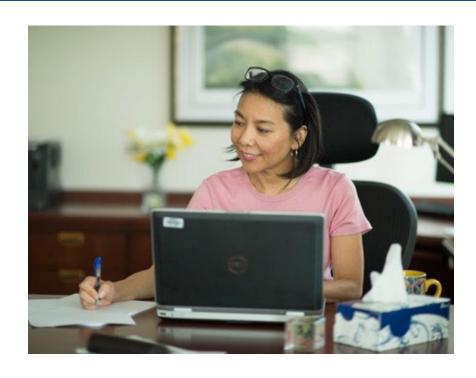


### ESRD QIP Proposed Rule & Preview Period Webinar for CY 2026



Tuesday, July 15, 2025
2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time
End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)
Quality Incentive Program (QIP)

#### **Speakers**

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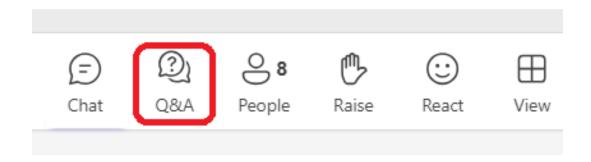
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#### Welcome and Today's Agenda

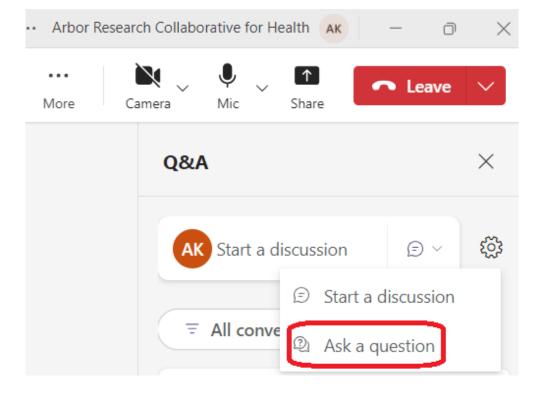
Topic	Speaker
Welcome & Agenda	Alissa Kapke, MS, Arbor Research
CY 2026 ESRD QIP Proposed Rule Updates	Golden Horton, MS, CMS
Process for Submitting Comments on Proposed Rule	Golden Horton, MS, CMS
Proposed Rule Q&A	Golden Horton, MS, CMS
ESRD QIP User Interface Overview	Alissa Kapke, MS, Arbor Research
PY 2026 ESRD QIP Reports	Alissa Kapke, MS, Arbor Research
Submitting Preview Period Inquiries	Alissa Kapke, MS, Arbor Research
Upcoming ESRD QIP Reporting Deadlines	Alissa Kapke, MS, Arbor Research
Q&A	Alissa Kapke, MS, Arbor Research
Additional Resources	Alissa Kapke, MS, Arbor Research

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#### **Purpose**

- Discuss details of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Calendar Year (CY) 2026 ESRD Prospective Payment System (PPS) Proposed Rule that pertain directly to the ESRD QIP Program.
- Describe steps facilities should take during the ESRD QIP Payment Year (PY) 2026 Preview Period to review reports and submit inquiries.

#### **Objectives**

#### Attendees will be able to:

- Recognize statutory and legislative components for the ESRD QIP.
- Understand the proposals in the CY 2026 ESRD PPS Proposed Rule for the ESRD QIP program.
- Review the steps required to submit a comment.
- Access resources for the ESRD QIP PY 2026 Preview Period.

#### **Proposed Rule Information**

#### **Administrative Procedures Act Guidance**

- Because CMS must comply with the Administrative Procedures Act, we are not able to provide additional information, clarification, or guidance related to the proposed rule.
- We encourage stakeholders to submit comments or questions through the formal comment submission process, as described in this webinar.

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	Bloodstream Infection				NHSN

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National Healthcare Safety Network

Peritoneal Dialysis

Patient List Report

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Question and Answer

**Quality Incentive Program** 

Request for Information

Social Drivers of Health

**Total Performance Score** 

**Ultrafiltration Rate** 

User Interface

Standardized Hospitalization Ratio

Standardized Readmission Ratio

Standardized Transfusion Ratio

The Protect Access to Medicare Act of 2014

Percentage of Prevalent Patients Waitlisted

**Prospective Payment System** 

Performance Score Certificate

Performance Summary Score Report

Performance Score Report

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End-Stage Renal Disease Outreach, Communication, and Training

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**Medicare Administrative Contractor** 

Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008

Medicare Beneficiary Identifier

Medication Reconciliation

Minimum TPS

Healthcare Quality Information System Access Roles and Profile Healthcare Personnel Hemodialysis

HHS Health and Human Services HIT Health Information Technology **ICH CAHPS** In-Center Hemodialysis Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems

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### ESRD QIP Legislative Drivers and Statutory Foundations

#### **ESRD QIP Legislative Drivers**

The ESRD QIP is described in section 1881(h) of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 153(c) of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA).

- The program's intent is to promote patient health by providing a financial incentive for renal dialysis facilities to deliver high-quality patient care.
- Section 1881(h) authorizes payment reductions of up to 2 percent if a facility does not meet or exceed the minimum Total Performance Score (TPS).

The Protect Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (PAMA) added section 1881 (h)(2)(A)(iii).

 The ESRD QIP must include measures specific to the conditions treated with oral-only drugs. These measures are required to be outcome-based, to the extent feasible.

#### **Statutory Overview**

MIPPA requires the Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary to create an ESRD QIP that will:

- Use measures that are consistent with the <u>authorizing legislation</u>.
- Establish performance standards.
- Specify the performance period.
- Develop a methodology for calculating TPS.
- Apply an appropriate payment percentage reduction.
- Publicly report results.

#### Guidance

- During today's call, we will discuss the proposed updates for the ESRD QIP in the CY 2026 ESRD PPS Proposed Rule, published on July 2, 2025.
- The information provided is offered as an informal reference and does not constitute official CMS guidance.
- CMS encourages stakeholders, advocates, and others to refer to the proposed rule located in the *Federal Register*.

#### **CY 2026 ESRD QIP Proposals**

#### **Proposed Rule Summary**

#### The CY 2026 ESRD PPS Proposed Rule includes the following:

- Removal of the Facility Commitment to Health Equity (FCHE) reporting measure beginning in PY 2027
- Removal of two patient Social Drivers of Health (SDOH) reporting measures beginning in PY 2027
- Modification of the In-center Hemodialysis Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (ICH CAHPS) measure beginning in PY 2028
- Requests for Information (RFIs) on topics relevant to ESRD QIP

Proposal to Remove the Facility Commitment to Health Equity Reporting Measure Beginning with PY 2027

#### **Proposal Overview and Rationale**

- Beginning with PY 2027, CMS is proposing to remove the FCHE reporting measure from the ESRD QIP.<sup>1</sup>
- CMS's priority is a continued focus on measurable clinical outcomes as well as identifying quality measures on the topics of prevention, nutrition, and well-being.
- This measure removal makes room in the program's measure set to:
  - Enhance the program's focus on other clinical outcomes.
  - Shift dialysis facility leadership focus to other priority quality and safety areas.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>CY 2026 Proposed Rule for End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System; 90 FR 29342, p.29343. <sup>2</sup>CY 2026 Proposed Rule for End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System; 90 FR 29342, p.29363.

Proposal to Remove Two
Patient Social Drivers of
Health (SDOH) Reporting
Measures
Beginning with PY 2027

#### **Proposal Overview**

- Beginning with PY 2027, CMS proposes to remove the following patient SDOH measures:
  - Screening for SDOH reporting measure
  - Screen Positive Rate for SDOH reporting measure<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>CY 2026 Proposed Rule for End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System; 90 FR 29342, p.29343.

