

BI-MONTHLY TIP ON MEANINGFUL USE

Electronic Clinical Quality Measures

What are Clinical Quality Measures?

Clinical Quality Measures are tools that help measure and track the quality of health care services provided by eligible professionals. CQMs measure health outcomes, clinical processes, patient safety, care coordination, adherence to clinical guidelines, and more.

What are the Modified Stage 2 Meaningful Use Requirements for Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQM)?

Providers must report on 6 of 53 possible Clinical Quality Measures. There is no longer a requirement of 3 domains in order to meet Meaningful Use Requirements. Providers may attest to any continuous 90 day period of CQM data during the calendar year.

Clinical Quality Measure Basics:

- CMS is aligning the specific CQMs available to EPs participating in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program with those available to professionals participating in the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System.
- CQMs must be verified by EHR Vendor.

Modified Stage 2 Reporting Requirements for 2017:

- The CQM reporting period for EPs in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program will be a minimum of a continuous 90-day period during calendar year 2017.
- For Meaningful Use, there are no threshold requirements for the 6 CQMs. However, it is very important to have the best quality scores for other programs such as MIPS.
- CQM report must show all of the necessary information including, numerator, denominator, percentage, exclusion, and exception.
- EPs reporting electronically in 2017 must use 2014 or 2015 CEHRT.

Common Errors:

- Not selecting at least 6 Clinical Quality Measures.
- CQM report does not include the numerator, denominator, percentage, exclusion, and exception.

Best Practices:

- Prioritize your Clinical Quality Measures.
- Select Clinical Quality Measures early to determine that you have at least 6.
- Receive training from your vendor on how to enter data into EHR to reflect correctly on CQM reports.
- Train staff on new procedures that will need to be implemented for the Clinical Quality Measures that you choose.
- Check the ONC CHPL website to ensure that the CQMs you use are verified.
- Make sure that your CQM report shows all of the necessary information.

You may also contact your Kentucky REC Health IT Advisor for information.