

## Dry Run of the Admissions and Emergency Department Visits for Patients Receiving Outpatient Chemotherapy measure (OP-35, PCH-30/31)

August 15 – September 14, 2017

The primary goals of the measure dry run are to:

- Educate facilities about the measure in advance of its use in the Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting (HOQR) and Prospective Payment System (PPS)-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) programs;
- Provide an opportunity for facilities to carefully review their measure results and data used for measure calculation, and to submit questions and comments via email and during a National Provider Call; and
- Provide an opportunity for CMS to test the data production process prior to measure use in the HOQR and PCHQR programs.

The FSR contains patient-level data, facility-specific results, and state and national results for the chemotherapy measure. CMS encourages facilities to review their FSRs thoroughly.

Detailed information about the measure and dry run will be available on *QualityNet* shortly before the dry run at:

- (<https://www.qualitynet.org>) > Hospitals - Outpatient > Measures > Chemotherapy Measure Dry Run; and
- (<https://www.qualitynet.org>) > PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals > Measures > Chemotherapy Measure Dry Run.

**Please note the FSRs will be available through the *QualityNet* Secure Portal.** Registered users should be able to access their accounts and FSRs by logging into the Portal, and clicking *Secure File Transfer* from the top right corner of the screen. From here, users can view their mailbox and select *Inbox* to access their facility's dry run FSRs beginning August 15, 2015. Facility staff currently assigned the designated roles ("File Exchange & Search" role and "View QNet Content" role for HOPDs, or "Security Administrator" for PCHs) will have access to their FSRs in their *QualityNet* Secure File Transfer Inbox. If facilities have problems accessing their FSRs, they should contact the *QualityNet* Help Desk at [qnetsupport@hcqis.org](mailto:qnetsupport@hcqis.org).

Facilities can register for a *QualityNet* account by visiting the *QualityNet* website ([www.qualitynet.org](http://www.qualitynet.org)), and selecting *Portal Resources* in the upper right-hand corner. Under *Secure Portal User Guides and Training*, select the *Non-QualityNet account holders* link to open the PDF which will contain further instructions.

To gain Secure Portal access after a *QualityNet* account is established, visit the *QualityNet* website ([www.qualitynet.org](http://www.qualitynet.org)), select *Portal Resources* in the upper right-hand corner, then, under *Secure Portal User Guides and Training*, select the *QualityNet account holders* link to open the PDF which will contain further instructions.

After you register and have a *QualityNet* Secure Portal inbox with the designated roles ("File Exchange & Search" role and "View QNet Content role" for HOPDs, or "Security

Administrator” for PCHs), you must contact [CMSChemotherapyMeasure@yale.edu](mailto:CMSChemotherapyMeasure@yale.edu) to request an upload of your FSR. Please provide the name of your facility and the CCN assigned by CMS.

## Other Notes

- CMS encourages facilities to review their FSRs and submit any questions during the measure dry run.
- Your facility will not receive an FSR if:
  - It was not open during the time period in which the measure was calculated (October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016);
  - There were no eligible cases for the calculation of the measure during the measure timeframe; or
  - You did not have a *QualityNet* Secure Portal user account with the appropriate designated roles.
- All facilities may access a “mock” FSR on the *QualityNet* website by visiting
  - [www.qualitynet.org](http://www.qualitynet.org) > Hospitals – Outpatient > Measures > Chemotherapy Measure Dry Run > Facility-Specific Reports; or
  - [www.qualitynet.org](http://www.qualitynet.org) > PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals > Measures > Chemotherapy Measure Dry Run > Facility-Specific Reports.

The mock FSR contains actual national-level results and simulated facility and state-level data.

- CMS added the measure to the HOQR program for calendar year (CY) 2020 payment determination and public reporting on *Hospital Compare* (see CY 2017 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs Final Rule [[81 FR 79562](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/11/14/81-fr-79562)](Nov. 14, 2016)).
- CMS also added the measure to the PCHQR program for public reporting on *Hospital Compare* (see Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Policy Changes and Fiscal Year 2017 Rates Final Rule [[81 FR 56761](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/08/22/81-fr-56761)](August 22, 2016)).
- The Admissions and Emergency Department Visits for Patients Receiving Outpatient Chemotherapy Measure Technical Report, along with other resources, will be available on the *QualityNet* website in mid-August. The Technical Report provides background and rationale for measure development, describes the approach to risk model development and testing, and provides detailed measure specifications.
- CMS will hold a National Provider Call on **Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 1p.m. ET** to present an overview of the measure, provide guidance on interpretation of measure data and results, and provide an opportunity for facilities to ask questions. Additional information about the National Provider Call and registration instructions will be provided on *QualityNet* in August at:
  - (<https://www.qualitynet.org>) > Hospitals - Outpatient > Measures > Chemotherapy Measure Dry Run > National Provider Call; or
  - (<https://www.qualitynet.org>) > PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals > Measures > Chemotherapy Measure Dry Run > National Provider Call.

- Facilities may submit questions and comments to [CMSChemotherapyMeasure@yale.edu](mailto:CMSChemotherapyMeasure@yale.edu). **Please do NOT submit patient-identifiable information (e.g., Date of Birth, Social Security Number, Health Insurance Claim Number) to this address. Sending screenshots and/or describing a patient listed in your FSR is considered Protected Health Information (PHI) under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).**