

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

Form	Notes on Updates
1. 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.
2. 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 include their title.
3. CMS Hospital IQR Program Validation Review for Reconsideration Request Form	No updates made.
4. 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.
5. HQR Web-based Measure application form and attestation if zero cases	No updates made.
6. HQR Clinical Data Collection Tool	Updated the measures and added REH.
7. HQR Population and Sampling Collection Tool	No updates made, except to add REH.
8. CMS Quality Reporting Validation Educational Review Form	No updates made.
9. 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.
10. Total Hip Arthroplasty/Total Knee Arthroplasty (THA-TKA) Patient-Reported Outcome-based Performance Measure (PRO-PM)	No updates made.
11. Hospital Commitment to Health Equity (HCHE)	Removed this data form from the PRA package due to the proposal to remove this measure from the OQR program.
12. Social Drivers of Health (SDOH)	Removed this data form from the PRA package due to the proposal to remove this measure from the OQR program.