#### **Proposal Rationale**

- Some facilities are concerned with the resources needed for manual screening, data storage, staff training, and workflow changes.
- These measures document an administrative process and report aggregate level results, but do not show whether patients are connected to services or benefit from these screenings.
- Removal of these measures would alleviate the burden on dialysis facilities, allowing dialysis facilities to focus resources on other clinical outcomes.
- This change will remove the patient burden associated with repeated SDOH screenings across multiple healthcare facilities.<sup>1</sup>

# Proposal to Modify the ICH CAHPS Measure Beginning with PY 2028

#### **Proposal Overview**

- Reduce the length of the ICH CAHPS Survey by removing 23 questions which CMS identified as appropriate for removal:<sup>1</sup>
  - Removal of four questions, which are unnecessary for the psychometric function of the Quality of Dialysis Center Care and Operations (QDCCO) multi-item measure
  - Removal of all six questions that make up the Nephrologists' Communication and Caring (NCC) multi-item measure
  - Removal of the nephrologist rating question
  - Removal of two core questions not currently used in public reporting measures
  - Removal of nine questions from the About You section and one question from the mail survey proxy series
  - Consolidation of the race and ethnicity questions into one question

#### **Proposal Rationale**

- In recent years, commenters have raised concerns about patient survey fatigue due to the survey's length and twice-yearly frequency.
  - Survey response rates continue to slowly decline, and it is believed that the length of the survey could be a contributing factor.<sup>1</sup>
- Several case-mix adjuster questions showed little impact on survey responses and were removed to shorten the survey.
  - New case-mix adjusters for the revised survey include overall health, overall mental health, age, sex, education, language survey was conducted in, whether someone helped complete the survey, total years on dialysis, and whether diabetes was the primary cause of ESRD.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>CY 2026 Proposed Rule for End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System; 90 FR 29342, p.29364. <sup>2</sup>CY 2026 Proposed Rule for End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System; 90 FR 29342, p.29365.

### **Measure Domains and Measure Weights Used to Calculate TPS**

Measures by Domain	Measure Weight as Percent of TPS for PY 2028	
Patient and Family Engagement Measure Domain	15.00	
ICH CAHPS measure	15.00	
Care Coordination Measure Domain	30.00	
SHR clinical measure	7.50	
SRR clinical measure	7.50	
PPPW measure	7.50	
Clinical Depression Screening and Follow-Up measure	7.50	
Clinical Care Measure Domain	35.00	
Kt/V Dialysis Adequacy Measure Topic	11.00	
Long-Term Catheter Rate clinical measure	12.00	
STrR clinical measure	12.00	

## Measure Domains and Measure Weights Used to Calculate TPS (cont.)

Measures by Domain	Measure Weight as Percent of TPS for PY 2028
Safety Measure Domain	10.00
NHSN BSI clinical measure	10.00
Reporting Measure Domain*	10.00
Hypercalcemia reporting measure	3.33
MedRec reporting measure	3.33
COVID-19 HCP Vaccination reporting measure	3.33

<sup>\*</sup>Reflects proposal to remove FCHE and 2 SDOH measures

### Requests for Information on Topics Relevant to ESRD QIP

- CMS is requesting information on two topics to inform future revisions to the ESRD QIP:
  - The current state of health information technology (HIT) use in dialysis facilities, including electronic health records, to further ongoing CMS efforts to facilitate successful adoption and integration of Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources® (FHIR) and FHIR-based technologies and standardized data for patient assessment instruments.
  - Potential measurement concepts that could be developed into ESRD QIP measures in the future, such as measures of interoperability, well-being, nutrition, physical activity, and chronic kidney disease.

### ESRD QIP PY 2028 Payment Reduction Scale

#### **PY 2028 Payment Reduction Scale**

We estimate that a facility must meet or exceed a minimum Total Performance Score (mTPS) of 56 to avoid a payment reduction.

#### Estimated Payment Reduction Scale for PY 2028 Based on the Most Recently Available Data

Total performance score	Reduction (%)
100-56	0%
55-46	0.5%
45-36	1.0%
35-26	1.5%
25-0	2.0%

#### CY 2026 ESRD PPS Proposed Rule Summary

Additional information on the CY 2026 ESRD PPS Proposed Rule is available on these websites:

Federal Register	https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/02/2025- 12368/medicare-program-end-stage-renal-disease-prospective- payment-system-payment-for-renal-dialysis
CMS.gov	https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/calendar-year-cy-2026-end-stage-renal-disease-esrd-prospective-payment-system-proposed-rule-cms-1830

#### CY 2026 ESRD PPS Proposed Rule

To participate in the comment period, please use the link below and follow the instructions in the proposed rule.

http://www.regulations.gov/commenton/CMS-2025-0240-0002

#### Commenting

#### Public Role in Rulemaking

CMS writes the proposed rule and displays it in the *Federal Register*.

CMS publishes the proposed rule in the *Federal Register*.

Public comment period on the proposed rule opens.

CMS reviews all public comments.

CMS publishes the final rule in the Federal Register (becomes regulation).

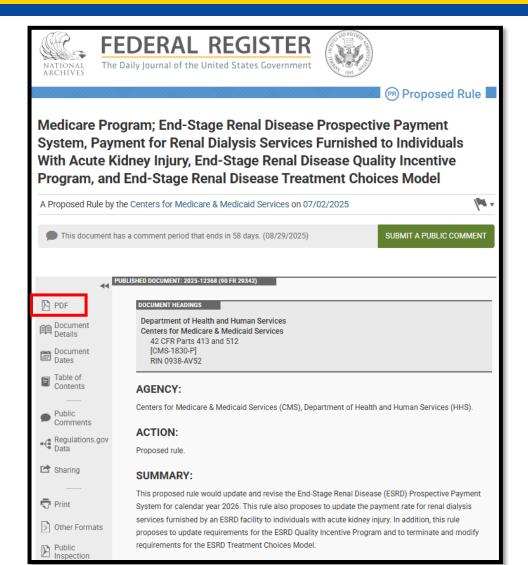
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The comment period is open until August 29, 2025

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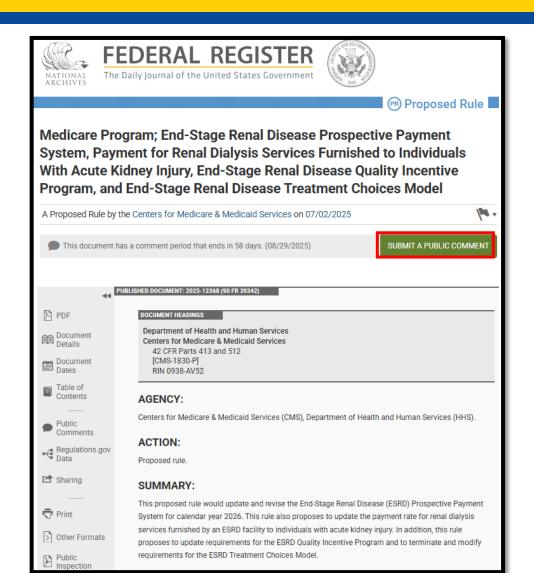
- Comments must be received by August 29, 2025.
- CMS encourages submission of electronic comments to <u>Regulations.gov.</u>
  - Comments may also be submitted by regular mail, express mail, or overnight mail to the <u>designated addresses provided</u>.

#### **Locating the Rule**



From the <u>Federal Register</u>, you can scroll down the page or select the PDF option.

#### **To Comment**



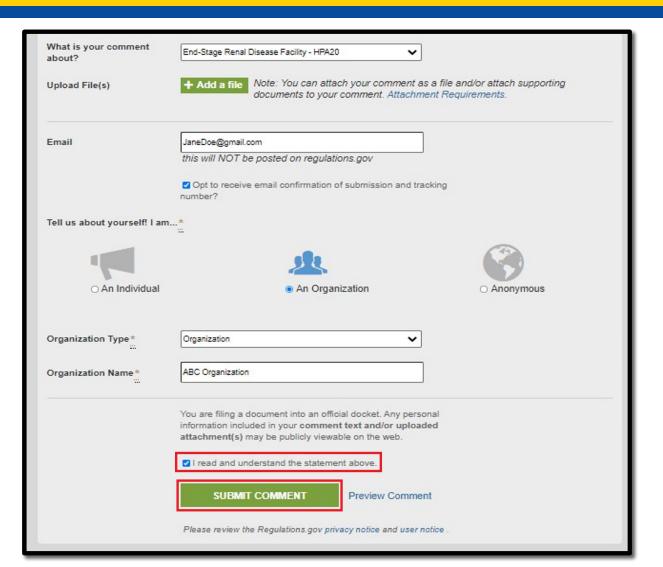
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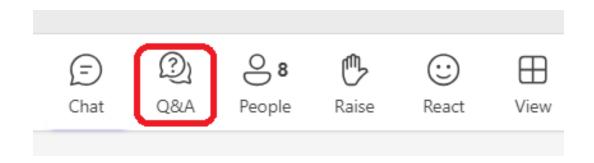
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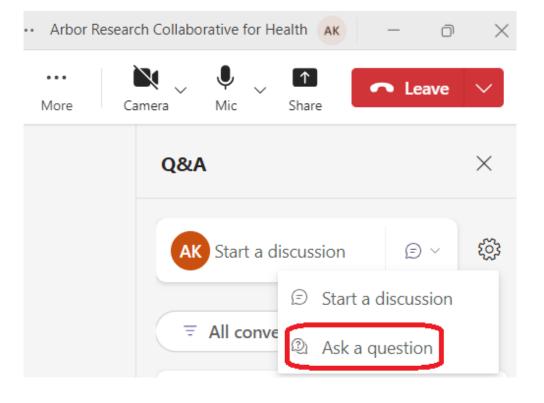
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## Resources

