tool offered by CMS and ONC for implementers to submit issues and request guidance on measure logic, specifications, and certification: https://oncprojectracking.healthit.gov/

7.2 Support

Table 19: Support Contact Information

Contact	Org.	Phone	Email	Role	Responsibility
CCSQ Service Center	CMS	866-288-8912	QNetSupport@cms.hhs.gov	Help desk support	1st level user support & problem reporting

7.3 Errata or Enhancement Requests

Table 20: Errata or Enhancement Request Location

Contact	Organization	URL	Purpose
HL7 Jira Tracker	HL7	https://jira.hl7.org	Document errors or enhancement request to the HL7 standard. Create a Jira tracker by selecting project “CDA Specification Feedback” and specification “Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category I”.

8 Null Flavor Validation Rules for Data Types

CDA, Release 2 uses the HL7 V3 Data Types, Release 1 abstract and XML-specific specification. Every data element either has a proper value or it is considered NULL. If and only if it is NULL, a "null flavor" provides more detail on why or in what way no proper value is supplied. The table below provides clarifications to proper nullFlavor use for a list of common data types used by this guide.

Table 21: Null Flavor Validation Rules for Data Types

Data Type	CONF. #	Rules
Boolean (BL)	CMS_0105	Data types of BL SHALL have either @value or @nullFlavor but SHALL NOT have both @value and @nullFlavor (CONF:CMS_0105).
Coded Simple (CS)	CMS_0106	Data types of CS SHALL have either @code or @nullFlavor but SHALL NOT have both @code and @nullFlavor (CONF:CMS_0106).
Coded Descriptor (CD)	CMS_0107	Data types of CD or CE SHALL have either @code or @nullFlavor but SHALL NOT have both @code and @nullFlavor (CONF:CMS_0107).
Coded With Equivalents (CE)		
Instance Identifier (II)	CMS_0108	Data types of II SHALL have either @root or @nullFlavor or (@root and @nullFlavor) or (@root and @extension) but SHALL NOT have all three of (@root and @extension and @nullFlavor) (CONF:CMS_0108).
Integer Number (INT)	CMS_0109	Data types of INT SHALL NOT have both @value and @nullFlavor (CONF:CMS_0109).
Physical Quantity (PQ)	CMS_0110	Data types of PQ SHALL have either @value or @nullFlavor but SHALL NOT have both @value and @nullFlavor. If @value is present then @unit SHALL be present but @unit SHALL NOT be present if @value is not present (CONF:CMS_0110).
Real Number (REAL)	CMS_0111	Data types of REAL SHALL NOT have both @value and @nullFlavor (CONF:CMS_0111).
String (ST)	CMS_0112	Data types of ST SHALL either not be empty or have @nullFlavor (CONF:CMS_0112).
Point in Time (TS)	CMS_0113	Data types of TS SHALL have either @value or @nullFlavor but SHALL NOT have @value and @nullFlavor (CONF:CMS_0113).
Universal Resource Locator (URL)	CMS_0114	Data types of URL SHALL have either @value or @nullFlavor but SHALL NOT have both @value and @nullFlavor (CONF:CMS_0114).

9 NPI and TIN Validation Rules

Table 22: NPI Validation Rules and Table 23: TIN Validation Rules list the validation rules performed on the NPI and TIN.

Table 22: NPI Validation Rules

CONF. #	Rules
CMS_0115	The NPI should have 10 digits.
CMS_0116	The NPI should be composed of all digits.
CMS_0117	The NPI should have a correct checksum, using the Luhn algorithm.
CMS_0118	The NPI should have @extension or @nullFlavor, but not both.

Table 23: TIN Validation Rules

CONF. #	Rules
CMS_0119	When a Tax Identification Number is used, the provided TIN must be in valid format (9 decimal digits).
CMS_0120	The TIN SHALL have either @extension or @nullFlavor, but not both.

10 Reason Template Placement When Specifying "Not Done" with a Reason

The Processing Consideration section in Volume 1 of the HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3 provides guidance on the placement of the Reason (V3) template when specify the reason for "Not Done".

In summary, the Reason (V3) template will be nested directly within the element containing the **`negationInd`** attribute. When a parent template and a child template both allow negation, then the parent template must be negated and contain the Reason (V3) template. For example, for "Medication, Not Discharged", the parent Discharge Medication (V6) template (`2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.105:2021-08-01`) must have **`negationInd`**="true" and contain the Reason (V3) template indicating reason for negation.

