



Parathyroid Hormone (PTH) Reporting: Frequently Asked Questions

Question 1: Why are dialysis facilities being asked to enter monthly PTH data in the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Reporting System (EQRS)?

Answer: Reporting PTH data in EQRS allows CMS to assess bone mineral management and adverse outcomes associated with the management of PTH among the ESRD patient population.

Question 2: Are dialysis facilities required to report monthly PTH values in the EQRS?

Answer: No. Facilities are not required to report PTH data in EQRS. However, facilities must select N/A when a PTH value is not measured for the clinical month to avoid a warning message when submitting monthly clinical data in EQRS.

Please note: If your facility batch submits data or uses Health Information Exchange/Electronic Data Interchange methods for data submission, follow the guidance provided by your organization.

Question 3: When are dialysis facilities expected to start reporting monthly PTH data in EQRS?

Answer: Facilities can start reporting monthly PTH data in EQRS now. However, the July 2022, clinical month will be the first month to be used for CMS analysis. The July EQRS Clinical Data submission deadline is September 30, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.

Question 4: Where are the PTH reporting fields located in EQRS?

Answer: The PTH reporting fields are on the *Manage Clinical* screen, in the *Mineral Metabolism* section of EQRS.

Question 5: How will the PTH data that a facility reports in EQRS affect the facility's Quality Incentive Program (QIP) score?

Answer: The PTH data reported in EQRS will not impact a facility's QIP score at this time.

Question 6: What happens if a facility does not enter the monthly PTH data in EQRS?

Answer: EQRS will display a warning message that the data are missing. EQRS users must select N/A if a PTH value was not measured for the patient for the clinical month. The *Parathyroid Hormone Method*, *Parathyroid Upper Limit Assay Range* and date fields are required when a PTH value is entered.

Question 7: Will a facility get penalized if monthly PTH data are not submitted in EQRS?

Answer: No. Although facilities are expected to report PTH data in EQRS, it is not required.

Question 8: Who can I contact for questions about PTH data reporting in EQRS?

Answer: EQRS users can submit questions related to PTH data reporting to the QualityNet Question and Answer tool:

https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_qa?id=ask_a_question.

For technical issues with entering PTH data in EQRS, EQRS users can contact the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) Service Center. The CCSQ Service Center is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time and can be reached via phone at: (866) 288-8912, via email at: qnetsupport-esrd@cms.hhs.gov, or by going to [CCSQ Support Central](#).