

CMS Proposed Requirements for the FY2007 Annual Payment Update (APU)

POTENTIAL CHANGES!!!

According to the "Federal Register/Vol. 71, No. 79/Tuesday, April 25, 2006/Proposed Rules", hospital will be required to submit not only the 10 starter set quality measures that they submitted for the Annual Payment Update for FY2006 but will be required to expand the submission of data to include additional measure for the AMI, HF, and PN set and to add the Surgical Infection Prevention (SIP) set. All 21 measures (8-AMI, 4-HF, 7-PN, and 2-SIP) that will be required are those endorsed by the National Quality Forum (NQF) and are common to CMS and the JCAHO Core Measure Sets.

The Federal rule is still in draft and changes could be made before it is enacted in its final form. However, if the rule is unchanged, hospitals that fail to report the 21 measures would lose 2% of their annual payment update.

If enacted as proposed the Federal rule would require data to be reported for these additional measures for patient discharges beginning with January 1, 2006 forward.

If you are already reviewing the patient records for any of these additional measures you are breathing a sign of relief. If you are not, you are probably saying to yourself, "What Will I Do if this proposal is enacted?"

If your facility is using QM Data Solutions as your Core Measure vendor and QMS™ as the data collection tool, you can begin NOW to collect these additional measures.

You would not be required to submit the additional data until it was "mandatory" but you would have a head-start on the review. You would also be able to get an idea of improvements needed prior to the actual submission of the data.

If interested or you have questions, please contact the QMS™ support staff at 888-364-6424.



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

The QMS™ Workshop participants will gain knowledge regarding an overview of the enhancements included in QMS™ Version 3.3 and the use of QMS™ as an online incident reporting system. As always, the workshop is an excellent opportunity to network with peers and learn new and interesting ways to meet the challenges of today's ever changing healthcare environment using QMS™.

Workshop content will include:

Enhancements – What's New and How Do I Use It?

This topic will include an overview of the enhancements released in Version 3.3 of QMS™.

Effective Use of QMS™

Information of how other QMS™ users are effectively utilizing the features of QMS™.

Integrating QMS™ with existing HL7 feed

Attendees will be informed as to how QMS™ can link with an existing HL7 feed

ORYX® Core Measure Update – What's new from JCAHO and CMS regarding the Core Measures?

An update on JCAHO's Core Measure requirements and how they will affect You and QMS™

Proposed dates include:

June 27th Tupelo, MS

July 11th Richmond, VA

July 18th Bristol, TN

Confirmed dates/locations and Additional information will be available soon.

Please make plans to attend!



Frequently Asked Questions

<p>Question:</p>	<p>Why is my report resource missing from the screen in Batch Reports?</p>	<p>Answer:</p>	<p>There may be two reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If someone else is using your report resource it will not be available for you. 2. If the system “thinks” you are still logged in from a previous time, the report resource will not be available. For this problem, you will need to purge the Activity Log to regain the resource.
<p>Question:</p>	<p>How do I find out the access code of a report resource?</p>	<p>Answer:</p>	<p>The Report Resource Summary can be printed in System Management.</p>

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