May 6, 2020

Dear Colleague:

The Joint Commission communication dated 2/18/2020 announced that registration for the Direct Data Submission Platform for hospitals not previously on the Platform in CY2019, and who plan to submit measures for CY2020, would begin onboarding in May. However, as health care organizations continue to face resource challenges due to the current COVID-19 outbreak, The Joint Commission is delaying the Direct Data Submission (DDS) onboarding process. We will send invitations to the designated contacts in early July instead of early May, as previously indicated.

Please note:

- If you have already completed the online onboarding request, nothing further is required. Organizations that submitted the request to onboard were sent an automated confirmation upon completion of the online form.
- If you have not completed the onboarding request but intend to submit CY2020 data, please complete the onboarding request no later than May 15, 2020. Onboarding form, available here.
- If you are a small, critical access, or ORYX designated specialty facility that has elected not to submit data to The Joint Commission, you do not need to be onboarded and no action is required at this time.
- If your organization submitted CY2019 eCQM data to The Joint Commission, you do NOT need to onboard. Please see the April 13, 2020 communication here.

In early July, the Designated Contact will receive two emails:
1. One email with information with information regarding the onboarding process to the DDS Platform.
   a. This email will come from @jointcommission.org domain
2. Second email with the invitation link to access the DDS Platform.
   a. This email will come from @apervita.com domain

As a reminder, per the March 26, 2020 communication here, reporting chart-abstracted performance measurement data is optional for 1Q2020 and 2Q2020. For hospitals choosing to submit chart-abstracted data, the extended submission timelines are:

1Q2020: deadline extended from July 31, 2020 to October 31, 2020
2Q2020: deadline extended from October 31, 2020 to January 31, 2021

We encourage you to register and attend the June 9th, “Pioneers in Quality Webinar: CY 2020 Direct Data Submission Platform for eCQMs and Chart-Abstracted Measures Data”. This webinar will provide a preview of the platform capabilities and additional platform information. Registration information is available here.

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

Thank you