

VOLUME THRESHOLDS

The Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) requires each EQIP Entity to meet specific episode volume thresholds during the baseline period (Calendar Year 2019)* to be eligible for participation.

**Please note for Performance Year 5 (CY2026) EQIP Emergency Department Episodes will use CY2023 for the baseline period. All other episode categories will use CY2019 as the baseline period.*

WHY DOES VOLUME MATTER?

A sufficient number of clinical episodes during the baseline period ensures stable target prices are calculated for EQIP Entities. Stable target prices can be used to reasonably assume that cost savings are from:

- Efficiency
- Better care coordination
- Quality improvement

Sufficient volume also indicates that an adequate proportion of Care Partners will be likely to engage with the selected Episodes during the Performance Year.

MINIMUM VOLUME THRESHOLDS

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The EQIP Entity must be attributed 11 or more clinical episodes within each selected clinical episode category during the baseline period.

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The EQIP Entity must be attributed 50 or more clinical episodes across ALL clinical episode categories selected during the baseline period.

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Of the NPIs that make up the EQIP Entity, 75% must have at least one claim with a non-excluded beneficiary who triggered a clinical episode in each clinical episode category chosen during the baseline period.

- This claim threshold is 50% for EQIP Entities with 10 or fewer Care Partners.

What if I do not meet the minimum volume thresholds?

- » EQIP Entities that do not meet the 11 minimum episode volume threshold for a selected episode category will not be eligible to participate in that episode category for the Performance Year.
- » EQIP Entities that do not meet the overall 50 minimum episode volume threshold are excluded from participating in EQIP for the Performance Year.
- » If fewer than 75% of the NPIs that make up the EQIP Entity (50% for EQIP Entities with 10 or fewer Care Partners) have a claim that triggers an EQIP episode during the baseline period, then the EQIP Entity is required to remove NPIs until it meets the threshold.