The table below provides detailed guidance for the location of the Reason (V3) template for each negated QDM data element that were used by the eCQM specifications for Hospital Quality Reporting for the 2024 reporting period.

Table 24: Placement of Reason (V3) Template for Negated QDM Data Element

Negated QDM Data Element	QRDA Template(s)	Guidance

Device, Not Ordered	Device Order Act (V4)
	(2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.130:2021-08-01)
	Device Order (V6)
	(2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.9:2021-08-01)
	Note: Reason (V3) for not done is contained directly within the Device Order Act (V4) template
		XPath for "Device, Not Ordered" Reason Code:
		`../act[templateId/@root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.130"][templateId/@extension="2021-08-01"][@negationInd="true"]/entryRelationship[@typeCode="RSON"]/observation[templateId/@root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.88"][templateId/@extension="2017-08-01"]/value[@xsi:type="CD"]/`
		
		`<!-- Device Order Act (V4) -->`
		`<act classCode="ACT" moodCode="EVN" negationInd="true">`
		`<templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.130" extension="2021-08-01"/>`
		`<code code="SPLY" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.1.113883.5.6" displayName="Supply"/>`
		`<!-- Device Order (V6) -->`
		`<entryRelationship typeCode="SUBJ">`
		`<supply classCode="SPLY" moodCode="RQO">`
		`<templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.4.43" extension="2014-06-09"/>`
		`<templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.9" extension="2021-08-01"/>`
		`...`
		`</supply>`
		`</entryRelationship>`
		`<!-- Reason(V3) for device not ordered-->`
		`<entryRelationship typeCode="RSON">`
		`<observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN">`
		`<templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.88" extension="2017-08-01"/>`
		`...`
		`</observation>`
		`</entryRelationship>`
		`</act>`

Negated QDM Data Element	QRDA Template(s)	Guidance
Medication, Not Administered	Medication Administered (V6) (2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.42:2021-08-01)	XPath for "Medication, Not Administered" Reason Code: ../substanceAdministration[templateId/@root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.42"][templateId/@extension="2021-08-01"][@negationInd="true"]/entryRelationship [@typeCode="RSON"]/observation[templateId/@root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.88"][templateId/@extension="2017-08-01"]/value[@xsi:type="CD"]/ **<!-- Medication Administered(V6) -->** <substanceAdministration classCode="SBADM" moodCode="EVN" negationInd="true" > <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.4.16" extension="2014-06-09"/> <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.42" extension="2021-08-01"/> ... **<!-- Reason(V3) for medication not administered -->** <entryRelationship typeCode="RSON"> <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN"> <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.88" extension="2017-08-01"/> <code code="77301-0" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1" codeSystemName="LOINC" displayName="Reason care action performed or not"/> <value xsi:type="CD" code="397745006" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96" codeSystemName="SNOMED CT" displayName="Medical contraindication (finding)"/> </observation> </entryRelationship> </substanceAdministration>

Negated QDM Data Element	QRDA Template(s)	Guidance
Medication, Not Discharged	Discharge Medication (V6) (2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.105:2021-08-01) Note: Reason (V3) for not done is contained directly within the Discharge Medication (V6) template	XPath for "Medication, Not Discharged" Reason Code: ../act[templateId/@root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.105"][templateId/@extension="2021-08-01"][@negationInd="true"]/entryRelationship[@typeCode="RSON"]/observation[templateId/@root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.88"][templateId/@extension="2017-08-01"]/value[@xsi:type="CD"]/ **<!-- Discharge Medication(V6)-->** <act classCode="ACT" moodCode="RQO" negationInd="true"> <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.105" extension="2021-08-01"/> <code code="75311-1" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.1.113883.6.1" displayName="Discharge medications"/> **<!-- Medication Activity(V2) -->** <entryRelationship typeCode="SUBJ"> <substanceAdministration classCode="SBADM" moodCode="EVN"> <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.4.16" extension="2014-06-09"/> <id root="f8a9729a-ba09-4dc6-a430-bde2c6137d3c"/> ... </substanceAdministration > </entryRelationship> **<!-- Reason(V3) for medication not discharged -->** <entryRelationship typeCode="RSON"> <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN"> <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.88" extension="2017-08-01"/> ... </observation> </entryRelationship> </act>

