

CMS Announces Improvements to Chart Abstracted IQR and OQR Submissions

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' ongoing effort to improve data collection has given way to a new method to submit XML files for **Chart Abstracted**, and **Population and Sampling** data. Starting **August 18, 2020**, Secure File Transfer (Axway) will no longer be available for data submissions. You will be required to submit your XML files directly within Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) using the **File Upload** tool in the new QualityNet Secure Portal. This new requirement should reduce the time you spend to submit data.

How will hospitals and vendors submit their data?

Please perform the following steps to submit your production data using the **File Upload** tool:

1. Navigate to the new HQR site ***hqr.cms.gov***
2. Enter your HARP User ID, and password then click **Login**.
3. Click '**View the new Hospital Quality Reporting**' near the upper right corner of the **HQR My Tasks** page to navigate to the new **HQR Home** page.
4. Then click the **File Upload** card to begin uploading your files.
5. Vendors will need to select **Chart Abstracted or Population & Sampling** for data submission.
6. Hospitals with access and permission to submit on behalf of multiple hospitals must first select **Facilities List**.
7. Under **Facilities List**, a new page will open that allows the user to choose a facility. Search authorized organizations by entering the organization name or ID (such as the CMS Certification Number).
8. Select the hospital by clicking on the **name of the organization**.
9. Select the tab **Chart Abstracted or Population & Sampling** to submit data.

NOTE: There are two types of data submissions: Test data, and production data. Test data submissions are considered practice and do not count towards CMS program requirements. Production data are the final submissions intended to fulfill the requirements for the Inpatient Quality Reporting and Outpatient Quality Reporting Programs. Hospitals, or health IT vendors on the hospital's behalf, provide production data submissions.

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