

2025 IPPS Proposed Rule

Proposed Major Changes from the 2025 IPPS Proposed Rule

IQR Program

eCQMs

Changes to the IQR Program

CMS is proposing to move hospitals from 4 required eCQMs (2023), to 6 (2024), to 9 (2026), to 11 (2027).



eCQMs

ADDING HOSPITAL HARM MEASURES

The new required eCQMs are all around Hospital Harm (Patient Safety)

CY 2024/FY 2026 and CY 2025/FY 2027

Reporting Period/ Payment Determination

6

Total eCQMs Reported

Required eCQMs to be Reported

Three self-selected eCQMs; and

1. Safe Use of Opioids - Concurrent Prescribing
2. Cesarean Birth
3. Severe Obstetric Complications

CY 2026/FY 2028

Reporting Period/ Payment Determination

9

Total eCQMs Reported

Required eCQMs to be Reported

Three self-selected eCQMs; and

1. Safe Use of Opioids - Concurrent Prescribing
2. Cesarean Birth
3. Severe Obstetric Complications
4. Hospital Harm - Severe Hyperglycemia
5. Hospital Harm - Severe Hypoglycemia
6. Hospital Harm - Opioid-Related Adverse Events

CY 2027/FY 2029

Reporting Period/ Payment Determination

11

Total eCQMs Reported

Required eCQMs to be Reported

Three self-selected eCQMs; and

1. Safe Use of Opioids - Concurrent Prescribing
2. Cesarean Birth
3. Severe Obstetric Complications
4. Hospital Harm - Severe Hyperglycemia
5. Hospital Harm - Severe Hypoglycemia
6. Hospital Harm - Opioid-Related Adverse Events
7. Hospital Harm - Pressure Injury
8. Hospital Harm - Acute Kidney Injury

eCQMs

ADDITIONAL MEASURES

In addition, they are rolling out two more eCQMs (though not required yet).

- Hospital Harm – Falls with Injury eCQM (*available in 2026*)
- Hospital Harm – Post-operative Respiratory Failure eCQM (*available in 2026*)

HOSPITAL HARM

Falls with Injury eCQM

- **Available 2026**
- This is a brand-new measure that assesses the number of inpatient hospitalizations where at least one fall with a major or moderate injury occurs for patients age 18 years and older.

HOSPITAL HARM

Post-Operative Respiratory Failure eCQM

- **Available 2026**
- This is a brand-new measure that assesses the number of elective inpatient hospitalizations for patients aged 18 years and older without an obstetrical condition who have a procedure resulting in postoperative respiratory failure (PRF) within 30 days of first OR procedure.

Structural Measures

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ADDITIONAL STRUCTURAL MEASURES

CMS is proposing to require submission of two new Structural measures in 2025.

**Patient Safety
Structural measure**

**Age Friendly Hospital
Structural measure**

Both measures work just like the HCHE measure with 5 domains that you must positively attest yes to all 5 domains to earn full credit for these measures.

Claims Measures

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ADDITIONAL CLAIMS MEASURE

CMS is proposing to replace the PSI-04 Claims measure with a new claims measure.

Thirty-day Risk-Standardized Death Rate among Surgical Inpatients with Complications (Failure-to-Rescue) claims-based measure

Beginning with the **July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025** reporting period, which impacts the FY **2027** payment determination.

Claims Measures

CMS is also proposing to remove the 4 payment claims measures and replace them with the Medicare Spending per Beneficiary (MSPB) measure.

1

AMI Payment

Hospital-level, Risk-Standardized Payment
Associated with a 30-Day Episode of Care for Acute Myocardial Infarction

2

HF Payment

Hospital-level, Risk-Standardized Payment
Associated with a 30-Day Episode of Care for Heart Failure

3

PN Payment

Hospital-level, Risk-Standardized Payment
Associated with a 30-Day Episode of Care for Pneumonia

4

THA/TKA Payment

Hospital-level, Risk-Standardized Payment
Associated with a 30-day Episode of Care for Elective Primary Total Hip Arthroplasty and/or Total Knee Arthroplasty

NHSN HAI Measures

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ADDITIONAL NHSM HAI MEASURES

CMS is proposing to add two new mandatory NHSN healthcare-associated infection (HAI) measures.