Negated QDM Data Element	QRDA Template(s)	Guidance

Medication, Not Ordered	Medication Order (V7)
	(2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.47:2021-08-01)
		XPath for "Medication, Not Ordered" Reason Code:
		`../substanceAdministration[templateId/@root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.47"][templateId/@extension="2021-08-01"][@negationInd="true"]/entryRelationship[@typeCode="RSON"]/observation[templateId/@root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.88"][templateId/@extension="2017-08-01"]/value[@xsi:type="CD"]/`
		
		`<!-- Medication Order(V7)-->`
		`<substanceAdministration classCode="SBADM" moodCode="RQO" negationInd="true">`
		`<templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.4.42" extension="2014-06-09"/>`
		`<templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.47" extension="2021-08-01"/>`
		`...`
		`<!-- Reason(V3) for medication not ordered -->`
		`<entryRelationship typeCode="RSON">`
		`<observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN">`
		`<templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.88" extension="2017-08-01"/>`
		`...`
		`</observation>`
		`</entryRelationship>`
		`</substanceAdministration>`

Negated QDM Data Element	QRDA Template(s)	Guidance

Procedure, Not Performed	Procedure Performed (V7)
	(2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.64:2021-08-01)
		XPath for "Procedure, Not Performed" Reason Code:
		`../procedure[templateId/@root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.64"][templateId/@extension="2021-08-01"][@negationInd="true"]/entryRelationship[@typeCode="RSON"]/observation[templateId/@root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.88"][templateId/@extension="2017-08-01"]/value[@xsi:type="CD"]/`
		
		`<!-- Procedure Performed (V7)-->`
		`<procedure classCode="PROC" moodCode="EVN" negationInd="true">`
		`<templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.4.14" extension="2014-06-09"/>`
		`<templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.64" extension="2021-08-01"/>`
		`...`
		`<!-- Reason(V3) for procedure not performed -->`
		`<entryRelationship typeCode="RSON">`
		`<observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN">`
		`<templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.88" extension="2017-08-01"/>`
		`...`
		`</observation>`
		`</entryRelationship>`
		`</procedure>`

11 Ensuring Data Uniqueness

The presence of duplicated data in a QRDA I file not only could potentially lead to increased data processing time, but most importantly, might cause incorrect processing and therefore produce unexpected measure results when calculated by other entities. The Processing Consideration section in Volume 1 of the HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3 provides guidance for ensuring data uniqueness in a QRDA I file. Submitted QRDA I files for HQR in the 2024 reporting period should follow the ensuring data uniqueness guidance specified in the base standard.

- Each reported QDM data element contains all of the attributes (e.g., discharge status, facility location, etc.) required by all measures, which are reported in the file, in the same QRDA template for the same instance.
- Not to duplicate QDM data element by including `sdtc:valueSet`. (Note that `sdtc:valueSet` is still required for Not Done events where attribute `negationInd="true"` and should only be used when submitting a Not Done event.)

Table 25 lists the key elements for determining data uniqueness.

Table 25: Key Elements for Determining Data Uniqueness

QDM Data Type	Key Elements

Data types except Encounter	Precondition: same QRDA template
	• Id element—combination of `@root` and `@extension` (if `@extension` is present)
	  o `act/id`
	  o `observation/id`
	  o `procedure/id`
	  o `substanceAdministration/id`
	  o `supply/id`

Encounter containing inpatient code (each episode of care)	Precondition: same QRDA template • Encounter id element (`encounter/id`)— combination of `@root` and `@extension` (if `@extension` is present) • Encounter code (`encounter/code`) • Admission date time (`encounter/effectiveTime/low`) • Discharge date time (`encounter/effectiveTime/high`) Each episode of care (EOC) shall have one unique inpatient encounter id and if there are other types of encounters present (e.g., ED) during the same episode of care, they shall have their own unique encounter ids. If there is data for multiple episodes of care within the same QRDA Category I file, then each episode of care shall have its own unique inpatient encounter id. Should there be another reference to an encounter/EOC in a QRDA Category I file, then users should reference the previously reported encounter id of that inpatient encounter instance or EOC.
Other Encounter (Encounter containing codes other than inpatient code)	Precondition: same QRDA template • Encounter id element (encounter/id)—combination of @root and @extension (if @extension is present) • Encounter code (encounter/code)

12 CMS QRDA I Implementation Guide Changes to QRDA I STU 5.3 Base Standard

This table lists all changes made to the base HL7 QRDA I STU 5.3 contained in this implementation guide. The "Base Standard" is the *HL7 Implementation Guide for CDA Release 2: Quality Report Document Architecture, Category I, STU Release 5.3* and any subsequent errata update.

