

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: 54 attendees
 - Academic/Researcher 5% (2)
 - CDS Developer/Steward/Implementer 2% (1)
 - eCQM Implementer or quality professional working with Hospital Inpatient and Hospital Outpatient 31% (12)
 - eCQM Implementer or quality professional working with Eligible Clinician 23% (9)
 - eCQM Implementer or quality professional working with Hospital Inpatient, Hospital Outpatient, and Eligible Clinician 26% (10)
 - Health IT Developer/Vendor 2% (1)
 - Measure Developer/Measure Steward 5% (2)
 - Other 2% (1)

*Poll percentages are rounded so total may not equal 100%



NEW CONTENT HIGHLIGHTS

- eCQM Data Element Repository ([DERep](#)) tabular results
- 2027 eCQM Annual Update [Pre-Publication Document](#)
- 2026 [Quality Benchmarks](#) added
- Naming and Terminology Guide [Version 1.17](#)
- 2028 [Program Candidate](#) Hospital – Inpatient eCQMs
- Measure Collaboration Workspace eCQM Testing Opportunity:
 - [Foot Assessment and Follow-Up for Patients with Diabetes](#)



KEY EVENTS

- Cooking with CQL – Fourth Thursday of each Month
- Cypress Tech Talks – 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/14, 5/12...
- MADiE User Group – Third Thursday of each Month
- QDI User Group – Third Wednesday of each Month

- Upcoming Expert to Expert Webinars for 2026 Reporting:
 - 2026 New Measure Review for Hospital Harm - Postoperative Respiratory Failure
 - Annual Updates for Excessive Radiation Dose or Inadequate Image Quality
 - Annual Updates for Acute Kidney Injury



TARGETED DISCUSSION



TOOLS

- We display a searchable and filterable list of all tools at [eCQI Tools & Key Resources](#)
- We also have standard-specific tools within each Standards page, ex: [CQL - Clinical Quality Language - Tools & Resources](#)
- Poll:
 - Do you use:
 - The full searchable/filterable list 36% (9)
 - The separate standard tabs 16% (4)
 - **Both** 40% (10)
 - None 8% (2)

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- Poll:
 - If we added a standard-specific filter to the full list, would you use:
 - The full searchable/filterable list 30% (7)
 - The separate standard tabs 8% (2)
 - **Both** 56% (13)
 - None 4% (1)

NEWS AND EVENTS

- Other websites like the [CDC](#) or [healthit.gov](#) use a carousel-type design to display news/information on the homepage.
- How do you feel about this design compared to the layout of the [eCQI Resource Center](#) homepage?
 - Poll:
 - I like the eCQI RC homepage layout as-is 75% (24)
 - I'd like the eCQI RC to move to a carousel-type design 25% (8)

RECEIVE UPDATES BUTTON

CQL - Clinical Quality Language

Receive updates on this topic

Do you use the “Receive updates on this topic” button?

- Poll:
 - Yes 28% (9)
 - No 71% (23)

If so, what topics are you electing to receive updates on?

- Post in Chat

Most users are not logged in when using the site



ECQM FLOWS - POLLS

- CMS is looking for feedback on the use of eCQM flows published with each annual update cycle.
 - How often do you use or refer to the flows?
 - Rarely 33% (10)
 - Occasionally 33% (10)
 - Frequently 33% (10)
 - How do you use the flows for implementation? (select all that apply)
 - System development 10% (3)
 - System testing 7% (2)
 - Reporting 17% (5)
 - **Education/training 60% (17)**
 - Other 3% (1) – Validating data, End users, all the above, Nurses, providers, Clinical staff, quality partners, operational partners
 - **MOST helpful for clinical and provider staff**



ECQM FLOWS - POLLS

- CMS is looking for feedback on the use of eCQM flows published with each annual update cycle.
 - If you commonly use the flows, what user role best describes you? (select all that apply)
 - **Quality assurance specialist/analyst** 83% (20)
 - System developer
 - Clinician
 - Other 16% (4) Informaticist, Clinical research
 - Would a narrative step by step description of the flow be more useful than the visual diagram flow?
 - Yes 35% (10)
 - **No** 64% (18)
 - Narrative next to the flow would be great, Both would be helpful as folks process information differently.



ECQM FLOWS – OPEN DISCUSSION

- CMS is looking for feedback on the use of eCQM flows published with each annual update cycle.
 - Are there specific circumstances for which flows are more or less useful (e.g., when implementing a measure for the first time)?
 - The complicated measures like CMS 137, when a measure is new, beginning of year annual review,
 - What modifications to the current structure would be useful (additions or deletions)?
 - It would be helpful to know what is given priority. For example, if something is coded vs on a problem list.
 - and / or statements get confusing when in the same flow box. IE: xyz AND this OR this AND this
 - A data dictionary and/or linkage to the specific value sets would be helpful.
 - date and time targets of various exceptions
 - hyperlinks to take you to data elements
 - Specific to Hypo and Hyper: examples of auditing and/or tracking tools would be helpful



USER GROUP PAGE

- Do you use the eCQI Resource Center [User Group page](#) to view past notes or future meetings?
 - Poll:
 - Yes 33% (7)
 - No 66% (14)
 - Most weren't aware
- Is there anything not on this page you think should be?
 - Open Discussion





Meeting has been super beneficial to me as a new a Quality Director

Regarding Value Sets -- it is quite cumbersome to review all of the CPT codes that are eligible for an eCQM. Currently, one must go through numerous value sets via VSAC. It is easy to miss whether you may potentially have eligible encounters. It would be helpful to have some way of either querying whether a particular CPT code is eligible for a measure and/or have a list that consolidates all the CPTs in the value sets

OPEN DISCUSSION

ECQI RESOURCE CENTER USER GROUP NEXT STEPS

- Send feedback and suggestions for site improvement to:
 - ecqi-resource-center@hhs.gov
- Attend the next eCQI Resource Center User Group Meeting: **Tuesday, July 21, 2026**
- 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*

