

**End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program (ESRD QIP)**  
**Frequently Asked Questions:**  
**Resuming Performance Period 2020 Clinical Data Submission**

**DUE DATES**

- 1. Since the clinical data suspension has ended and data submission has resumed, do I need to submit all data since the suspension started with September 2020 data submission? For instance, are all data from September 2020 through May 2021 due by the September 1, 2021 deadline?**

No, data from September through December 2020 have been prioritized and are due by September 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time (PT).

Please note: To allow additional time for data cleanup, CMS asks that you send large data submission files ahead of the official clinical closure date of September 1, 2021, as outlined here: [Data Submission \(Errors & Warnings\) Implementation Timeline](#)

- 2. What are the clinical closure dates for January through June 2021?**

CMS is currently focused on allowing submissions for the months affected in 2020 and has not yet determined a date for the affected months in 2021. Communication will be provided as soon as the clinical closure dates are determined.

- 3. Do I need to complete the Clinical Depression Screening submissions for calendar year (CY) 2020?**

Yes, Clinical Depression Screening submissions are due by September 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. PT, the same deadline set for the clinical closure data for September through December 2020.

- 4. Do I need to complete the attestation for In-Center Hemodialysis Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (ICH CAHPS) for CY 2020?**

Yes, attestations are due by September 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. PT, the same deadline set for the clinical closure data for September through December 2020.

**HOW TO SUBMIT DATA**

- 1. Do I need to submit data sequentially?**

Yes, entering data sequentially reduces risk of submission errors.

- 2. We submitted data for September, October, November and/or December 2020 prior to the suspension. Do we need to resubmit these data?**

No, even though previously submitted data were not in End Stage Renal Disease Quality Reporting System (EQRS) at the time the suspension was implemented, these data were stored and retained. Therefore, with the end of the suspension, these data will be available in EQRS. CMS encourages the review of data for completeness and accuracy prior to the deadline.

- 3. I submitted data after the suspension was implemented. Do I need to resubmit these data?**

No, data that were already submitted do not need to be resubmitted. Again, CMS encourages the review of data for completeness and accuracy prior to the deadline.

**4. If I resubmit data previously submitted, will the original data be overwritten?**

Yes, the previous data will be overwritten.

**5. Who do we contact if we have difficulty submitting data?**

Contact the QualityNet Service Center at (866) 288-8912 or [qnet-support-esrd@hcqis.org](mailto:qnet-support-esrd@hcqis.org). You may also use the QualityNet Question and Answer tool to submit your questions.

**TOTAL PERFORMANCE SCORES, PAYMENT, AND PUBLIC REPORTING**

**1. How will CMS address other program aspects, such as Total Performance Scores (TPSs), payment consequences, public reporting, and performance standards?**

Information related to clinical data suspension, resumption of data submission, and ESRD QIP regulatory implications are addressed in the [CY 2022 End-Stage Renal Disease \(ESRD\) Prospective Payment System \(PPS\) Proposed Rule](#). Proposals for the ESRD QIP include but are not limited to proposals on the PY 2022 measure scores, TPSs, payment reductions, and public reporting. CMS encourages the ESRD community to participate in the proposed rule comment process, as comments are very important and play a key role in the development of program requirements outlined in the CY 2022 ESRD PPS Final Rule. Comments are due by August 31, 2021. The final rule, published in the fall, contain the final decisions on these issues.