

Structural Measures for RHQDAPU FY2011

The three registry measures are:

- Participation in a Systematic Database for Cardiac Surgery
- Participation in a Systematic Clinical Database Registry for Stroke Care
- Participation in a Systematic Clinical Database Registry for Nursing Sensitive Care

These measures **do not require** the hospital to participate in a registry. Hospitals that do not currently report to a registry will **not** be required to do so, and will not be penalized for not participating in a registry.

A hospital's APU will only be affected if the hospital does not answer the required questions indicating they do or do not participate in a registry.

Annual data entry period: July 1 - August 15, 2010 covering the time period January 1, 2010 - June 30, 2010.

Data entry will be achieved through the secure side of QualityNet.org via an online tool called **Structural Measures\Data Acknowledgement**. It is available in the Manage Measures section with a link on the MyTasks page. This application will allow hospitals or their vendors to view and answer the measure question(s). The role to access this link is the Measure Designation Update or Read role. These roles are currently in use. Once the application is released, if a user has the role, the link will be available. Measure Designation Update will allow the user to view, print or edit the question(s) and answers. Measure Designation Read will allow the user to view or print this information.

Definition for participation:

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.

Definition for qualified database registry:

Qualified is defined as: Receiving data from more than five hospitals, providing calculated measures, results, benchmarks, and quality improvement information to the participant (and to designated third parties).