Resource	Location
General ESRD QIP Information	ESRD QIP Section on CMS.gov
ESRD QIP Measures	Technical Specifications on CMS.gov  ESRD QIP Measures on CMS.gov  ESRD QIP Measures on QualityNet
ESRD Public Reporting	<u>Dialysis Facility Compare</u>
ESRD Stakeholder Partners	Partners in ESRD Care
ESRD Proposed Rule	ESRD PPS Proposed Rule

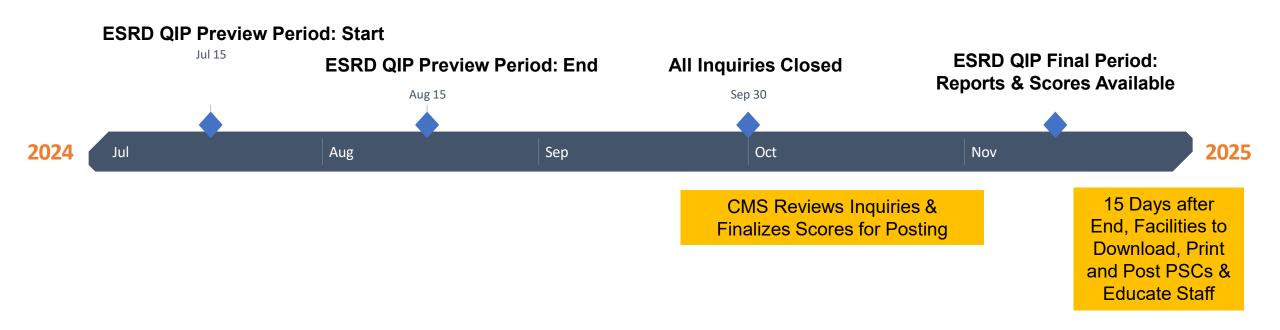
Contact us via the QualityNet Question & Answer (Q&A) Tool.



# Payment Year 2026 ESRD QIP Preview Period: Basics

#### When is the PY 2026 Preview Period?

The preview period started on July 15, 2025, and ends on August 15, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT.



## Why the PY 2026 Preview Period Matters

- Payments depend on scores reported during the Preview Period.
- Correcting inaccurate scores MUST occur during the Preview Period.
- Facilities that do not achieve the minimum TPS of 53 points will incur a payment reduction. Payment reduction categories are determined as follows:

Total Performance Score (TPS)	Payment Reduction
100-53 (Score meets or exceeds minimum TPS)	No reduction
52–43 (1 to 10 points below minimum TPS)	0.5%
42–33 (11 to 20 points below minimum TPS)	1.0%
32–23 (21 to 30 points below minimum TPS)	1.5%
22–0 (31 or more points below minimum TPS)	2.0%

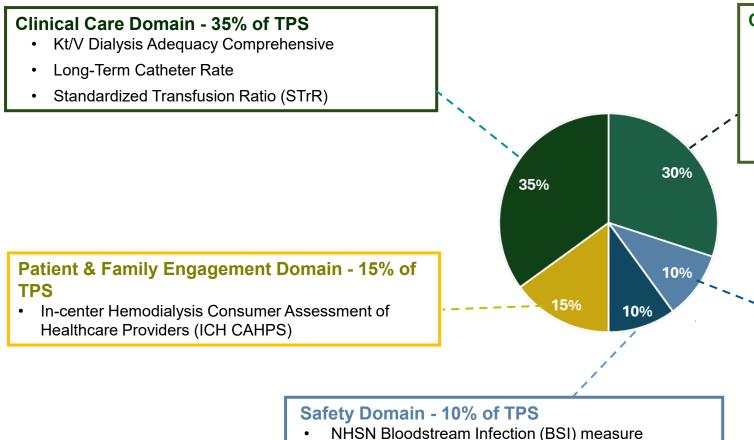


## PY 2026 Preview Period: What's New?

## **Measure Change Overview**

- The ESRD QIP scoring for PY 2026 includes the following changes from PY 2025:
  - Clinical Depression Screening and Follow-up was converted from a reporting measure to a clinical measure.
  - Standardized Fistula Rate clinical measure was removed.
  - Ultrafiltration Rate reporting measure was removed.
  - Facility Commitment to Health Equity reporting measure was added.
- For more details, refer to the calendar year (CY) 2024 ESRD Prospective Payment System (PPS) Final Rule posted to the <u>Federal Register</u> website.

### PY 2026 Performance Measures Overview



#### Care Coordination Domain - 30% of TPS

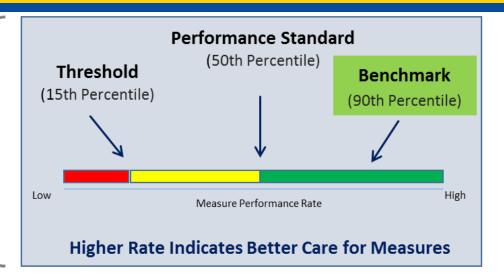
- Standardized Hospitalization Ratio (SHR) measure
- Standardized Readmission Ratio (SRR) measure
- Percentage of Prevalent Patients Waitlisted (PPPW) measure
- Clinical Depression Screening and Follow-up

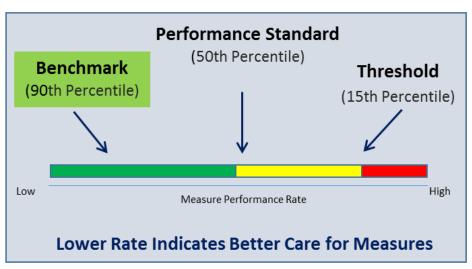
#### **Reporting Measure Domain - 10% of TPS**

- Hypercalcemia reporting measure
- NHSN Dialysis Event reporting measure
- Medication Reconciliation (MedRec) reporting measure
- COVID-19 Healthcare Personnel (HCP) vaccination reporting measure
- Facility Commitment to Health Equity

## **PY 2026 Clinical Measures: Directionality**

- Kt/V Dialysis Adequacy (Comprehensive)
- Clinical Depression Screening and Follow-up
- ICH CAHPS
- PPPW
- Long-Term Catheter Rate
- NHSN BSI
- STrR
- SRR
- SHR





## PY 2026 Preview Performance Score Report (PSR) Updates

- Your PY 2026 Preview PSR contains results and scores based on data submitted for each eligible PY 2026 measure.
- Per the CY 2024 ESRD PPS Final Rule:
  - The mTPS is 53 for PY 2026 to avoid an ESRD QIP penalty.
  - PY 2026 performance standards are calculated using CY 2022 data.

Additional information is available on the CMS.gov website in the PY 2026 Guide to the ESRD QIP Performance Score Report, coming to the Resources page of CMS.gov.

## **Preview Period Report Updates**

For additional details on PY 2026 ESRD QIP scoring policies, refer to the CY 2024 ESRD PPS Final Rule document on the Federal Register website.



