

Advanced Primary Care Office Hour

September 29th, 2026



• Agenda



- Office of Advanced Primary Care (OAPC) Policy and Reporting Updates
- Data Tool Key Information - Update
- Suggested Timeline to Prepare
- Data Submission Information - Update
- QRDA-I Files - Overview
- Registration Process - Overview
- Resources
- Q&A



Policies for eCQM Reporting

- After receiving feedback, we have made some adjustments to the policies for eCQM reporting with the DAVE Tool
- Key areas:
 - File submission options
 - CMS 2 - Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan
 - Provider inclusions and exclusions

File Submission Options

- For PY 2026 eCQM reporting, the DAVE Tool will accept QRDA-I files
- Practices that apply and receive an exemption instead report aggregate data, which would include numerator, denominator, and exclusion data values for each performance measure
- In future years, CCDs may be another viable option, but this won't be an option for PY 2026

Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan

- All practice organizations will manually report **aggregate** data for the CMS 2: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan measure
 - For participants interested in reporting this data through a QRDA-I file also, that will also remain an option
- Practice organizations won't have to submit an exemption request to submit aggregate data for this specific measure

Provider Inclusions and Exclusions

- PY 2026 eCQM reporting the AHEAD Primary Care Programs should only include data for primary care providers
- Any specialty provider, regardless of whether they have assigned members, should be excluded
- If you are unable to exclude specialists from the file, the DAVE Tool has the functionality to exclude data for these providers from the measurement calculation

Exemption Requests

- Practice organizations that cannot provide QRDA-I files should complete an Exemption Request Application
 - This Application consists of a few practice demographic questions followed by brief explanation of the barrier
- Organizations that are granted exemptions will be able to manually submit aggregate level data
- Any organization that does not complete an Application will be expected to submit a QRDA-I file for PY 2026 eCQMs

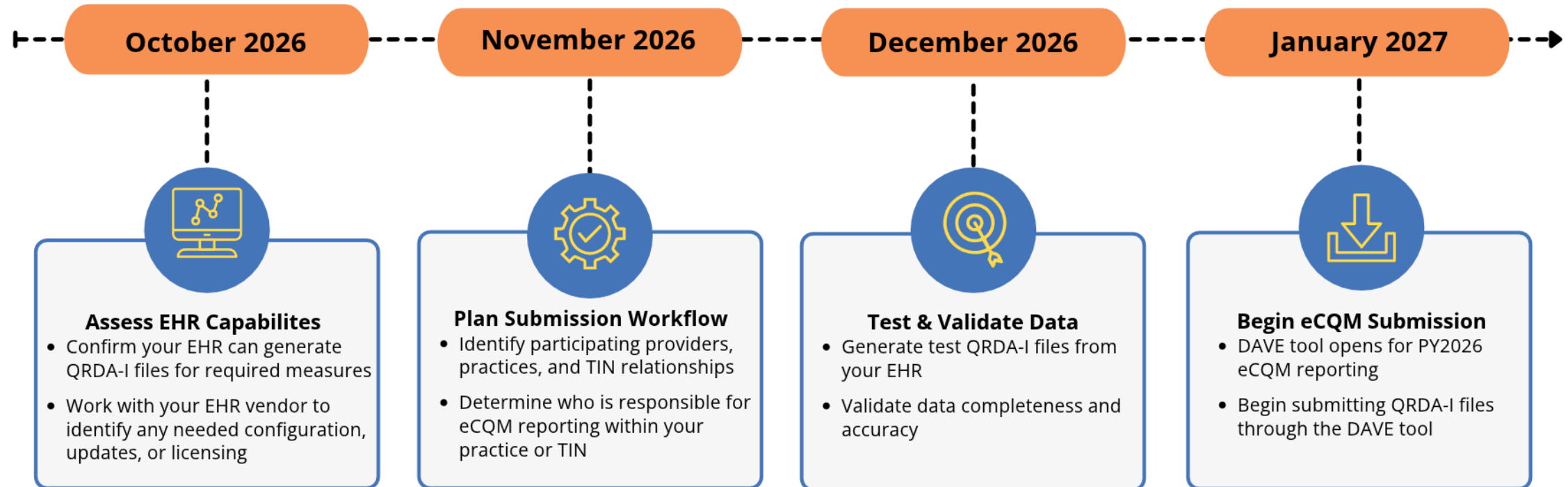
• DAVE Tool Key Information



- All participants in the Maryland AHEAD Primary Care Programs (MDPCP, PC AHEAD, MAPCP) are required to submit Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs)
- For PY 2026, all participants will submit quality data through the Data Accuracy Validation Engine (DAVE) tool in the CRISP Reporting Services Portal (Reports tile)
- DAVE tool is a secure, web-based platform that allows practice submissions across their program participation, while providing a more accurate complete and standardized quality measurement
- DAVE tool opens for submissions in January 2027



• Suggested Timeline to Prepare



• QRDA-I Overview

- QRDA-I files standardized machine-readable files produced by EHRs enabled with eCQM quality measure performance tracking
- QRDA-I file includes the following variables:
 - Patient demographics
 - Payer information
 - Provider and encounter information
 - Diagnoses and conditions
 - Procedures and interventions
 - Medications and laboratory results
 - Clinical information used to determine measure numerator, denominator, exclusions, and exceptions
- OAPC will require additional variables that are considered optional during QRDA-I extraction, such as
 - Practice address
 - Type 2 NPI

● Registration Process Introduction



- All primary care program participants are required to complete the registration process to identify the provider-practice-TIN relationships for eCQM reporting
- Each TIN (or MDPCP participating practice not also participating in Medicaid Advanced Primary Care) will:
 - Identify affiliated practices using addresses, Type 2 NPIs, and Program IDs
 - Identify participating primary care providers within each practice using NPI
 - Identify the submission method (aggregate or QRDA-I) for each measure
- TIN (& MDPCP) Points of Contact are required to submit on behalf of their entire TIN (or Practice)
- More information to come at next office hour on 10/27



• Resources



- The next CRISP Advanced Primary Care Office Hour will be on **10/27**
- Be on the lookout for communications from CRISP and OAPC on updates, training opportunities, and office hours
- Find resources and more on our website at crisphealth.org/AHEAD
- We will follow up with a recording of today's Office Hour, a copy of today's slides, and an updated DAVE tool flyer.
- Have questions? Contact us at mdpcp@crisphealth.org



- Q&A

