

Timeline for Reporting Hospital Quality Data for Annual Payment Update

The following table outlines a timeline for the initiative entitled, "Reporting Hospital Quality Data for Annual Payment Update" (RHQDAPU) for each fiscal year affected. This timetable is in addition to the data transmission schedule that remains in effect for submission of data to the QIO Clinical Warehouse for each respective quarter.

Fiscal Year Payment Update	QualityNet Exchange Registration	Latest Date for Initial Submission and Acceptance*	Date for Final Submission and Acceptance
2005	06/01/04	07/01/04*	08/01/04* 08/15/04*
2006	Not Yet Available	Not Yet Available	Not Yet Available
2007	Not Yet Available	Not Yet Available	Not Yet Available

*Note: To affect the fiscal year 2005 payment update, hospitals have to meet one of the following options for data submissions to the QIO Clinical Warehouse via QualityNet Exchange:

- 1) If the hospital has submitted all ten measures for the 4th quarter 2003 discharges by the CMS established deadline of May 15, 2004, the hospital or their vendor will have the ability to submit the first quarter 2004 discharges by the regularly scheduled CMS deadline of August 15, 2004; OR
- 2) If the hospital begins their data submission for all ten measures effective with the 1st quarter 2004 discharges, then the hospital or their vendor must have begun data submission for some of the discharges for that discharge quarter by **July 1, 2004**.

By law, extensions will be granted until **August 1, 2004**, when all data transmission is to be completed and **successfully accepted into the QIO Clinical Warehouse (meeting all Warehouse edits)**. This shortened submission deadline is a one-time adjustment to allow CMS time for the processing of data in the QIO Clinical Warehouse and preparation for the 2005 Annual Payment Update.

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