End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program - Preview Performance Score Report

Payment Year: 2026 Facility: 012345



Report Run Date: 07/11/2025

**Clinical Care Domain** 

Improvement Period: 01/01/2023-12/31/2023
Performance Period: 01/01/2024-12/31/2024

Table 1 - Clinical Care Domain Measures and Measure Topics

Clinical Care Measures/Measure Topics	Improvement Period Numerator	Improvement Period Denominator	Improvement Period Rate/Ratio	Performance Period Numerator	Performance Period Denominator	Performance Period Rate/Ratio	Achievement Threshold	Benchmark	Improvement Score	Achievement Score	Measure Score	Measure Weight (% of Domain)
Standardized	-	•	No Rate	-		No Rate	48.29	8.86	No Score	No Score	No Score	0.00%
Transfusion Ratio	500	700	00.000/	444	404	07.000/	04.000/	00.400/		•	•	40.740/
Kt/V Comprehensive	506	526	96.20%	411	421	97.62%	94.33%	99.42%	4	0	0	48.71%
Long Term Catheter	66	542	12.18%	44	438	10.05%	18.35%	4.69%	2	6	6	51.29%

Eligible Clinical Care Measures/Measure Topics: 2 of 3 Weighted Clinical Care Domain Score: 60.000

#### Notes:

"N/A" indicates the value is not applicable to the measure/measure topic scoring calculation.

## Report Updates: Sample PSR



End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program - Preview Performance Score Report

Payment Year: 2026 Facility: 012345



Report Run Date: 06/16/2025

#### Preview Performance Score

Table 8 - Preview Performance Score Details

Category	Facility Score	State Average Score*	National Average Score*	Facility Measure Weights	Facility Weighted Score
	raciity score	State Average Score			
Total Performance Score Before Applicable Deductions+	53	58	54	N/A	N/A
Clinical Care Measure Domain (38.75%)	60.000	59.351	49.403	N/A	23.2500
Kt/V Comprehensive	6	7	6	48.71%	2.9226
Standardized Transfusion Ratio	No Score	6	6	0.00%	
Long Term Catheter Rate	6	5	3	51.29%	3.0774
Care Coordination Measure Domain (33.75%)	22.333	43.520	42.963	N/A	7.5375
Percentage of Prevalent Patients Waitlisted	0	2	4	20.56%	0.0000
Standardized Hospitalization Ratio	0	4	3	29.44%	0.0000
Standardized Readmission Ratio	2	5	5	29.44%	0.5888
Clinical Depression Screening and Follow Up	8	6	6	20.56%	1.6448
Patient And Family Engagement Domain (0.00%)	No Score	30.270	46.382	N/A	-
ICH CAHPS	No Score	3	5		-
Safety Domain (13.75%)	60.000	60.982	57.320	N/A	8.2500
NHSN Bloodstream Infection	6	6	6	100.00%	6.0000
Reporting Measure Domain (13.75%)	100.000	98.226	95.856	N/A	13.7500
Facility Commitment to Health Equity (FCHE) Reporting	10	10	10	20.00%	2.0000
Hypercalcemia Reporting	10	10	10	20.00%	2.0000
NHSN Dialysis Event Reporting	10	10	10	20.00%	2.0000
Medication Reconciliation Reporting	10	10	10	20.00%	2.0000
COVID-19 Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Vaccination Reporting	10	10	9	20.00%	2.0000

<sup>\*</sup> State and National Average Scores are unweighted

Minimum Total Performance Score: 53 points Extraordinary Circumstance Exception Approved:

+Total Performance Score Before Applicable Deductions: 53 points

Reduction for Noncompliance with CMS EQRS or NHSN Validation Studies: 0 points

Total Performance Score: 53 points
Total Payment Reduction: No Reduction

## Report Updates: Supplemental Reports

The following reports are also available in EQRS:

- PY 2026 Preview Patient List Report (PLR)
- PY 2026 Preview Performance Score Summary Report (PSSR); only available to Corporate POCs

## Report Updates: Preview Patient List Report (PLR)

#### **Contents**

- List of patients that were included in the measure calculation
  - Each patient identified by name,
     Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI),
     MBI History, and EQRS Patient ID
- Indication of which patients were included in the numerator and denominator

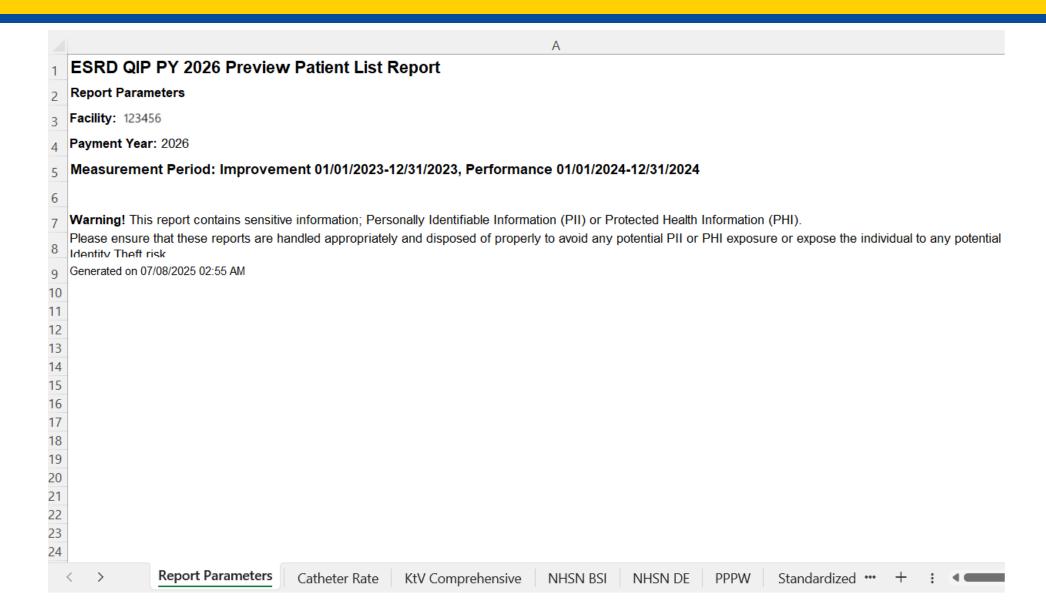
#### **Purpose**

- To better understand which data were used in the measure calculations
- To confirm that the data used in the measure calculations are correct

If the data in the report appear incorrect and not due to an error on the part of the facility:

Submit an inquiry with specific patient information for clarification/confirmation.
 The EQRS Patient ID is the only patient identifier that should be used in inquiries.

## Report Updates Sample PLR



## Report Updates: Sample PLR

А	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	I	J	K
Patient MBI	Patient ID	Patient First Name	Patient Last Name	MBI History	Measurement Period	Month Included in Denominator	Kt/V Value	Kt/V Date	Kt/V Modality as of Kt/V Reading Date	Included in Numerator?
xxxxx	xxxxxxxx	ABC	XYZ	-	Improvement	2019.9	1.7	09/06/2019	ICHD	Y
xxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	ABC	XYZ	-	Improvement	2019.9	1.7	09/06/2019	ICHD	Υ
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## Report Updates: PSSR

#### **Contents**

- Summarized view of TPS and measure scores for all selected facilities (Summary Measure Score and TPS tab)
- Measure specific results presented in separate tabs

#### **Purpose**

Can be used to view results for multiple facilities

**Note**: PSSRs are available to Corporate POCs, CMS, and CMS Support users.

## **Updated PY 2026 Preview Period Materials**

- ESRD QIP Preview Period supporting materials are available on MyCROWNWeb.org using the following link: <a href="https://mycrownweb.org/education/">https://mycrownweb.org/education/</a> and via the QualityNet website: <a href="https://qualitynet.cms.gov/esrd/esrdqip/resources#tab2">https://qualitynet.cms.gov/esrd/esrdqip/resources#tab2</a>
- 2026 supporting materials include the following:
  - PY 2026 Guide to the ESRD QIP Performance Score Reports
  - PY 2026 ESRD QIP User Interface (UI) Quick Start Guide

File Name	File Type	File Size	
PY 2025 Guide to the ESRD QIP Performance Score Reports (PSRs) (July 2024)	PDF	350 KB	Download
PY 2025 ESRD QIP User Interface Quick Start Guide (July 2024)	PDF	428 KB	Download



# What Every Facility or Organization Should Do in the PY 2026 ESRD QIP Preview Period

## The Three A's:

- 1. Access Your Results
- 2. Assess Your Reports
- 3. Ask Questions and Follow Up

## **Access Your Results**

## Accessing

Accessing the ESRD QIP User Interface

## Understanding

Understanding User Roles and Functionality

## Viewing

Viewing Scores and Feedback

#### **Establish a HARP Account**



- Complete the Healthcare Quality Information System Access Roles and Profile (HARP) account registration process, if needed.
- A single HARP account is needed to access multiple CMS applications.
- Register for a HARP account: <a href="https://harp.cms.gov/register/profile-info">https://harp.cms.gov/register/profile-info</a>
- Access HARP training materials: https://mycrownweb.org/harp-training/

