



HSX FAQ on PA Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) Quality Reporting Programs

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) has partnered with HSX to support the electronic submission of Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs) to support reporting requirements for the HEDIS and Medical Assistance (MA) EHR Incentive Programs, respectively. HSX members and participants are able to electronically submit clinical quality measures via the Health Information Exchange’s (HIE’s) connection with the Public Health Gateway (PHG). The goal of this project is to support the electronic submission of clinical quality measures and eventually eliminate manual chart reviews that are conducted as part of the HEDIS Reporting Program.

DHS and HSX have established a pilot to support eCQM reporting for the HEDIS Reporting Program. The scope of the pilot is to support the initial submission of eCQMs for up to six (6) quality measures that would be shared with the appropriate Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to meet HEDIS Reporting Requirements. DHS is able to receive more than the initial six (6) eCQM’s and may in the future work with community to report more than the initial six (6) eCQM’s. For the pilot, Eligible Providers (EPs) will be required to submit data in a Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category I (QRDA I) file format for the Medicaid population only.

Additionally, HSX members will have the opportunity to submit eCQMs through HSX for the MA EHR Incentive Program. This submission would be separate from the HEDIS pilot and includes different reporting requirements. For the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, Eligible Providers (EPs) would be required to submit data in a Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category III (QRDA III) file format.

Attached is a list of questions related to the reporting requirements for the HEDIS Reporting Pilot and the MA EHR Incentive Program.

Question	eCQM Reporting Program	
	HEDIS Reporting PILOT	Medical Assistance (MA) EHR Incentive Program
1. What is the scope of the program?	Support the submission of eCQMs to be shared with MCOs to meet HEDIS reporting requirements	HSX members have the opportunity to submit eCQMs to meet program requirements



Question	eCQM Reporting Program	
2. How many clinical quality measures am I required to report?	Required to report up to six (6) quality measures	Required to report a minimum of (6) quality measures
3. What specific measures are in scope?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan – Submitted up to twice per year per individual (CMS69v6)2. Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) poor control (>9%) – Submitted up to four times a year per individual (CMS122v6)3. Follow-Up Care for Children prescribed ADHD Medication (ADD) – Submitted one time per individual (CMS136v7)4. Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation intervention – Submitted once per year per individual (CMS138v6)5. Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children and Adolescents – Submitted up to twice per year per individual (CMS155v6)6. Controlling High Blood Pressure – Submitted up to 4 times a year per individual (CMS165v6)	Any of the 53 measures



Question			eCQM Reporting Program		
4. What is the required reporting format?	QRDA I – HL7 Standard	QRDA III- HL7 Standard			
5. How will the files be submitted?	The files will be submitted via HSX to the Public Health Gateway (PHG).	The files will be submitted via HSX to the Public Health Gateway (PHG).			
6. How often does data need to be submitted?	Initially, DHS is requesting that data be submitted semi-annually and then move to quarterly submissions.	Initially, DHS is requesting that data be submitted semi-annually and then move to quarterly submissions.			
7. How do participants send eCQMs to HSX?	Participants would send eCQMs to HSX over a secure interface connection.	Participants would send eCQMs to HSX over a secure interface connection.			
8. How will participants be notified when the State receives the eCQMs via HSX?	Once the files are submitted to the PHG, HSX receives an acknowledgment that will be passed electronically to the participant's system. The participant is expected to store this acknowledgement for their records. HEDIS could also provide confirmation.	Once the files are submitted to the PHG, HSX receives an acknowledgment that will be passed electronically to the participant's system. The participant is expected to store this acknowledgement for their records.			
9. What is the benefit of submitting eCQMs via HSX?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with meeting program reporting requirements • Reduce manual chart reviews by the MCOs • Save on time and money • Potential to improve results for HEDIS reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with meeting program reporting requirements • Save on time and money • Potential to Improve results for MA EHR Incentive reporting. 			
10. When will DHS be ready to receive the files?	As of February 2018.	As of February 2018.			
11. Am I able to participate if I am unable to create QRDA files?	If you are interested in eCQM submission for this program but are unable to create QRDA files, please reach out to HSX to discuss potential technology options.	If you are interested in eCQM submission for this program, but are unable to create QRDA files, please reach out to HSX to discuss potential technology options.			

For more information, contact Yolande Greene, HSX Senior Project Manager, Population Health:
yolande.greene@healthshareexchange.org (856) 404-5483