Table 26: Changes Made to the QRDA I STU 5.3 Base Standard

CONF. #	Section	Base Standard	Changed To
n/a	5.1.1	n/a	Conforms to QDM-Based QRDA (V8) template `(identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.2:2021-08-01).`
CMS_0001 CMS_0002 CMS_0003	5.1.1	n/a	**SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] `templateId` (CONF:CMS_0001) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@root**="`2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.1.3`" (CONF:CMS_0002). **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@extension**="`2022-02-01`" (CONF:CMS_0003).
CMS_0010	5.1.1	n/a	This languageCode **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@code`**="en" (CONF:CMS_0010).
4509-16857_C01	5.1.2	This patientRole **MAY** contain zero or one [0..1] **`id`** (CONF:4509-16857) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@root="`**`2.16.840.1.113883.4.572`**"** Medicare HIC number (CONF:4509-16858).	This patientRole **SHOULD** contain zero or one [0..1] **`id`** (CONF:4509-16857_C01) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@root="`**`2.16.840.1.113883.4.572`**"** Medicare HIC number (CONF:4509-16858).

CONF. #	Section	Base Standard	Changed To
CMS_0009 CMS_0053 CMS_0103	5.1.2	n/a	This patientRole **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **id** (CONF:CMS_0009) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@root** (CONF:CMS_0053). Note: This is the provider's organization OID or other non-null value different from the OID for the Medicare HIC Number (2.16.840.1.113883.4.572) and the OID for the Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (2.16.840.1.113883.4.927). **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@extension** (CONF:CMS_0103). Note:The value of @extension is the Patient ID.
4509-28697_C01	5.1.2	This patientRole **MAY** contain zero or one [0..1] **id** (CONF:4509-28697) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@root="**2.16.840.1.113883.4.927**"** Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) (CONF:4509-28698).	**HQR:** Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) is not required for HQR but should be submitted if the payer is Medicare and the patient has an MBI number assigned. This patientRole **SHOULD** contain zero or one [0..1] **id** (CONF:4509-28697_C01) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@root="**2.16.840.1.113883.4.927**"** Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) (CONF:4509-28698).
CMS_0130 CMS_0131 CMS_0132	5.1.2	n/a	This patientRole **SHOULD** contain zero or more [0..*] **telecom** (CONF:CMS_0130) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@value** (CONF:CMS_0131). This value **SHALL** begin with **"**mailto:**"** which is the email address of the patient (CONF:CMS_0132).
CMS_0133 CMS_0134 CMS_0135	5.1.2	n/a	This patientRole **SHOULD** contain zero or more [0..*] **telecom** (CONF:CMS_0133) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@value** (CONF:CMS_0134). This value **SHALL** begin with **"**tel:**"** which is the telephone of the patient (CONF:CMS_0135).

CONF. #	Section	Base Standard	Changed To
1198-5284_C01	5.1.2	This patient **SHALL** contain at least one [1..*] `US Realm Person Name (PN.US.FIELDED)` `(identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.5.1.1)` (CONF:1198-5284).	This patient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] `US Realm Person Name (PN.US.FIELDED)` `(identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.22.5.1.1)` (CONF:1198-5284_C01).
CMS_0011 CMS_0029	5.1.2	This patient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`administrativeGenderCode`**, which **SHALL** be selected from ValueSet `Administrative Gender (HL7 V3)` `urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.1.11.1` DYNAMIC (CONF:1198-6394).	This patient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`administrativeGenderCode`**, which **SHALL** be selected from ValueSet ONC `Administrative Sex` `urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113762.1.4.1` DYNAMIC (CONF:CMS_0011). If the patient's administrative sex is unknown, **`nullFlavor`**="UNK" SHALL be submitted (CONF:CMS_0029).
1198-5300_C01	5.1.2	This patient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`birthTime`** (CONF:1198-5298). **SHOULD** be precise to day (CONF:1198-5300). For cases where information about newborn's time of birth needs to be captured. **MAY** be precise to the minute (CONF:1198-32418).	This patient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`birthTime`** (CONF:1198-5298). **SHALL** be precise to day (CONF:1198-5300_C01). For cases where information about newborn's time of birth needs to be captured. **MAY** be precise to the minute (CONF:1198-32418).
CMS_0013 CMS_0030 CMS_0031	5.1.2	This patient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`raceCode`**, which **SHALL** be selected from ValueSet `Race Category Excluding Nulls` `urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.3.2074.1.1.3` DYNAMIC (CONF:1198-5322).	This patient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`raceCode`**, which **SHALL** be selected from ValueSet **`Race`** `urn:oid:2.16.840.1.114222.4.11.836` DYNAMIC (CONF:CMS_0013). If the patient's race is unknown, **`nullFlavor`**="UNK" **SHALL** be submitted (CONF:CMS_0030). If the patient declined to specify his/her race, **`nullFlavor`**="ASKU" **SHALL** be submitted (CONF:CMS_0031).