**Catheter-Associated Urinary
Tract Infection (CAUTI)
Standardized Infection Ratio
Stratified for Oncology
Locations measure**

**Central Line-Associated
Bloodstream Infection
Standardized Infection
(CLABSI) Ratio Stratified for
Oncology Locations measure**

Both beginning in Calendar Year **2026 reporting period**

COVID-19 and Immunization Reporting

Replacing COVID-19 and Immunization reporting with new process.

Beginning on **October 1, 2024**, hospitals and CAHs would have to electronically report certain data elements about COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) on a weekly basis.

- Information includes confirmed infections of respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, influenza, and RSV, among hospitalized patients
- Hospital bed census and capacity
- Limited patient demographic information, including age.

HCHAPS Measures

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ADDITIONAL HCHAPS SUB-MEASURES

Three new sub-measures:

Care Coordination

Restfulness of Hospital
Environment

Information about
Symptoms

- These three new sub-measures would be publicly reported beginning in **October 2026**.
- Remove “Care Transition” reporting on Care Compare in **January 2026**.
- Additionally, the current “Responsiveness of Hospital Staff” sub-measure would be altered starting in **January 2025**, with the “Call Button” questions being removed from the survey and a new “Get Help” question being added.

Proposed Changes to the Auditing Process

Auditing Process

PROPOSED CHANGES

CMS is proposing to modify the current data validation (audit) scoring to implement two separate validation scores, one for clinical processes of care (CPoC) measures and one for eCQMs, and equally weighting them at **50% each**.

Previously, eCQM validation was weighted at **zero** to give hospitals time to gain experience with eCQM reporting and validation.

Promoting Interoperability Program

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PI PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS

CMS is proposing to modify the PI program with basically every change from the IQR program. In addition, they are splitting out the Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR) Surveillance measure into two measures.

Antimicrobial Use
(AU) Surveillance

Antimicrobial Resistance
(AR) Surveillance

- Beginning in **2025**.
- CMS is also proposing to increase the scoring threshold from **60 points to 80 points** starting in **2025**.

Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (HVBP) Program

HVBP Program

CMS is proposing three changes to the HVBP program.

1

Patient Safety Structural

Adopt the Patient Safety Structural measure beginning in Calendar Year **2025**

2

HCAHPS Survey

Modify the HCAHPS Survey measure beginning in Calendar Year **2025**

3

Hospital Commitment to Health Equity

Move up the start date for publicly displaying hospital performance on the Hospital Commitment to Health Equity measure to January **2026**

TEAM Model

Transforming Episode Accountability Model

TEAM Model

CMS is proposing a brand-new bundled payment model which is mandatory for hospitals starting **January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030**. The model pairs episode-based pricing linked to quality measure performance.

The episodes they are testing are:

CABG

LEJR

Major Bowel Procedure

SHFFT

Spinal Fusion

Which they are pairing with these quality measures:

(For all episodes) Hybrid Hospital-Wide All-Cause Readmission Measure

Year 1 = July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

(For all episodes) PSI 90

Year 1 = July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025

(For LEJR episodes only) THA/TKA PRO-PM (Inpatient)

Year 1 = July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

TEAM Model

TEAM is mandatory for acute care hospital who bills for these episodes, are paid under the IPPS, has a CMS Certification Number (CCN), and has a primary address located in one of the 800 geographic areas selected for participation in TEAM.

[TEAM Eligible Geographic Areas List >>>](#)

TEAM Model

In this new model you could make or lose money (for those episodes) based on how well you perform on those quality measures and how much you spent. Year 1 you get only an upside for good performance, after that you could gain or lose money based on those factors.



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