

Date: August 3, 2022

To: Regional Partnership Catalyst Program – Behavioral Health Funding Recipients

From: Erin Schurmann - Chief, Provider Alignment and Special Projects

Re: Emergency Department (ED) Boarding Time Scale Target Development

This memo provides an update on the development of the emergency department (ED) boarding time scale target that will be used to measure Regional Partnership performance in CY 2024.

In the Request for Proposals issued in 2020, HSCRC originally intended to develop the ED boarding time scale target using hospital ADT feeds through CRISP. Since that time, staff has opted to not use ADT feed data and now intends to leverage electronic clinical quality measures (eQMs) to measure ED boarding time performance, i.e., the ED-2 measure (Median Admit Decision Time to ED Departure Time for Admitted Patients).

Per the attached HSCRC Quality Team communications issued on 9/23/2021 and 7/15/2022, Maryland acute hospitals are required to submit four eQM measures for CY 2022. Please ensure that your hospital complies with these eQM reporting requirements to ensure that the HSCRC can measure ED boarding time performance for your Regional Partnership in CY 2024. More details on HSCRC eQM reporting, including contacts for questions, can be found at on the CRISP eQM webpage at <https://www.crisphealth.org/learning-system/ecqms/>.

HSCRC staff continues develop the evidence-based target to reduce ED boarding times and will share details in Spring 2023.

For additional questions, please email hscrc.grants@maryland.gov.

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From: **HSCRC Quality -MDH-** <hscrc.quality@maryland.gov>

Date: Fri, Jul 15, 2022 at 3:13 PM

Subject: HSCRC NOTICE: eCQM Hospital Reporting Window Beginning TODAY July 15, 2022

To:

Dear Hospital eCQM, Quality, Case Mix and CFO Contacts:

As outlined in the HSCRC Memo of 9/23/21 (attached), Maryland acute hospitals are required to submit 4 eCQM measures a quarter beginning CY 2022; the first submission window is now open as of today, July 15, 2022 for Q1 & Q2 2022. All data is being submitted in the Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) I format to the Medisolv ENCOR portal via the CRISP Portal. The ED-2 and eOPI-1 measures are required as well as 2 other measures the hospital chooses.

For 2023, the Ed-2 and eOP-1 measures will continue to be required while other required measures are to be determined. **HSCRC will send eCQM reporting requirement updates for CY 2023 in the coming weeks.**

While these measures align with federal IQR measures, HSCRC reporting does not replace CMS IQR Reporting in which hospitals are also required to report.

More details on HSCRC eCQM reporting, including contacts for questions, can be found at on the [CRISP eCQM webpage](#).

Performance Period Submission Windows are provided in the table below.

QUARTER	OPEN	CLOSE
Q1 2022	7/15/2022	09/30/2022
Q2 2022	7/15/2022	09/30/2022
Q3 2022	10/15/2022	12/30/2022
Q4 2022	1/15/2023	3/31/2023

Extraordinary Circumstances Exceptions (ECE)

If your facility is unable to submit data or meet requirements due to an extraordinary circumstance, then you may request an individual exception. For events impacting your submission of data, the ECE form must be submitted within 90 calendar days from when you determined that the extraordinary event

occurred. The event may occur during the measurement period through the submission or reporting deadline. Please refer to the [HSCRC quality reporting ECE policy](#) for further information.

HSCRC staff thanks hospitals for their efforts to report and improve quality through participation in the HSCRC eQCM reporting program.

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Best regards,
HSCRC Quality Team

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TO: Maryland Hospital CFOs, Case-mix Liaisons, and Quality Contacts
From: Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission
Date: 9/23/21
RE: Upcoming Reporting Requirements for electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eQMs)

The HSCRC, in conjunction with our partners at CRISP, and their hMetrix and Medisolv contractors, will embark on a multi-year, coordinated effort to **collect quarterly submissions of eQMs and core clinical data elements required for hybrid measures.**

eQMs for CYs 2021 and 2022

The HSCRC will be requiring **data submissions of eQMs to begin with CY 2022 with details shown in the reporting schedule below.** CRISP will work through infrastructure and reporting capabilities for all Maryland Acute Care hospitals. At this time, the HSCRC will require submission of QRDA-1 files for the following two measures:

- ED-2: Admit Decision Time to ED Departure
- eOPI-1: Safe Use of Opioids - Concurrent Prescribing

Additionally, hospitals must submit QRDA-1 files for two of the other federally specified eQMs to CRISP.