CONF. #	Section	Base Standard	Changed To
CMS_0014	5.1.2	This patient **MAY** contain zero or more [0..*] **sdtc:raceCode**, which **SHALL** be selected from ValueSet Race urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.1.11.14914 DYNAMIC (CONF:1198-7263).	This patient **MAY** contain zero or more [0..*] **sdtc:raceCode**, which **SHALL** be selected from ValueSet Race urn:oid:2.16.840.1.114222.4.11.836 DYNAMIC (CONF:CMS_0014). Note: If a patient has more than one race category, one race is reported in raceCode, and additional races are reported using sdtc:raceCode.
CMS_0032 CMS_0033	5.1.2	This patient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **ethnicGroupCode**, which **SHALL** be selected from ValueSet Ethnicity urn:oid:2.16.840.1.114222.4.11.837 DYNAMIC (CONF:1198-5323).	This patient **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **ethnicGroupCode**, which SHALL be selected from ValueSet Ethnicity urn:oid:2.16.840.1.114222.4.11.837 DYNAMIC (CONF:1198-5323). If the patient's ethnicity is unknown, **nullFlavor**="UNK" **SHALL** be submitted (CONF:CMS_0032). If the patient declined to specify his/her ethnicity, **nullFlavor**="ASKU" **SHALL** be submitted (CONF:CMS_0033).
4509-28241_C01	5.1.3	This representedCustodianOrganization **SHOULD** contain zero or one [0..1] **id** (CONF:4509-28241) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@root="**2.16.840.1.113883.4.336**"** CMS Certification Number (CONF:4509-28244).	This representedCustodianOrganization **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **id** (CONF:4509-28241_C01) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@root="**2.16.840.1.113883.4.336**"** CMS Certification Number (CONF:4509-28244).
CMS_0035	5.1.3	n/a	CCN **SHALL** be six to ten characters in length (CONF:CMS_0035).
4509-16703_C01	5.1.4	**MAY** contain zero or more [0..*] **informationRecipient** (CONF:4509-16703).	**SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **informationRecipient** (CONF:4509-16703_C01).

CONF. #	Section	Base Standard	Changed To
4509-16705_C01 CMS_0025 CMS_0026	5.1.4	This intendedRecipient **SHALL** contain at least one [1..*] **id** (CONF:4509-16705).	This intendedRecipient SHALL contain exactly one [1..1] **id** (CONF:4509-16705_C01). This id SHALL contain exactly one [1..1] **@root**="2.16.840.1.113883.3.249.7" (CONF:CMS_0025). This id **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@extension**, which **SHALL** be selected from ValueSet QRDA I CMS Program Name urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.3.249.14.103 STATIC 2022-02-01 (CONF:CMS_0026). Note: The value of @extension is CMS Program Name.
1198-10003_C01 CMS_0004 CMS_0005 CMS_0006 CMS_0008	5.1.5	**MAY** contain zero or more [0..*] **participant** (CONF:1198-10003) such that it	**SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **participant** (CONF:1198-10003_C01). **HQR:** CMS EHR Certification ID is required for HQR. The participant **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **associatedEntity** (CONF:CMS_0004). This associatedEntity **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **id** (CONF:CMS_0005) such that it This id **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] @root="2.16.840.1.113883.3.2074.1" CMS EHR Certification ID (CONF:CMS_0006). This id **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@extension** (CONF:CMS_0008). Note: The value of @extension is the CMS EHR Certification ID.
CMS_0056 CMS_0054	5.1.6	n/a	This structuredBody **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **component** (CONF:CMS_0056) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] Reporting Parameters Section - CMS (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.2.1.1:2016-03-01) (CONF:CMS_0054).