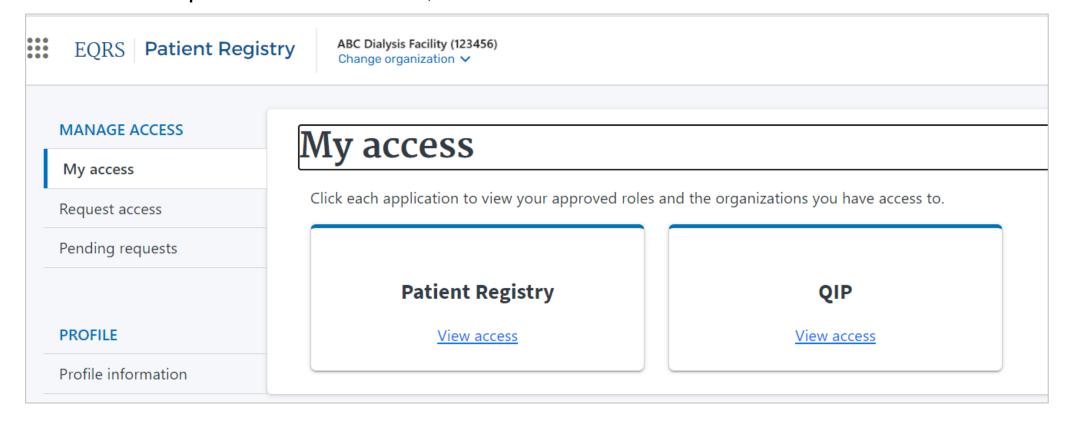
Note: In order to complete remote identity proofing, you will be asked 4 to 5 questions about past addresses, employers, and possibly loans.

Please note this is not a credit check.

## **Access EQRS**

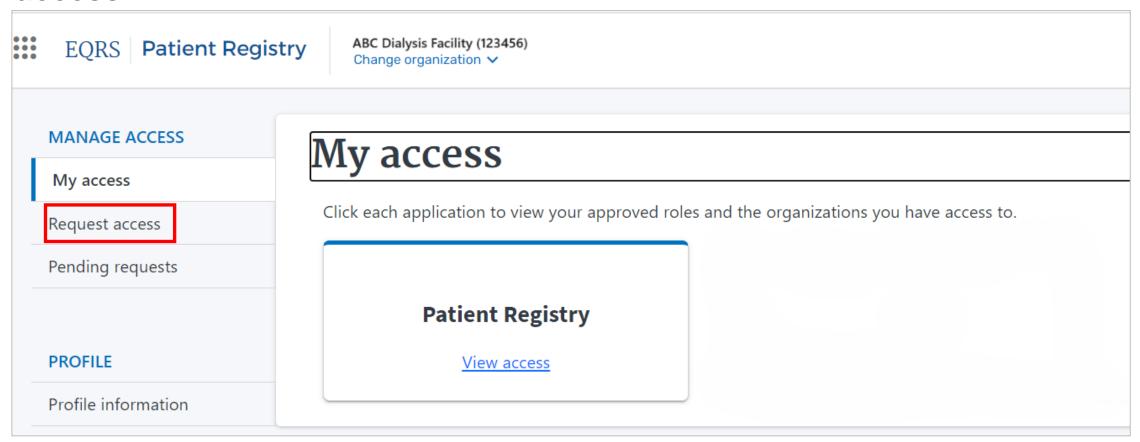
Log in to EQRS with HARP account at <a href="https://eqrs.cms.gov/globalapp/">https://eqrs.cms.gov/globalapp/</a>.

- Review the applications listed on the My Access screen in EQRS for QIP.
- Submit a request for QIP access, if needed.



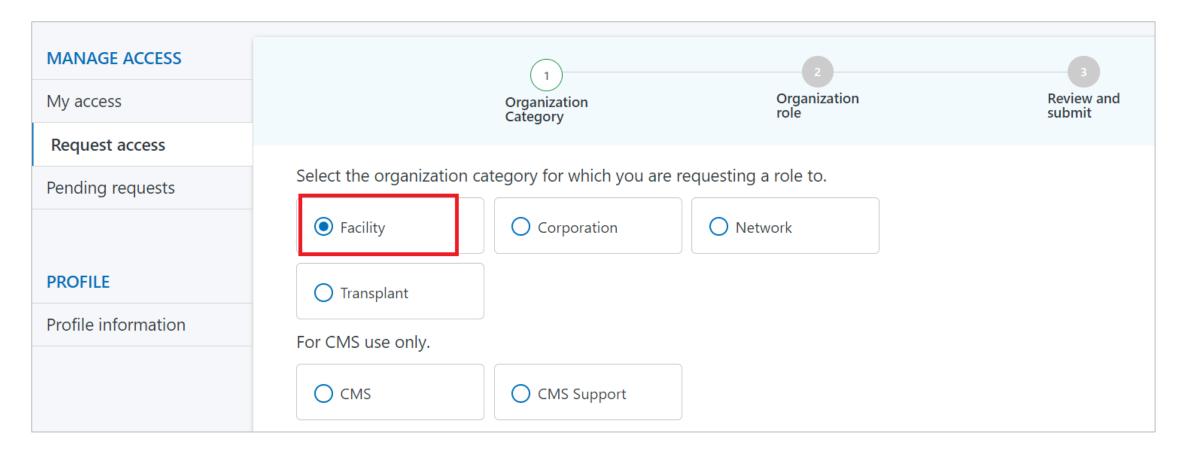
## Requesting ESRD QIP UI Role

Click on **Request Access** if you do not see the QIP application under **My** access.



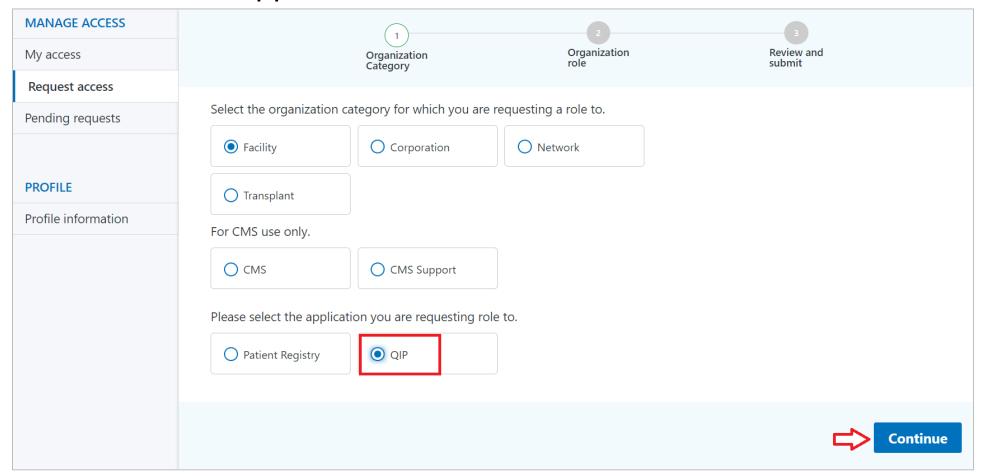
## **Select Organization**

Next, select the organization category for the role you would like to request.



## **Select Application**

#### Select the QIP application and click Continue.



## **ESRD QIP UI Facility Roles**

ESRD QIP Role	Scores and Feedback	Inquiries	Reports
<ul> <li>Facility Point of Contact (POC)</li> <li>A single user can be the Facility POC for multiple facilities.</li> <li>A facility may have multiple Facility POCs.</li> </ul>	View scores	View and submit inquiries	View and download reports: Patient List Report (PLR), Performance Score Report (PSR), Performance Score Certificate (PSC)
<ul><li>Facility Viewer</li><li>A facility may have multiple Facility Viewers.</li></ul>	View scores	View submitted inquiries	View and download reports (PSR and PSC only)

Note: These are facility-level roles. Additional roles are available for Corporate, Network, CMS, and CMS Support users.

