

Question 1 – The program staff revised Supporting Statement A to reflect FY 2015 IPPS/LTCH final rule instead of referencing each measure and when the measures will be applied to what year. Hopefully, this approach will address OMB’s concern. Please see the attached compare document (7/24 vs 8/4 version) for Supporting Statement Part A.

Question 2 – The program staff used the maximum sample size (25 and 49) for the applicable measures. Additionally, the document attached provides step-by-step calculation processes. Refer to PCHQR Burden Estimate 7_24_2014 document.

Sampling table finalized for the clinical process/oncology care and EBRT measures:

Average Quarterly Initial Population Size “N”	Minimum Required Sample Size “N”
>125	25
51-125	20 percent of the initial patient population
10-50	10
<10	No sampling; 100 percent of the initial patient population

The SCIP sampling tables that are screenshot below are taken from the v. 4.4 specifications manual now available on QualityNet (<https://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier4&cid=1228773989482>) which covers discharges for 1/1/2015 – 9/30/2015. If that’s the incorrect manual version, however, please let me know.

**Quarterly Sample Size
Based on Initial Patient Population Size for the SCIP Measure Set**

Hospital’s Measure

Average Quarterly Stratum Initial Patient Population Size “N”	Minimum Required Stratum Sample Size “n”
≥ 481	49
171-480	10% of Initial Patient Population size
17-170	17
< 17	No sampling; 100% Initial Patient Population required