CONF. #	Section	Base Standard	Changed To
CMS_0057 CMS_0055	5.1.6	n/a	This structuredBody **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **component** (CONF:CMS_0057) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] `Patient Data Section QDM (V8) - CMS (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.1.1:2022-02-01)` (CONF:CMS_0055).
CMS_0040 CMS_0041 CMS_0042 CMS_0023 CMS_0024	5.2.2	n/a	Conforms to `Reporting Parameters Section` template `(identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.2.1)`. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] templateId (CONF:CMS_0040) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@root`**="`2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.2.1.1`" (CONF:CMS_0041). SHALL contain exactly one [1..1] **`@extension`**="`2016-03-01`" (CONF:CMS_0042). **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`entry`** (CONF:CMS_0023) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] `Reporting Parameters Act - CMS (identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.3.8.1:2016-03-01)` (CONF:CMS_0024).
CMS_0044 CMS_0045 CMS_0046	5.2.2.1	n/a	Conforms to `Reporting Parameters Act` template (`identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.3.8`). **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] templateId (CONF:CMS_0044) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@root**="`2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.17.3.8`" (CONF:CMS_0045). **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **@extension**="`2016-03-01`" (CONF:CMS_0046).

CONF. #	Section	Base Standard	Changed To
CMS_0048 CMS_0027 CMS_0050 CMS_0028	5.2.2.1	**SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`effectiveTime`** (CONF:23-3273). This effectiveTime **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`low`** (CONF:23-3274). This effectiveTime **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`high`** (CONF:23-3275).	**SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`effectiveTime`** (CONF:23-3273). This effectiveTime **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`low`** (CONF:23-3274). This low **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@value`** (CONF:CMS_0048). **SHALL** be precise to day (CONF:CMS_0027) This effectiveTime **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`high`** (CONF:23-3275). This high **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@value`** (CONF:CMS_0050). **SHALL** be precise to day (CONF:CMS_0028)
CMS_0036 CMS_0037 CMS_0038	5.2.3	n/a	Conforms to `Patient Data Section QDM (V8)` template `(identifier: urn:hl7ii:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.1:2021-08-01)`. **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] templateId (CONF:CMS_0036) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@root`**="`2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.2.1.1`" (CONF:CMS_0037). **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] **`@extension`**="`2022-02-01`" (CONF:CMS_0038).
CMS_0051 CMS_0039	5.2.3	n/a	**SHALL** contain at least one [1..*] **`entry`** (CONF:CMS_0051) such that it **SHALL** contain exactly one [1..1] entry template that is other than the `Patient Characteristic Payer (identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.55)` (CONF:CMS_0039).
4509-14430_C01	5.2.3	**MAY** contain zero or more [0..*] **`entry`** (CONF:4509-14430) such that it	**SHALL** contain at least one [1..*] **`entry`** (CONF:4509-14430_C01) such that it **SHALL** contain at least one [1..*] `Patient Characteristic Payer (identifier: urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.24.3.55)` (CONF:4509_14431).

13 Change Log for 2024 CMS QRDA I Implementation Guide from the 2023 CMS QRDA Implementation Guide

Table 27 summarizes the changes made in this 2024 CMS QRDA I Implementation Guide since the release of 2023 CMS QRDA I Implementation Guide.

