



Dear Colleague:

The Joint Commission Department of Quality Measurement is pleased to share information regarding the Direct Data Submission (DDS) Platform for CY2020 chart-abstracted data submission.

CY2020 ORYX® Reporting

Effective with January 1, 2020 patient discharges, The Joint Commission no longer holds contracts with ORYX vendors. HCOs now have one place to submit both eCQM and chart-abstracted data on the Direct Data Submission Platform (DDSP). The goal of the DDS Platform is to ease the burden and expense of data submission and empower HCOs with data for quality improvement.

[Click here](#) for more information on CY2020 ORYX Reporting requirements for HCOs.

Note: Critical Access, Small and ORYX Designated Special Hospitals remain exempt from the requirement to submit data to The Joint Commission. Those HCOs electing to collect data internally and make available at the time of survey, will not be onboarded to the DDS Platform. All HCOs choosing to submit data will be onboarded to the DDS Platform. Please see the FAQs posted on our website for more information.

CY2020 Chart-abstracted Data Requirements

HCOs collect and report monthly data points on chart-abstracted aggregate data (i.e. numerator and denominator) on a quarterly basis beginning with 1Q2020 data using the DDS Platform. No patient level data is submitted. HCOs submit numerator and denominator data by month, with a few additional data points including inpatient population (IPP) and exclusions (as needed by measure).

Documentation for the Data Requirements will be shared in April 2020, including information pertaining to:

- Data capture requirements
- Aggregate data dictionary
- Calculations for continuous variable measures
- Sample size and frequency
- Initial population size
- Exclusions (as needed, by measure)

CY2020 Measure Selections

For CY2020, there are no measure selection forms; all measure selections are managed within the CY2020 DDS Platform. HCOs and Healthcare Systems no longer need to notify The Joint Commission in advance of measure selections. The measure selections being submitted via the DDS Platform will no longer be reflected on the Joint Commission Connect® ORYX Measure Selection (OMS) application page.

CY2020 Chart-abstracted Retransmission

The Direct Data Submission Platform does not allow for retransmission of data. All chart-abstracted data for a specific calendar quarter needs to be submitted for that calendar quarter by the submission deadline.

DDS Platform Onboarding Process

All HCOs that used the Platform for submission of CY2019 eCQM data will have access to the CY2020 platform for chart-abstracted data when it is made available, and do not need to onboard again.

Any HCOs that did not use the DDS Platform for submission of CY2019 eCQM data needs to be onboarded for chart-abstracted data. An email communication with detailed instructions regarding the onboarding process will be sent on February 18th, 2020.

We anticipate the DDS Platform for chart-abstracted measures to open July 1, 2020.

CY2020 Certification Reporting

Effective with January 1, 2020 patient discharges, HCOs with Certification programs will manually enter data via the Certification Measure Information Process (CMIP) application in Joint Commission Connect. [Click here](#) for more information.

CY2019 Reporting

As a reminder, for HCOs submitting CY2019 eCQM and/or chart-abstracted data:

- For those HCOs with eCQM requirements or electing to submit eCQMs, CY2019 data is due to The Joint Commission no later than March 16, 2020 and must be submitted via the DDS Platform.
- Chart-abstracted data for CY2019 (4Q2019 due by April 30, 2020) can only be submitted via a vendor. ORYX vendors, based on contractual language, are required to submit HCO's 4Q2019 chart-abstracted data in April 2020 using their current vendor data submission processes. This is the last opportunity for your ORYX vendor to retransmit chart-abstracted data.

Questions

Please contact hcooryx@jointcommission.org for questions, and include your HCO ID in the subject line.

Thank you