

Updated January 2026

## Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) Current MBQIP Core Measure Set

### Data Submission Deadlines<sup>1,2</sup>

Measure ID	Description	MBQIP Domain	Reported To	Encounter Period & Due Date			
				Q3 / 2025 Jul 1 – Sep 30	Q4 / 2025 Oct 1 – Dec 31	Q1 / 2026 Jan 1 – Mar 31	Q2 / 2026 Apr 1 – Jun 30
HCP/IMM-3 <sup>3</sup>	<a href="#">Influenza vaccination coverage among health care personnel</a>	Patient Safety	<a href="#">NHSN</a>	N/A	May 15, 2026 (Q4 2025 - Q1 2026 data aggregate)		N/A
Antibiotic Stewardship	<a href="#">CDC NHSN Annual Facility Survey</a>	Patient Safety	<a href="#">NHSN</a>	March 1, 2026 <sup>4</sup> (CY 2025 data)		March 1, 2027 <sup>4</sup> (CY 2026 data)	
HCAHPS	<a href="#">Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems</a>	Patient Experience	<a href="#">HQR - HCAHPS</a>	January 14, 2026	April 8, 2026	July 8, 2026 anticipated	October 14, 2026 anticipated
EDTC <sup>5</sup>	<a href="#">Emergency Department Transfer Communication</a>	Emergency Department	Submission process directed by <a href="#">State Flex Program</a>	October 31, 2025	February 2, 2026	April 30, 2026	July 31, 2026
OP-18	<a href="#">Median time from ED arrival to ED departure for discharged ED patients</a>	Emergency Department	<a href="#">HQR - Outpatient Chart Abstracted</a>	February 2, 2026	May 1, 2026	August 3, 2026 anticipated	November 2, 2026 anticipated
OP-22	<a href="#">Patient left without being seen</a>	Emergency Department	<a href="#">HQR - Outpatient Web-Based</a>	May 15, 2026 (CY 2025 data aggregate)		May 17, 2027 (CY 2026 data aggregate) anticipated	

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2. Data submission deadlines on a federal holiday or weekend (Saturday or Sunday) will default to the first business day thereafter in this document where applicable except for Antibiotic Stewardship which will remain March 1 regardless of when that date occurs.

3. The encounter period for HCP/IMM-3 is limited to Q4 and Q1.

4. Hospitals must complete the NHSN Annual Facility Survey by March 1 of each year for NHSN and MBQIP data reporting.

5. State Flex Programs must submit data to FMT by the 10th day of the month following the hospital deadline (e.g. Q3 2025 data due to FMT by Nov 10, 2025).

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## MBQIP 2025 – Measures Being Added to Core Set

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N/A	<a href="#">CAH Quality Infrastructure</a>	Global Measures	FMT via Qualtrics	National CAH Inventory and Assessment Continues Submission window September 15, 2025- November 21, 2025		National CAH Inventory and Assessment Continues Submission window TBD	
Safe Use of Opioids	<a href="#">Safe Use of Opioids- Concurrent Prescribing</a>	Patient Safety	<a href="#">HQR</a> -eCQM File Upload	<u>MBQIP 2025 Core Measure starting with this measurement period<sup>6</sup></u> Submission Deadline March 2, 2026 (CY 2025 data)		Submission Deadline March 1, 2027 (CY 2026 data) anticipated	
Hybrid HWR	<a href="#">Hybrid Hospital- Wide Readmission</a>	Care Coordination	<a href="#">HQR</a> -Hybrid	<u>MBQIP Core Measure starting with this measurement period</u> Submission Deadline October 1, 2026 (Q3 2025 - Q2 2026 data)			

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6. The Safe Use of Opioids-Concurrent Prescribing measure is required as part of the Promoting Interoperability Program.

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## January 2026 Upcoming MBQIP Deadlines

January 14, 2026

- Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Q3 2025 encounters (7/1/25-9/30/25) is due **January 14, 2026**. Submission is through the HQR Secure Portal-Vendor. [Quality Assurance Guidelines V.19.0](#)

February 2, 2026

- Emergency Department Transfer Communication (EDTC) Q4 2025 encounters (10/1/25-12/31/25) is due **February 2, 2026**. Connect with your [State Flex Program](#) for submission process details.
- Reporting Median time from ED arrival to ED departure (OP-18) Q3 2025 encounters (7/1/2025-9/30/2025) is due **February 2, 2026**. Submission is through the HQR Secure Portal-Outpatient Chart Abstracted. Previous CART users may enter abstractions into the HQR abstraction tool. [Outpatient Quality Reporting Specifications version 18.0a](#)

March 1, 2026

- The Antibiotic Stewardship CDC NHSN Annual Facility Survey reflecting CY 2025 activity is due **Sunday March 1, 2026**. Submission is through [NHSN](#).

March 2, 2026

- Safe Use of Opioids-Concurrent Prescribing CY 2025 encounters (1/1/2025-12/31/2025) is due **March 2, 2026**. Submission is through the HQR Secure Portal-eCQM. [Measure specifications CMS506v7](#)

For more information review the [MBQIP Navigator](#) for understanding and navigating the measure reporting process for the MBQIP core measures.