Table 27: Changes Made for 2024 CMS QRDA I IG from 2023 CMS QRDA I IG

Section Heading	2024 CMS QRDA I IG	2023 CMS QRDA I IG
Base Standard	No change to the base standard. HL7 Implementation Guide for CDA Release 2: Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category I, Release 1, Standard for Trial Use (STU) Release 5.3, US Realm, and any subsequent errata update.	HL7 Implementation Guide for CDA Release 2: Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category I, Release 1, Standard for Trial Use (STU) Release 5.3, US Realm, and any subsequent errata update.
1 Introduction	Updated to 2024 reporting period.	2023 reporting year.
3 Overview	Updated to 2024 reporting period.	2023 reporting year.
3.1 Background	This guide describes additional conformance statements and constraints for EHR data submissions that are required for reporting to CMS for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program, Hospital Outpatient Program, and the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program 2024 reporting period.	This guide describes additional conformance statements and constraints for EHR data submissions that are required for reporting to CMS for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program, Hospital Outpatient Program (voluntary), and the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program 2023 reporting period.
4 QRDA Category I Requirements	Updated to reference the 2024 reporting period throughout. No changes to the requirements.	Section 4
4.2 eCQM, Hybrid Measure, and Value Set Specifications	For hybrid measures/core clinical data element (CCDE) submission, this guide must be used for reporting of 2024 – 2025 data (measurement period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025) and be submitted in 2025. The 2024 reporting period hybrid measure specifications must be used.	For hybrid measures/core clinical data element (CCDE) submission, this guide must be used for reporting of 2023 – 2024 data (measurement period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) and be submitted in 2024. The 2023 reporting period hybrid measure specifications must be used.

Section Heading	2024 CMS QRDA I IG	2023 CMS QRDA I IG
(*5.1.6 documentationOf/serviceEvent* in the 2023 CMS QRDA IG)	Removed the previous section 5.1.6 documentationOf/serviceEvent including the previous Table 8 and Figure 9 that are in the 2023 CMS QRDA I IG.	Section 5.1.6 documentationOf/serviceEvent Table 8: documentationOf/serviceEvent Constraints Overview Figure 9: documentationOf/serviceEvent Example – QRDA Category I Report – CMS (V8)
5.1.6 component	Renumberd the section and the Table in this section. (Note: all subsequent tables and figures in this guide are renumbered due to the removal of the previous section 5.1.6 documentationOf/serviceEvent)	5.1.7 component Table 9: component Constraints Overview
5.2.1 Measure Section	Figure 9: Measure Section Example Updated to use a 2024 reporting period eCQM version specific UUID as an example.	Figure 10: Measure Section Example Examle used is a 2023 reporting period eCQM version specific UUID.
5.2.2.1 Reporting Parameters Act – CMS	Figure 10: Reporting Parameters Section – CMS and Reporting Parameters Act – CMS Example Updated the example reporting period to 01 Jan 2024 – 31 March 2024	Figure 11: Reporting Parameters Section – CMS and Reporting Parameters Act – CMS Example Example reporting period 01 Jan 2023 – 31 March 2023
5.2.3.2 Reporting “unit” for Result Value	Corrected typo 1) represent INR result using data type REAL or Interval REAL (xsi:type="REAL" or xsi:type="IVL_REAL") for results such as INR=2.4 or INR>=4.5;	1) represent INR result using data type REAL or Interval REAL (xsi:datype="REAL" or xsi:datype="IVL_REAL") for results such as INR=2.4 or INR>=4.5;
5.2.3.3 Reporting “result as type”	Updated to use CMS334v5 as example	Used CMS334v4 as example
5.2.3 Patient Data Section (V8) - CMS	Figure 11: Patient Data Section QDM (V8) – CMS Example Updated the example effectiveTime value	Figure 12: Patient Data Section QDM (V8) – CMS Example

Section Heading	2024 CMS QRDA I IG	2023 CMS QRDA I IG
5.3.2 Additional HQR Validations	Updated to reference the 2024 Reporting Period in the error description of CMS_0070 The validation process compares the upload date with the Production Date Range values stored in internal table. If the upload date is outside the acceptable range(s), which for the 2024 Reporting Period is yet to be finalized, this message is returned.	CMS_0070 The validation process compares the upload date with the Production Date Range values stored in internal table. If the upload date is outside the acceptable range(s), which for the 2023 Reporting Period is yet to be finalized, this message is returned.
5.3.2 Additional HQR Validations	Updated to reference the 2023 version of eCQMs and 2024 reporting period in the error description of CMS_0074 The Version Specific Measure Identifier for an eCQM being reported is a required element in the QRDA file (i.e., XPath is QualityMeasureDocument/id/@root). The HQR System will only accept the "2023 version" of eCQMs for the CY 2024 reporting period. Each eCQM has an associated Version Specific Measure Identifier corresponding to the “2023 version” of eCQM specifications for the CY 2024 reporting period. Only those Version Specific Measure Identifiers for the current reporting year will be accepted. If any submitted version specific identifier does not match one of the defined set of the Version Specific Measure Identifier for the current reporting year, the file will be rejected.	CMS_0074 The Version Specific Measure Identifier for an eCQM being reported is a required element in the QRDA file (i.e., XPath is QualityMeasureDocument/id/@root). The HQR System will only accept the "2022 version" of eCQMs for the CY 2023 reporting period. Each eCQM has an associated Version Specific Measure Identifier corresponding to the “2022 version” of eCQM specifications for the CY 2023 reporting period. Only those Version Specific Measure Identifiers for the current reporting year will be accepted. If any submitted version specific identifier does not match one of the defined set of the Version Specific Measure Identifier for the current reporting year, the file will be rejected.
5.3.2 Additional HQR Validations	Updated the error description of CMS_0082 The EHR system needs to be certified to 2015 Edition Cures Update for CY2024/PY2026.	CMS_0082 The EHR system needs to be certified to 2015 Edition for CY2023/PY2025.
5.3.2 Additional HQR Validations	Added footnote 11 to CMS_0085 and CMS_0086	n/a