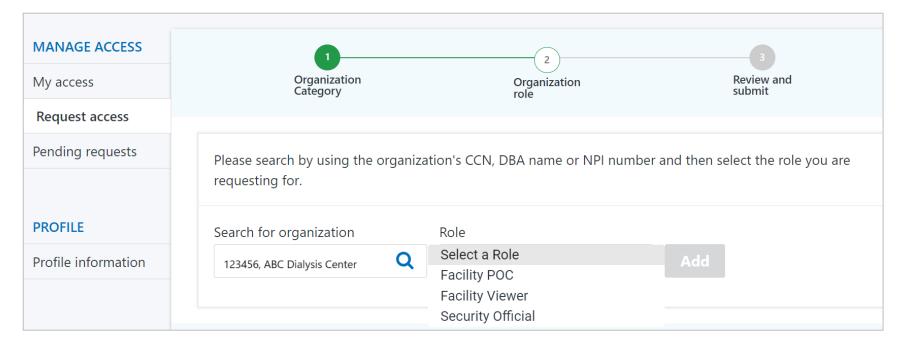
## **ESRD QIP UI Corporate Role**

ESRD QIP Role	Scores and Feedback	Inquiries	Reports
<ul> <li>Corporate POC</li> <li>An organization may have multiple Corporate POCs.</li> </ul>	View scores	View and submit inquiries	View and download all reports: PLR, PSR, PSC, and Performance Score Summary Report (PSSR)

Note: A Corporate-level role can view and access materials for all facilities owned by an organization.

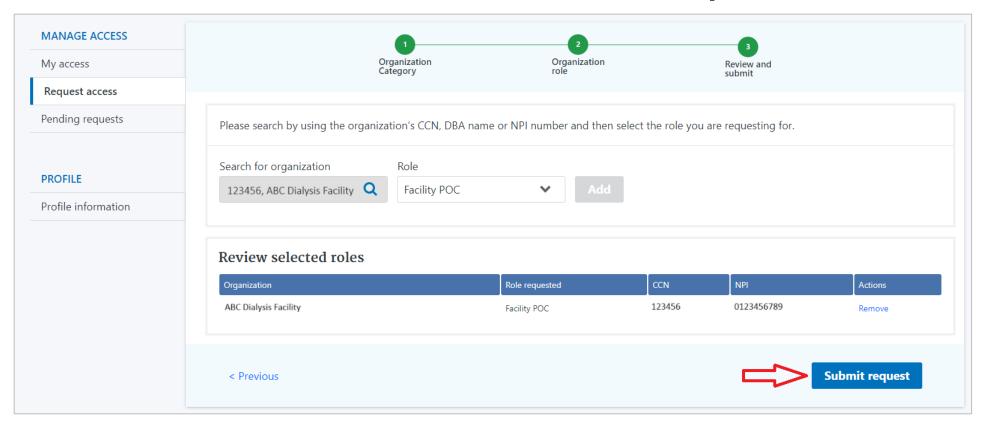
## Select Role

- Search for your organization by CCN or facility name in the box below.
- Select one of the three roles below under 'Select a Role.'
- Click Add.



## **Submit Request**

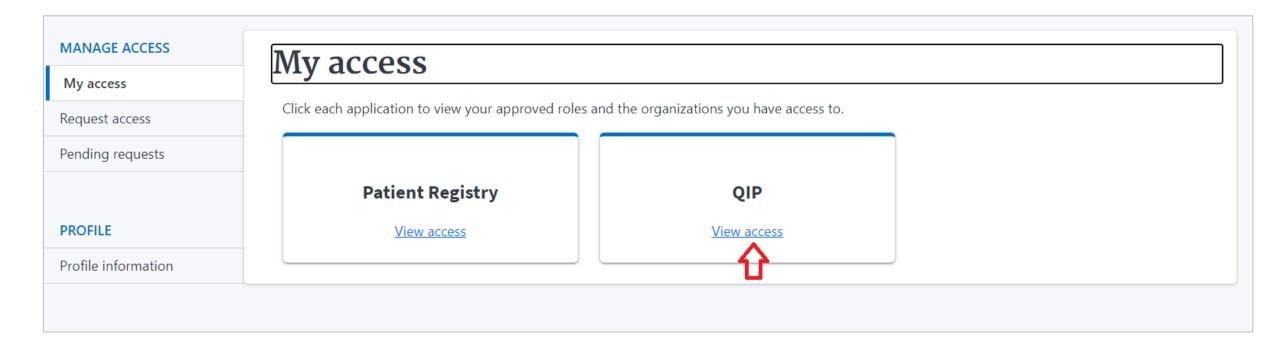
- Click Add to select role.
- Review the selected role and click **Submit Request**.



Note: Access stepby-step HARP account registration and EQRS role request instructions via <a href="https://mycrownweb.org/harp-training/">https://mycrownweb.org/harp-training/</a>.

## Accessing the ESRD QIP UI

Under the QIP application, select View access.



## **Accessing the QIP UI**

If you were previously signed in to the Patient Registry, you must first toggle to the QIP application by clicking the 9 dots in upper left-hand corner.

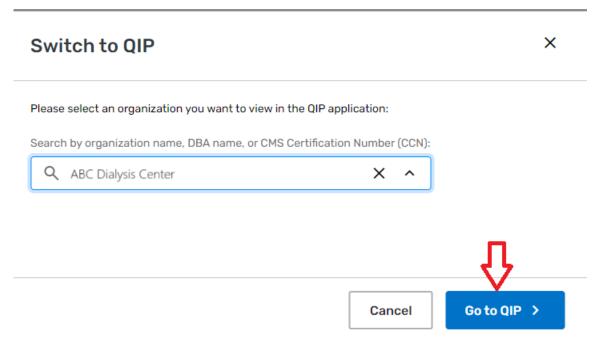


In the dropdown box, under CHOOSE APPLICATION: select **QIP**.



## **Accessing the QIP UI**

After selecting QIP, you will be prompted to start typing or click on the down arrow and select the CCN you wish to view. Once you select the CCN, select **Go to QIP**.



## Welcome to the ESRD QIP UI

The ESRD QIP UI is now viewable. Navigate to the desired tabs.

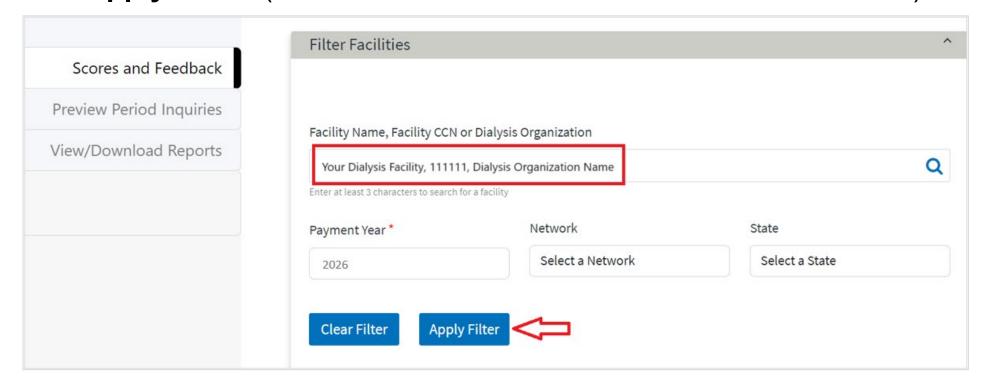


### Scores and Feedback Overview

- The Scores and Feedback screen provides users with the ability to view the following:
  - Total Performance Score (TPS)
  - Measures Summary (an overview of the measures that contribute to a TPS)
- The <u>Scores and Feedback</u> screen provides an overview of score details, including individual measure scores, TPS, and payment reduction percentage.
- Users can:
  - See results for facilities within their purview.
  - Set filters to help refine search results.
- Users with purview over multiple facilities can view the <u>Scores and Feedback</u> summary for one facility at a time.
- All ESRD QIP UI roles can view <u>Scores and Feedback</u>.