In addition to IQR reporting requirements, HSCRC will require Maryland hospitals to submit data quarterly to CRISP within approximately 75 days of the end of the quarter; hospitals may apply for an extension if more time is needed in the early quarters. We note that this schedule diverges somewhat from the federal reporting schedule.

Please see the schedule below for reporting for 2022 and beyond. These requirements will be a starting point; we expect to increase reporting of available eQMs following CY 2022.

Data Collection of Hybrid Measures in Future Years

Additionally, we expect in future years to phase-in reporting capacity to include **the core clinical data elements**, which can enhance future risk-adjustment of the following CMS-specified **hybrid measures**:

- Hospital-Wide Readmission
- Hospital-Wide All-Cause Risk Standardized Mortality Measure

We look forward to work alongside our data partners and with Maryland hospitals over the coming years, with the goal of making Maryland a national leader in the integration of EHR data and eQM adoption.

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We look forward to working with you over the coming months and years as we strive to further improve hospital quality of care in Maryland. Further communication will be sent in the coming months with detailed timelines, testing and validation requirements, measure specifications, training sessions and information on registering for the portal.

Schedule of HSCRC Reporting to CRISP/Medisolv

1. Calendar Year 2021 “Test Run” Submission of Data- Hospitals to optionally submit to CRISP/Medisolv the same QRDA 1 files they submitted to CMS in Q1 2022:
4 eCQMs with 2 quarters of CY 2021 performance period data during the following submission window: **1/15/2022 – 3/31/2022**
2. Calendar Year 2022 Required Data Submission- Starting with Q1, 2022 performance period, all hospitals submit to CRISP/Medisolv quarterly data: 2 required eCQMs and 2 optional eCQMs from the table below according to the following submission schedule:

Performance Period

Submission Windows

Q1 2022 data	Open: 7/15/2022	Close: 09/30/2022
Q2 2022 data	Open: 7/15/2022	Close: 09/30/2022
Q3 2022 data	Open: 10/15/2022	Close: 12/30/2022
Q4 2022 data	Open: 01/15/2023	Close: 03/31/2023

Proposed eCQM Reporting for MD hospitals CY 2021 – 2023

Performance Year	CY 2021	CY 2022	CY 2023
# eCQMs/Reporting Period	4 eCQMs submitted to CMS 2 qtrs. of data	2 required + 2 optional eCQMs 4 qtrs. of data submitted to CRISP/Medisolv	2 required eCQMs 4 qtrs of data submitted to CRISP/Medisolv. Additional eCQM requirements TBD
Data Submission	1/15/2022 – 3/31/2022	See # 2	TBD
ED-2: Decision to Admit to Admission Median Time	Optional	Required	Required
PC-01: Elective Delivery	Optional	Optional	TBD
PC-02: Cesarean Birth	Optional	Optional	TBD
PC-05: Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding	Optional	Optional	TBD
PC-06: Unexpected complications in term newborns	Optional	Optional	TBD
STK-2: Discharged on Antithrombotic Therapy	Optional	Optional	TBD
STK-3: Anticoagulation Therapy for A. Fibrillation /Flutter	Optional	Optional	TBD
STK-5: Antithrombotic by Day 2	Optional	Optional	TBD
STK-6: Discharged on Statin Medication	Optional	Optional	TBD
VTE-1: VTE Prophylaxis	Optional	Optional	TBD
VTE-2: ICU VTE Prophylaxis	Optional	Optional	TBD
OPI-01 Safe use of Opioids	Optional	Required	Required
Severe Hypoglycemia			TBD
Severe Hyperglycemia			TBD

For additional information about this project, please email HospitalQuality@crisphealth.org.