14 Acronyms

The table below contains acronyms used in this guide.

Table 28: Acronyms

Acronym	Literal Translation
ASKU	Asked, but not known
CCDE	Core Clinical Data Element
CCN	CMS Certification Number
CCSQ	Center for Clinical Standards & Quality
CDA	Clinical Document Architecture
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CONF	conformance
CQM	Clinical Quality Measure
STU	Standard for Trial Use
eCQI	electronic Clinical Quality Improvement
eCQM	electronic clinical quality measure
EHR	Electronic Health Record
FAP	Final Action Processing
HIC	Health Insurance Claim
HICN	Health Insurance Claim (HIC) Number
HL7	Health Level Seven
HL7 V3	Health Level 7 Version 3
HWM	Core Clinical Data Elements for the Hybrid Hospital-Wide (All-Condition, All-Procedure) Risk-Standardized Mortality Measure (HWM)
HWR	Core Clinical Data Elements for the Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmission (HWR) Measure with Claims and Electronic Health Record Data
HQMF	Health Quality Measure Format
HQR	Hospital Quality Reporting
ID	identifier
IQR	Inpatient Quality Reporting
IT	Information technology

Acronym	Literal Translation
LOINC	Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes
MBI	Medicare Beneficiary Identification Number
n/a	not applicable
NA	Not applicable
NLM	National Library of Medicine
NPI	National Provider Identification Number
OID	Object Identifier
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
PI	Promoting Interoperability
QDM	Quality Data Model
QRDA	Quality Reporting Document Architecture
QRDA I	Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category I
TIN	Tax Identification Number
UCUM	Unified Code for Units of Measure
UNK	Unknown
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time
VSAC	Value Set Authority Center
XML	Extensible Markup Language

15 Glossary

Term	Definition
Electronic health record (EHR)	Electronic Health Record (EHR) is also known as the electronic patient record, electronic medical record, or computerized patient record. As defined by Healthcare Information Management and Systems Society, “the electronic health record (EHR) is a longitudinal electronic record of patient health information generated by one or more encounters in any care delivery setting. Included in this information are patient demographics, progress notes, problems, medications, vital signs, past medical history, immunizations, laboratory data, and imaging reports.”
Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM)	An electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) is a clinical quality measure that is expressed and formatted to use data from electronic health records (EHR) and/or health information technology systems to measure healthcare quality, specifically data captured in structured form during the process of patient care. So they can be reported from an EHR, the Health Quality Measure Format (HQMF) is used to format the eCQM content using the Quality Data Model (QDM) to define the data elements and Clinical Quality Language (CQL) to express the logic needed to evaluate a provider or organization’s performance.
Hybrid measure	A hybrid measure is a quality measure that uses more than one source of data for measure calculation. Current hybrid measures use claims data and electronic clinical data from EHRs to calculate measure results.
XML Path Language (XPath)	This notation provides a mechanism that will be familiar to developers for identifying parts of an XML document. XPath syntax selects nodes from an XML document using a path containing the context of the node(s). The path is constructed from node names and attribute names (prefixed by an '@') and concatenated with a '/' symbol.

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HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) Release 2.0 Normative Edition. https://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/product_brief.cfm?product_id=496

HL7 Jira Tracker system. https://jira.hl7.org

ONC, Project Tracking System. https://oncprojectracking.healthit.gov/

U.S. National Library of Medicine, Value Set Authority Center. https://vsac.nlm.nih.gov