Updated November 2026

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

Data Submission Deadlines[1,2]

Measure ID	Description	MBQIP Domain	Reported To	Encounter Period & Due Date			
				Q2 / 2026 Apr 1 – Jun 30	Q3 / 2026 Jul 1 – Sep 30	Q4 / 2026 Oct 1 – Dec 31	Q1 / 2027 Jan 1 – Mar 31
HCP/IMM-3[3]	Influenza vaccination coverage among health care personnel	Patient Safety	NHSN	N/A	N/A	May 17, 2027 (Q4 2026 - Q1 2027 data aggregate) anticipated	
Antibiotic Stewardship	CDC NHSN Annual Facility Survey	Patient Safety	NHSN	March 1, 2027[4] (CY 2026 data)			March 1, 2028[4] (CY 2027 data)
HCAHPS	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems	Patient Experience	HQR - HCAHPS	October 14, 2026	January 13, 2027	April 14, 2027	July 14, 2027
EDTC[5]	Emergency Department Transfer Communication	Emergency Department	Submission process directed by State Flex Program	July 31, 2026	November 2, 2026	February 1, 2027	April 30, 2027
OP-18	Median time from ED arrival to ED departure for discharged ED patients	Emergency Department	HQR - Outpatient Chart Abstracted	November 2, 2026	February 1, 2027	May 3, 2027	August 2, 2027 (anticipated)
OP-22	Patient left without being seen	Emergency Department	HQR – Outpatient Web-Based	May 17, 2027 (CY 2026 data aggregate)			May 15, 2028 (CY 2027 data aggregate) anticipated

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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.
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N/A	CAH Quality Infrastructure	Global Measures	FMT via Qualtrics	National CAH Quality Inventory and Assessment Continues Submission window September 8, 2026-November 20, 2026			
Safe Use of Opioids	Safe Use of Opioids-Concurrent Prescribing	Patient Safety	HQR -eCQM File Upload	Submission Deadline March 1, 2027[6] (CY 2026 data) anticipated			
Hybrid HWR	Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmission	Care Coordination	HQR -Hybrid	MBQIP Core Measure starting with this measurement period Submission Deadline October 1, 2026 (Q3 2025 - Q2 2026 data)		Submission Deadline October 1, 2027 (Q3 2026 - Q2 2027 data) anticipated	

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6. The Safe Use of Opioids-Concurrent Prescribing measure is required as part of the Promoting Interoperability Program. Hardship exemption applications are available for the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program and are available during the yearly hardship application period May-July.

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November 2026 Upcoming MBQIP Deadlines

November 2, 2026

- Reporting Median time from ED arrival to ED departure (OP-18) Q2 2026 encounters (4/1/2026-6/30/2026) is due **November 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 19.0a
- Emergency Department Transfer Communication (EDTC) Q3 2026 encounters (7/1/26-9/30/26) is due **November 2, 2026.** Connect with your State Flex Program for submission process details.

November 20, 2026

- Critical Access Hospital Quality Inventory and Assessment is due **November 20, 2026.** Connect with your State Flex Program for details.

January 13, 2027

- Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Q3 2026 encounters (7/1/26-9/30/26) is due **January 13, 2027**. Submission is through the HQR Secure Portal-Vendor. Quality Assurance Guidelines V.19.0

For more information, review the MBQIP Navigator for understanding the measure reporting process for the MBQIP core measures.

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