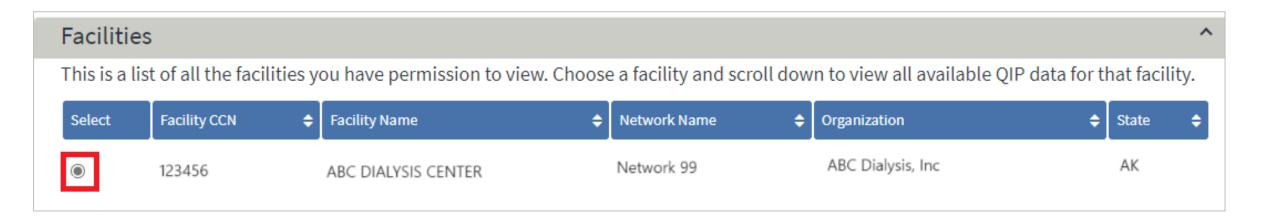
### **Using Filter Facilities Option**

- Users with access to multiple facilities can set filters to assist with search efforts.
  - Facilities within a user's purview are automatically displayed in the table of results.
- Enter Facility Name, Facility CMS Certification Number (CCN), or Dialysis Organization.
- Click Apply Filter. (Click Clear Filter to remove all filters and results.)



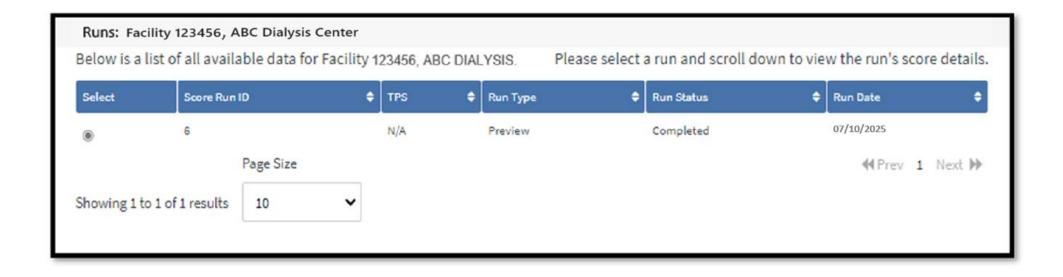
### **Select Facility**

- The ESRD QIP UI automatically displays a list of facilities within a facility-level user's purview.
- The Scores and Feedback screen displays score details for one facility at a time.
- Users can switch between facilities by clicking the radio button next to the facility information.



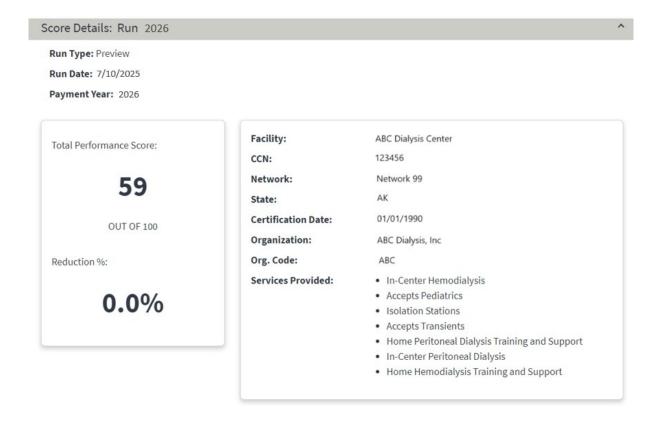
### **View Facility Run**

Review the information in the Runs section to ensure that you are accessing the most recent results, or results pertaining to the run you wish to review.



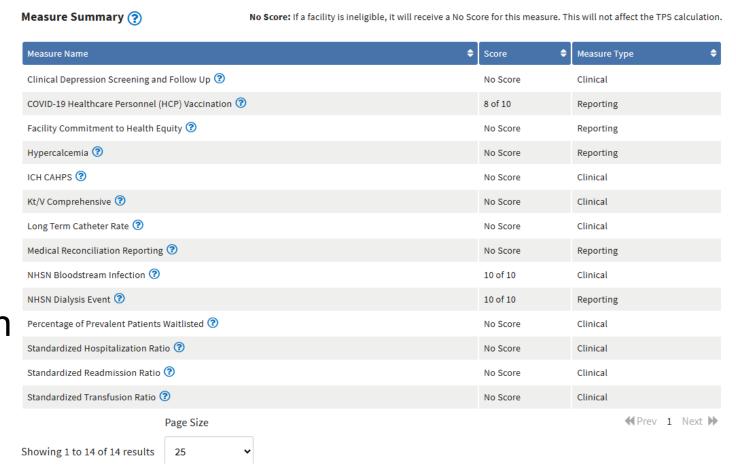
### **Review TPS**

Navigate to the Score Details section to view a synopsis of the TPS and Measure Summary.



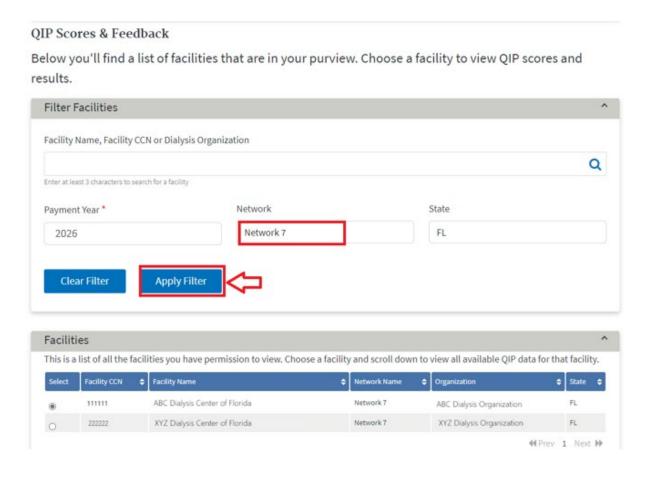
### **Review Measures Summary**

Navigate to the *Measure* Summary section for a synopsis of the measures and scores contributing to your facility's performance. Measure rates and/or numerators and denominators are provided in your PSR in the View/Download Reports section.



### Corporate Users: Scores and Feedback Screen

- The steps to access the Scores and Feedback screen are the same for all users.
- The <u>Filter Facilities</u> section is automatically expanded for corporate-level users.
- Enter a search criteria to display data in the <u>Facilities</u> section.

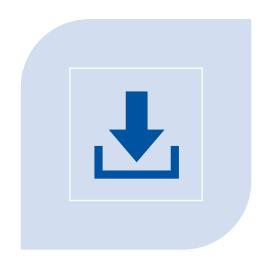


### Scores and Feedback Summary

- The Scores and Feedback screen provides an overview of the following:
  - TPS
  - Measures Summary
- To access:
  - 1. Log in to EQRS with HARP account via <a href="https://eqrs.cms.gov/globalapp/">https://eqrs.cms.gov/globalapp/</a>.
  - 2. Click on QIP Scores.
  - 3. Select Facility, if needed.
  - 4. Review TPS and Measures Summary.
- All ESRD QIP UI roles can view Scores and Feedback.

### **Assess Your Reports**





**REPORTS DESCRIPTION** 

VIEWING/DOWNLOADING REPORTS

### View/Download Reports Overview

- The View/Download screen provides users with the ability to view and download the following reports (based on role and availability):
  - PSR
  - PLR
  - PSSR (available for Corporate POCs, CMS and CMS Support users)
  - PSC (available after the preview period)
- All ESRD QIP roles can view and download reports (based on availability).
- To obtain reports not listed in the ESRD QIP UI, contact the CCSQ Service Center at:
  - https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/ccsq\_support\_central.

### **Reports Description**

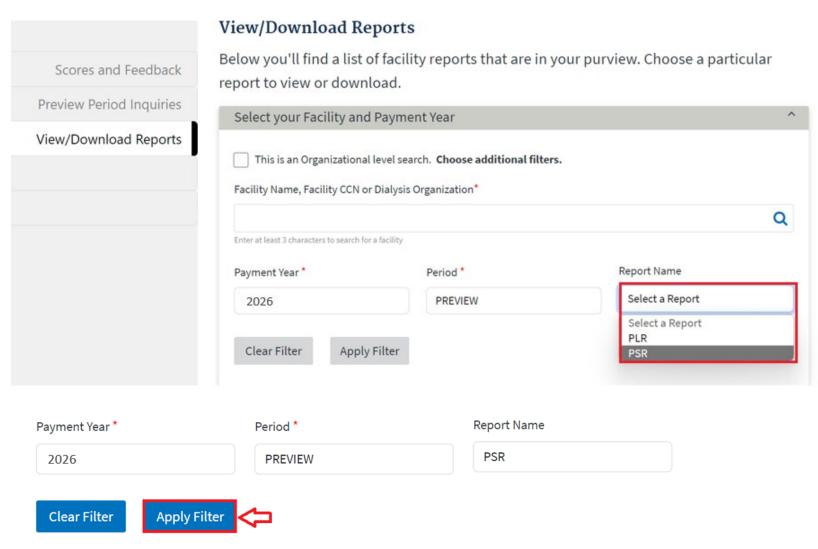
Report	Report Description
PSR	Includes facility CCN, achievement and improvement scores for each clinical measure, scores for each reporting measure, adjusted performance rates or ratios for clinical measures, performance standards applied, state average and national average measure scores, TPS, text indicating ECE months applied (if applicable), and payment reduction percentage.
PLR	Lists all patients whose data is used to calculate a facility's ESRD QIP measure rates, and details associated with these patients, including information on whether the patient or patient-month was used in the numerator calculation, and whether the data were used in the improvement or achievement period.

