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Dear Colleague,

The Joint Commission has been working to develop in-house capability for performance measurement data submission. To accelerate this work, we are contracting with Dynamic Health IT (DHIT) to support the development of a new Direct Data Submission Platform (DDSP) and electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) engine.

The DDSP will enable the submission of quality measurement data directly to The Joint Commission from the approximately 3,500 accredited critical access hospitals and hospitals that are required to submit this data to meet accreditation requirements. The DDSP will also provide accredited hospitals with near real-time eCQM performance data.

DHIT will develop the platform underpinning the DDSP and apply its CQMsolution® – an Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) certified Clinical Quality Language measure engine – to calculate, display and generate eCQMs. The Joint Commission will develop the chart-abstracted measure (CAM) engine and provide customer support.

The new platform will be available in the second half of 2022. Accredited organizations familiar with The Joint Commission's previous DDSP will note few changes to the look and feel of the new platform. We look forward to unveiling the new platform to continue to enable chart-abstracted and eCQM measure submission.

While the platform is under development, ORYX® performance measurement requirements are not suspended. Hospitals must continue to collect and aggregate their ORYX data consistent with the [Specifications Manual for Joint Commission National Quality Measures](#) and the [Joint Commission Guide for Data Entry of Chart-Abstracted Measures](#). In addition, organizations must continue to trend their ORYX measurement data for performance improvement and, if applicable, be prepared to provide this data during survey.

A save the date for an introductory webinar about the platform will be sent in May and the on-boarding process is anticipated to begin in June. A detailed timeline for all webinars, and deadlines for CY2021 and CY2022 data submission will be provided in mid-2022. Organizations also will be able to access on-demand online education throughout the launch of the platform.

As a reminder, the data submission timeline and DDSP delay does not affect data submitted for certification programs via the Certification Measure Information Process (CMIP) tool on The Joint Commission Connect® extranet site. There are no changes to the certification data submission timelines for 2021 or 2022. In addition, this delay does not affect the hospitals' measurement requirements for data submission to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

For more information and a detailed list of all ORYX requirements and measures, visit The Joint Commission [website](#).

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