

# ECQI RESOURCE CENTER USER GROUP

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# ECQI RESOURCE CENTER USER GROUP AGENDA

- Welcome
- Who are we today?
- Review of New Enhancements, Key Content, and Upcoming Events
- Targeted Discussion
- Open Discussion
- Next Steps



# SUBMITTING FEEDBACK DURING THE USER GROUP

- Recording for note taking purposes only
- Polling Feature:
  - Open the Chat feature  on the Teams menu
  - Look for the LIVE Poll the chat box (you will need to scroll down for the second poll)
  - Select your responses on the radio buttons
- General feedback:
  - Use the chat feature at anytime to provide input

# POLL 1 – WHO ARE WE TODAY?

- Select the user type you most identify with:
  - Academic/Researcher 2%
  - CDS Developer/Steward/Implementer 0%
  - eCQM Implementer or quality professional working with Eligible Hospital/Critical Access Hospital 28%
  - eCQM Implementer or quality professional working with Eligible Clinician 29%
  - eCQM Implementer or quality professional working with Eligible Hospital/CAH and Eligible Clinician 20%
  - Health IT Developer/Vendor 10%
  - Measure Developer/Measure Steward 1%
  - Other – ACO, T-MISS, Agency Chief Data Officer 10%



# NEW CONTENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 2025 QRDA I IG Updated [https://ecqi.healthit.gov/qrda?qt-tabs\\_qrda=versions](https://ecqi.healthit.gov/qrda?qt-tabs_qrda=versions)
- 2026 QRDA I IG [https://ecqi.healthit.gov/qrda?qt-tabs\\_qrda=versions](https://ecqi.healthit.gov/qrda?qt-tabs_qrda=versions)
- 2025 eCQM Annual Update for 2026 Reporting
  - Technical Release Notes Display
  - eCQM Data Element Repository (DERep)
- Eligible Hospital (EH) language change
  - Moved from EH and OQR to Hospital Inpatient and Hospital Outpatient reporting throughout the eCQI Resource Center
- Email notification of content updates
  - Must have or sign up for a eCQI Resource Center account



# NEW CONTENT HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)

- Updated Educational Resources [https://ecqi.healthit.gov/ecqms?qt-tabs\\_ecqm=education](https://ecqi.healthit.gov/ecqms?qt-tabs_ecqm=education)
  - eCQM Standards Overview: Where We Are and Where We Are Going [Video Short](#) - June 2025
  - eCQM 101 - updated March 2025
  - [eCQM Annual Update Implementation User Guide](#) - March 2025
  - Measure Compare - [Slides](#) - Updated May 2025
  - eCQM Data Element Repository (DERep) [Slides](#) - May 2025
  - eCQI Resource Center Overview: Where to find eCQM Education Resources and eCQM Standards [Video Short](#) - June 2025
  - eCQM Annual Update: [eCQM Annual Update Implementation User Guide](#) - March 2025
- Please provide feedback and recommendations to meet your needs



# EVENTS – CMS & HL7 CONNECTATHON – JULY 15-17

- CMS in conjunction with [Health Level Seven International](#) (HL7®) hosts [Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources](#) (FHIR®) Connectathons virtually. These event brings together health care stakeholders for learning, testing, and innovation.
- Watch for future events and join developers, programmers, technology experts and analysts to learn about and test emerging FHIR Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) and supporting FHIR Implementation Guides (IGs).



# TARGETED DISCUSSION



# MVP LINKS

- Examples linked from the [Resource Center](#)
  - MIPS Quality ID [112](#):
    - On QPP you can see “APP Plus” and “MVP: M1366”
    - MVP then links to [Explore MIPS Value Pathways \(MVPs\) - M1366](#)
  - MIPS Quality ID [009](#):
    - On QPP you can see “MIPS”, “Primary Care First”, “MVP: M1369”
    - MVP then links to [Explore MIPS Value Pathways \(MVPs\) - M1369](#)
- **Poll:** What information would it be helpful to see directly on the Resource Center, if any?
  - MVP: M1366 / M1369 (showing which MVP measure is used in) [45%](#)
  - APP Plus / Primary Care First (showing which payment model measure is used in) [20%](#)
  - MVP Name Ex: Focusing on Women’s Health / Quality Care in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders (showing MVP name) [30%](#)
  - Other? Please provide details in chat. [5%](#)

# ACCORDION STYLE

CQL-to-ELM Translator Reference Implementation



## CQL Resources for Authors

CQL Formatting and Usage Wiki



- Visit the [wiki](#), which serves as a collaborative workspace for the development of CQL formatting conventions and usage patterns for the representation of logic within [quality measures](#). A selection of resources found on the wiki are
  - [Formatting and Usage Topics](#)
  - [Cooking with CQL Examples and CQL Questions and Answers \(Q&As\)](#)

- Visit the [HL7 Website](#) to access the [CQL Specification](#).

QDM-based CQL Style Guide (v9)



Value Set Naming



Value Set Description



Value Set Content



Value Set Review and Maintenance



Identification of Codes and Code Systems for Value Sets



Value Set Harmonization



Concepts with LOINC Status of "Discouraged"



## Sample Pages with Accordion Styling:

- <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/qi-core/education>
- <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/value-set-information/value-set-guidance>
- <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/ecqm-implementation-checklist>

## Questions about new accordions:

- Is this style intuitive and easy to use?
- Are there any changes that would be helpful?
- Suggestion: Can there be an option for opening all at once, agreed – expand all/collapse all would be helpful! Thank you.



