

MBQIP Measure Change Summary

Removed Inpatient Measures ED-1, ED-2, IMM-2

September 2018

Removal from MBQIP

CMS has announced that three chart-abstracted inpatient measures that are currently required for MBQIP will be removed:

- Two of the measures will be removed following Q4 2018 data submission:
 - IMM-2: Influenza Immunization
 - ED-1: Median Time from ED Arrival to ED Departure for Admitted ED Patients
- One of the measures will be removed following Q4 2019 data submission:
 - ED-2: Admit Decision Time to ED Departure Time for Admitted Patients

Submission of IMM-2 and ED-1 will be included in the evaluation of CAH participation in MBQIP for FY 2019, but will be removed from [MBQIP evaluation criteria](#) and MBQIP reports starting with Q1 2019 discharges (discharges as of January 1, 2019). CAHs should continue to collect these measures through Q4 2018 discharges (due May 15, 2019). Starting with Q1 2019 discharges, the QualityNet warehouse will no longer be accepting submission of data for these measures.

Submission of ED-2 will be included in the evaluation of CAH participation in MBQIP for FY 2019 and FY 2020, but will be removed from [MBQIP evaluation criteria](#) and MBQIP reports starting with Q1 2020 discharges (discharges as of January 1, 2020). CAHs should continue to collect these measures through Q4 2019 discharges (due May 15, 2020). Starting with Q1 2020 discharges, the QualityNet warehouse will no longer be accepting submission of data for these measures.

Background:

As part of the annual rule-making process, CMS regularly removes measures from the Inpatient and Outpatient Quality Reporting programs (IQR, OQR). Once CMS has removed a measure from the IQR or OQR program, it is no longer possible to submit data for this measure to the QualityNet Warehouse. When feasible, FORHP works to align MBQIP measures with other Federal reporting programs. Thus, removal of measures from the IQR or OQR programs typically results in removal of those measures from MBQIP.

CMS indicated that the rationale for removing all three of these chart-abstracted measures is that the cost to providers associated with submitting data on the measures outweighs the benefits of their continued use in the program. The ED-1 and ED-2 are also currently available as electronic Clinical Quality measures (eCQMs). Although not part of MBQIP, CAHs are required to submit eCQMs as part of the CMS Promoting Interoperability Program requirements. Additional information on eCQMs for CAHs can be found [here](#).

The final rule also provided additional information regarding removal on each of the specific measures.

- **IMM-2: Influenza Immunization** – Hospital performance on IMM-2 is statistically “topped-out” such that performance is so high and unvarying that meaningful distinctions in improvement cannot be made. Furthermore, CMS believes that hospitals will continue the practice of administering influenza vaccinations to patients even after the measure is removed, therefore utility in the program is limited.
- **ED-1: Median Time from ED Arrival to ED Departure for Admitted ED Patients** – CMS recognizes that ED-1 is an important metric for patients, but noted that ED-2 has greater clinical significance for quality

improvement because it provides more actionable information as hospitals have somewhat less control to consistently reduce the wait time between ED arrival and decision to admit due to the need to triage and prioritize more complex or urgent patients. Note that as of CY 2020, ED-1 is also being removed as an eCQM.

- **ED-2: Admit Decision Time to ED Departure Time for Admitted Patients** – The timing of the removal of ED-2 as a chart-abstracted measure aligns with the anticipated availability of validated ED-2 eCQM data. CMS is currently implementing a validation pilot to review the accuracy and completeness of eCQM data in anticipation that eCQM data may be utilized for future public reporting.

Next Steps

- An article about the removal of these measures will be included in the September MBQIP Monthly that Flex programs can use as a communication mechanism to CAHs.
- Flex programs should encourage their CAHs to continue to report chart-abstracted measure data for ED-1 and IMM-2 through Q4 2018 (data submission deadline of May 15, 2019) and chart-abstracted ED-2 through Q4 2019 (data submission deadline of May 15, 2020).
- FORHP and RQITA will be updating MBQIP resources and documents to reflect the removal of these measures from MBQIP.