

## Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program Appeal Request Form

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Hospitals may appeal the calculation of their performance assessment with respect to the performance standards, as well as their Total Performance Score (TPS). Hospitals must submit an Appeal Request **within 30 calendar days** from the date the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) informed the hospital through *QualityNet* of its decision on the Review and Corrections Request. **Note:** Hospitals must receive an adverse determination from CMS of their Review and Corrections Request prior to requesting an appeal for the applicable fiscal year.

**Fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are required.**

**\*Review and Corrections and Appeal Information:**

\*Date of Appeal Request (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Date of Review and Corrections Request (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Date of Review and Corrections Decision from CMS (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Hospital Information:**

\*CMS Certification Number (CCN): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Hospital Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Hospital CEO Contact Information:**

\*First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address (Physical street address): \_\_\_\_\_

\*City: \_\_\_\_\_

\*State: \_\_\_\_\_ \*ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Hospital *QualityNet* Security Administrator (SA) Contact Information:**

\*First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address (Physical street address): \_\_\_\_\_

\*City: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*Basis for Requesting Appeal - Select All That Apply (Minimum of one reason is required):**

- Denial of hospital's correction request submitted under the Review and Corrections process
- Calculation of achievement/improvement points
- Calculation of measure/dimension score – the higher of the achievement/improvement points was not used in the calculation
- Calculation of domain scores, including normalization calculation
- Calculation of HCAHPS consistency points -- the lowest dimension score was not used in the calculation
- Incorrect domain scores used in TPS calculation
- Incorrect weight applied to the domain
- Incorrect weighted domain scores summed to calculate TPS
- Hospital's open/closed status, including mergers and acquisitions, not correctly specified in CMS systems

**\*Reason:**

\*Describe the specific reason for each of the appeal items selected above for the hospital's request to appeal.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Supporting documents attached (indicate Yes/No)**

**Complete and submit this form via the *QualityNet Secure Portal*, Secure File Transfer “HVBP” group; via secure fax to 877-789-4443; or by email to [QRSupport@hcqis.org](mailto:QRSupport@hcqis.org).**

Following receipt of the Appeal Request Form, an email acknowledgement will be sent confirming the form has been received. Once a determination has been made, CMS will provide a decision of the outcome of the appeal.

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