# HOSPITAL ECQM FLOWS – READ-ME-FIRST

- CMS publishes Read-Me-First files to the Hospital Inpatient and Hospital Outpatient eCQM Flows. These Read-Me-First files are intended to help interpret the eCQM flow diagrams to help hospitals implement eCQMS.
- Currently, Read-Me-First files are only found in the aggregated eCQM Flows zip file found on the Resources page:  
<https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh-cah/ecqm-resources>



# HOSPITAL ECQM FLOWS – READ-ME-FIRST

Separate Flow and Read-Me as two pdfs

## Anticoagulation Therapy for Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter



### Specifications

- [CMS71v14.html](#)
- [CMS71v14.zip \(ZIP\)](#)

### Additional Resources for CMS71v14

- [Value Sets](#)
- [Data Elements](#)
- [eCQM Flow \(PDF\)](#)
- [eCQM Flow Read-Me-First \(PDF\)](#)
- [Technical Release Notes \(Excel\)](#)
- [Jira Issue Tracker tickets](#)

Combine Flow and Read-Me into single zip

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# FLOWS POLL

How should the Read-Me-First and eCQM Flow files be made available?

- **A:** Combined within a single zip file on the individual hospital measure pages **36%**
- **B:** Posted separately as 2 pdfs on the individual hospital measure pages **52%**
- **C:** As-is: Only the eCQM Flow pdf on the individual hospital measure pages; no Read-Me-First file (still within the aggregated zip on the Resources tab) **12%**



# FLOWS - COMMENTS

- Consider changing the name to logic flow or implementation guidance
- I think Flow charts is a good term
- What about calling it a User Guide?
- We use the flows all the time, as does IT. We find them very helpful
- Yes, I use the flow charts
- Helpful
- I agree, Flow Chart makes sense
- I have not thought of using them in the past, there were a lot of files in the zip files, it will be useful to have them more available.
- Could the read me file be a part of each flow, perhaps at the end of each flow?
- It would be helpful for the flow charts to be uploaded to the site around this time of year for the upcoming years measures.
- Would it possible to add a statement noting the approximate publication date for the flows and other anticipated documents?



# CMS HARP ACCOUNT?

- Health Care Quality Information Systems (HCQIS) Access Roles and Profile (HARP) account.
  - HARP is a secure identity management portal provided by the CMS.
  - Creating an account via HARP provides users with a user ID and password that can be used to access many CMS applications.
- **Poll:** Do you have a CMS HARP account? [Login page](#)
  - Yes 45%
  - No 55%
- **Poll:** If you have a HARP account, have you found it easy to use?
  - Yes 45%
  - No. 55%. Please provide details in chat.
  - Somewhat easy to use. Hard to find the new dashboards





# OPEN DISCUSSION

- Would it possible to add a statement noting the approximate publication date for the flows and other anticipated documents? Yes
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- Under the Notes section, it lists known issues for some of the measures, are these updated when the issues are resolved? Yes
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- Will it be possible to add a page with an overview of mandatory eCQMs and which eligible eCQMs over the upcoming years? No, this is specific information to each payment model and quality reporting program. The eCQI RC is moving to link directly to this information whenever possible.



# OPEN DISCUSSION (CONT.)



- I am using PDF Gear v2.1.12 and receive an error “This pdf file is protected” when attempting to download files. This is a security issue, we will respond to the individual
- How can I sign up for the CMS quality conference? The conference was held July 1–2, watch cms.gov for 2026
- Meeting Close Out:
  - Very valuable group.
  - Thank you! (x7)
  - Thank you, this is always helpful!
  - Thank you! I appreciate this information.



# ECQI RESOURCE CENTER USER GROUP NEXT STEPS

- Send feedback and suggestions for site improvement to:
  - [ecqi-resource-center@hhs.gov](mailto:ecqi-resource-center@hhs.gov)
- Attend the next eCQI Resource Center User Group Meeting: **October 15, 2025**
- Review past meeting notes on the [eCQI Resource Center User Group](#) page



# ECQI RESOURCE CENTER USER GROUP APPENDIX



# ECQI RESOURCE CENTER USER GROUP MEMBERSHIP

- *Volunteer forum of interested parties who use the electronic clinical quality improvement (eCQI) Resource Center to obtain key resources necessary for electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) development, implementation, and reporting and education about eCQM and eCQI concepts and standards.*



# ECQI RESOURCE CENTER USER GROUP GOAL

- *Provide broad interested parties' input in the development and maintenance of the eCQI Resource Center's functionality and content to support the eCQI community.*
  - *Identify, discuss, and review the needs of the eCQI implementer community.*
  - *The outcome of discussions will result in suggested enhancements to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) eCQI Resource Center COR for approval.*
  - *Approved suggestions for enhancements will result in implementation on the eCQI Resource Center, deeper investigation at eCQI Resource Center focus groups, and/or be placed on the eCQI Resource Center backlog suggestion list.*



# ECQI RESOURCE CENTER USER GROUP OBJECTIVES

- *Focus on the implementer community including the usability of and gaps in resources provided*
- *Inform users of new functionality and content*
- *Gather real-world feasibility and community feedback on proposed eCQI Resource Center enhancements and features*
- *Provide eCQI Resource Center focus group opportunities*
- *Prioritize items for in depth discussion during eCQI Resource Center focus groups*
- *Advance CMS's understanding of implementer needs for Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources® eCQMs*
- *Understand the needs of the eCQI community*

