

Clinical Quality Measure (CQM) Requirements for Eligible Professionals (EPs) under the Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program for 2018 Reporting

This message only applies to Eligible Professionals (EP) that are attesting to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

CMS released the 2018 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) rule. Section 82 FR 38486 states that the reporting period for CQMs will remain **one full year** for EPs who have previously demonstrated meaningful use.

“We further explained that the CQM reporting period for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program in 2018 for EPs that have demonstrated meaningful use in a previous program year would remain 1 full year (CY 2018) to align with the corresponding performance period in Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) for MIPS eligible clinicians. If changes are made to the MIPS performance period through future rulemaking, we will revisit the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program policies to continue our alignment goals.”

EPs must report any six available CQMs relevant to their practice.

The menu of CQMs also remains the same 53 that were available to EPs in 2017. Note that this will not exactly align with the CQMs available to eligible clinicians under the Quality Payment Program (QPP). Two changes were made to CQMs for QPP 2018 reporting:

- CMS645v1 was finalized for QPP, but is **not** available for EPs in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program
- CMS166v7 was removed from QPP, but **is** still available for EPs in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Both of these exceptions are noted on the [eCQI Resource Center](https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eligible-professional-eligible-clinician-ecqms): <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eligible-professional-eligible-clinician-ecqms>.

The reporting period for EPs demonstrating meaningful use for the first time remains 90 consecutive days.

The relevant pages on the CMS website have been updated, specifically the document that outlines the requirements for CQM reporting for Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs in 2017 and 2018: https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/CQM_Table.pdf.

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