

Structural Measures and Data Acknowledgement

Frequently Asked Questions FY 2011

- *Question:* What is the definition of participation in a registry?
Answer: Participation is defined as submitting standardized data elements applicable to at least two NQF endorsed measures related to the topic measured by the registry and reporting on all patients eligible for the measures.
- *Question:* What is the definition of qualified?
Answer: Qualified is defined as Receiving data from more than five hospitals, and providing calculated measures, results, benchmarks, and quality improvement information to the participant (and to designated third parties).
- *Question:* Will I be required to participate in a registry for the fiscal year (FY) 2011 RHQDAPU program?
Answer: For the FY 2011 RHQDAPU hospitals that do not currently report to a registry will not be required to do so, and will not be penalized for not participating. A hospital's Annual payment update (APU) will only be affected if the hospital does not answer the required questions indicating they do or do not participate in the registry.
- *Question:* When will the tool be available for the hospitals to enter data regarding structural measures registries questions and data acknowledgement?
Answer: The tool will be available from July 1, 2010 through August 15, 2010.
- *Question:* Do I have the option to answer the structural measures questions?
Answer: A hospital and/or vendor need to be given access to the Measure Designation Update Role by your QualityNet security administrator.
- *Question:* Can structural measures registries questions and data acknowledgement data be submitted via XML by my vendor?
Answer: Data can only be entered manually through the online tool by the hospital or vendor.
- *Question:* Will I fail to receive my full APU if I answer, "No, I don't participate in a registry?"
Answer: Hospitals will not have a reduction in their APU for selecting "No" to the registry questions.
- *Question:* Why do you have to enter a password?
Answer: Entering a password into the tool again is like an electronic signature.