



April 13, 2020

Dear Colleague:

The Direct Data Submission Platform (DDSP) is now available for CY2020 eCQM submission for accredited hospitals that utilized the Platform for CY2019 eCQM submissions. The DDSP will remain open for submission of CY2020 eCQM data until Monday, March 15, 2021. You are encouraged to share this communication with appropriate staff at your organization, including those who had access to the CY2019 Platform.

**Accessing CY2020 DDS Platform for eCQM Data Submission:**

Due to the current ongoing COVID-19 national emergency, we understand organizations may delay their initial access for CY2020 eCQM data submission. For this reason, we have added a step to the process of initial access to the DDSP for CY2020:

1. Organizations' need to request access for their HCO Workspace(s) on the DDSP.
2. This initial request to access the Workspace(s) must come from the hospital or healthcare system; vendors *may not* request this initial request on behalf of the hospital or healthcare system.
3. When your facility is ready to access the CY2020 Platform, please contact [hcooryx@jointcommission.org](mailto:hcooryx@jointcommission.org) to request. In requesting, include your HCO ID# and "DDS access" in the subject line.
4. Hospitals or healthcare systems will receive confirmation that their Workspace is available and staff who had access for CY2019 may now access the DDSP for CY2020.
5. Use the same link that was used to access the CY2019 Platform:  
<https://apervita.net/a/jointcommissionddsp>
6. Once on the DDSP, if you have any questions, please submit a support ticket via the 'Need Help?' link.
7. When initially accessing the DDSP and logging in, the first user accessing the Platform views an initialization screen. Then, the user is automatically sent to the DDSP Welcome Screen.
  - a. The initialization screen is shown once for each hospital's Workspace and only to the first user accessing the Platform for each facility.
8. CY 2020 Legal Documentation - Business Associate Agreement (BAA), End User License Agreement (EULA) and Terms of Service (ToS):
  - a. Returning hospitals and individual users do not need to sign legal documents as they remain in effect with no changes from CY2019.
  - b. New users are invited by an individual with "Invite and Manager User" functionality for the hospital's Workspace. The "Invite and Manage Users" process remains the same in the CY 2020 Platform. *Important:* New users for existing hospital Workspaces are still required to sign their ToS during their registration process.

**June 9, 2020 Pioneer In Quality Webinar regarding CY2020 DDSP**

A Joint Commission Pioneers in Quality™ webinar "CY2020 Direct Data Submission Platform for eCQMs and Chart-Abstracted Measures Data" will occur **on Tuesday, June 9 at 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Central Time. To register, click [here](#).**

**Office Hours for eCQMs and Chart-Abstracted Measures**

The Joint Commission continues to offer monthly DDSP "Office Hours." Office Hours are a webinar format, with the ability to ask questions via the chat function. The content of the webinars for Office Hours includes tips for successful use of the platform and submission of data. The webinar is staffed by Joint Commission and Apervita staff to answer questions. Registration is sent two weeks prior to each webinar.

Month	Office Hours 11 am CT, unless noted
July, 2020	7/14/2020
August, 2020	8/18/2020
September, 2020	9/8/2020
October, 2020	10/13/2020
November, 2020	11/10/2020
December, 2020	12/8/2020
January, 2021	1/21/2021
February, 2021	2/9/2021

**Transition to DDSP for Chart-Abstracted Measure Data**

The DDSP for chart-abstracted data submission will open July 1, 2020. As a reminder, per the March 26, 2020 communication ([here](#)), reporting chart-abstracted performance measurement data is optional for 1Q2020 and 2Q2020. Extended submission timelines for hospitals choosing to submit available chart-abstracted data are:

- 1Q2020: extended from July 31, 2020 to October 31, 2020
- 2Q2020: extended from October 31, 2020 to January 31, 2021
- 3Q2020 and 4Q2020: to be determined

As a reminder, reporting chart-abstracted measure data is optional for 4Q2019 and the submission deadline has been extended from April 30, 2020 to June 1, 2020.

For CY2020 eCQM data submission, there are no changes anticipated at this time; minimum of one quarter of data for four of the ten available eCQMs due March 15, 2021.

**Timeline**

Please see the ORYX Performance Measurement timeline ([here](#)) for important dates for CY2020.