FY 2026 Inpatient Prospective Payment System Rule: Summary of Updates on Hospital Quality Reporting Information Collection Forms

Form	Notes on Updates
1. Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Notice of Participation	• No updates made.
2. Hospital Quality Reporting Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement (DACA)	• Updated to simplify form by consolidating the list of requested elements.
3. Care Compare Request Form for Withholding/Footnoting Data for Public Reporting	• Added the REHQR program. • Removed COVID-19 HCP, except for the PCHQR Program, and SDOH measures due to rulemaking proposals.
4. CMS Quality Reporting Program APU Reconsideration Request Form	• In the contact sections, separated "Name and Title" to have a line for Name and another line for Title. This is due to quite often the provider does not nclude their title.
5. CMS Hospital IQR Program Validation Review for Reconsideration Request Form	• No updates made.
6. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Quality Program Extraordinary Circumstances Exceptions (ECE) Request Form	• Revised form to reflect potential for ECE extension, rather than only exception. • Updates to instruction language for clarity and proposed deadlines.
7. Maternal Morbidity Structural Measure	• No updates made.
8. Population and Sampling	• No updates made
9. CMS Quality Reporting Validation Educational Review Form	• No updates made.
10. Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Denominator Declaration	• Updated the measures, the measure names, and the order of the measures to align with changes made in the HQR System.
11. Total Hip Arthroplasty/Total Knee Arthroplasty (THA-TKA) Patient-Reported Outcome-based Performance Measure (PRO-PM)	• No updates made.
12. Hospital Commitment to Health Equity (HCHE)	• Removed this data form from the PRA package due to the proposal to remove this measure from the IQR program.
13. Social Drivers of Health (SDOH)	• Removed this data form from the PRA package due to the proposal to remove this measure from the IQR program.
14. Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program Review and Corrections Request Form	• No updates made.
15. Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program Appeal Request Form	• No updates made.
16. Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program Independent CMS Review Request Form	• No updates made.