### **Reports Description**

Report Name	Report Description
PSSR	This Excel workbook includes a summary measure score tab displaying facility name and CCN, certification date, facility ownership information, individual measure scores, facility TPS, national average TPS, and payment reduction percentage. Additionally, individual measure tabs display measure level details such as achievement, improvement and overall measure scores, national average measure score, unadjusted and adjusted performance rate, national median rate, and number of eligible cases.
PSC	Contains the facility's name, address, CCN, and the TPS for the given PY and how it compares to the national average TPS. There is an English and Spanish version for each facility. This is only available during the Final period.

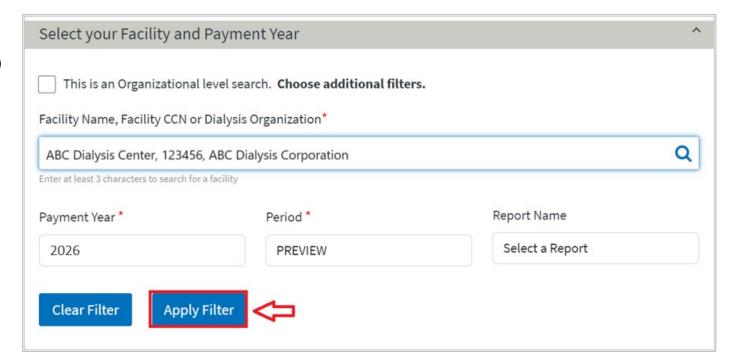
### **Click View/Download Reports**

- Click on View/Download Reports.
- Enter your Facility name, CCN, or organization.
- Select a Report Name.
- Click Apply Filter.



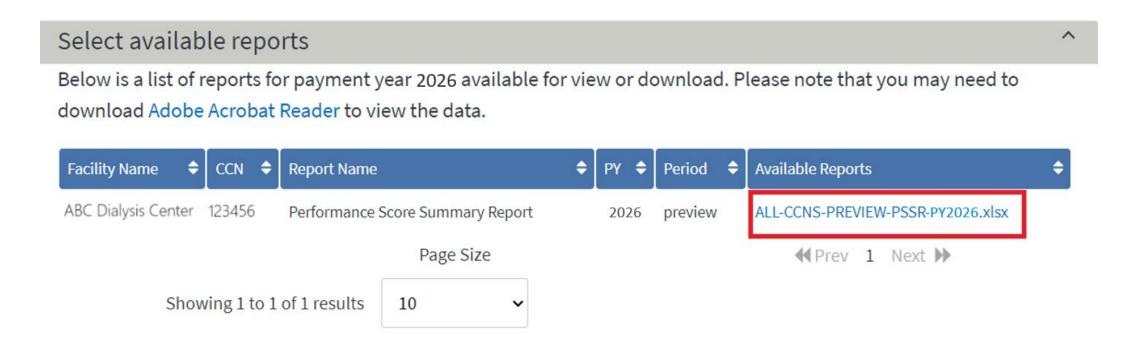
### **Select Facility and Payment Year**

- Users who have access to multiple facilities can set filters to assist with search efforts.
- Enter Facility Name, Facility
   CCN or Dialysis Organization.
- Select a report name and click on Apply Filter.



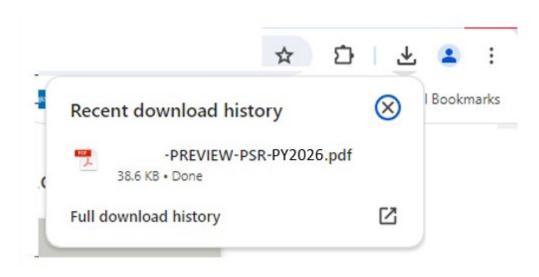
### Select Available Reports

Click the hyperlink of the report you would like to view to download the file.



### **Report Downloads**

You can see the downloaded report at the top of your browser. Click on the downloaded report or desired action to open or save the file.



### **Review Preview Period Reports**

For additional details on PY 2026 ESRD QIP scoring policies, refer to the CY 2024 ESRD PPS Final Rule documents, published in the <u>Federal Register</u>.



End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program - Preview Performance Score Report Payment Year: 2026

Facility: 012345



Report Run Date: 07/11/2025

**Clinical Care Domain** 

Improvement Period: 01/01/2023-12/31/2023 Performance Period: 01/01/2024-12/31/2024

Table 1 - Clinical Care Domain Measures and Measure Topics

Clinical Care Measures/Measure Topics	Improvement Period Numerator	Improvement Period Denominator	Improvement Period Rate/Ratio	Performance Period Numerator	Performance Period Denominator	Performance Period Rate/Ratio	Achievement Threshold	Benchmark	Improvement Score	Achievement Score	Measure Score	Measure Weight (% of Domain)
Standardized	•		No Rate	-		No Rate	48.29	8.86	No Score	No Score	No Score	0.00%
Transfusion Ratio												
Kt/V Comprehensive	506	526	96.20%	411	421	97.62%	94.33%	99.42%	4	6	6	48.71%
Long Term Catheter	66	542	12.18%	44	438	10.05%	18.35%	4.69%	2	6	6	51.29%

Eligible Clinical Care Measures/Measure Topics: 2 of 3 Weighted Clinical Care Domain Score: 60.000

#### Notes:

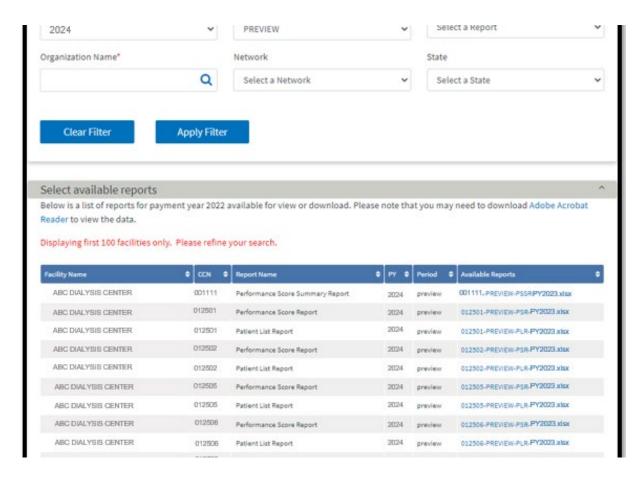
"N/A" indicates the value is not applicable to the measure/measure topic scoring calculation.

### Corporate Users: Reports Screen

- The steps to access the <u>View/Download Reports</u> screen are the same for all users.
- The <u>Select your Facility and Payment Year</u> section is automatically expanded for corporate-level users.
- Enter facility details to display reports for a single facility.
- Select: "This is an organizational-level search." This displays reports for multiple facilities and reveals additional filters to focus the search on a particular state, Network, report type, or a combination of the three.

### **Corporate Users: Reports Search**

#### **Single Facility**



#### **Organizational-Level**

Single facility search.

Select your Facility and	Payment Year						
This is an Organizational			filters.				
Payment Year *		Period *			Report Name		
2024	~	PREVIEW			Select a Report		
Clear Filter	Apply Filter						
Select available reports							
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### View/Download Reports Summary

The <u>View/Download Reports</u> screen displays reports based on user roles and availability. To access:

- Log in to EQRS with the HARP account via <a href="https://eqrs.cms.gov/globalapp/">https://eqrs.cms.gov/globalapp/</a>.
- 2. Click on QIP Scores.
- 3. Click on View/Download Reports.
- 4. Select Facility, if needed.
- 5. Select available reports.
- 6. View or download selected reports.

# Ask Questions and Follow-Up: How to Submit, Save, and Reply to Inquiries

Inquiry Process Overview and Recommendations

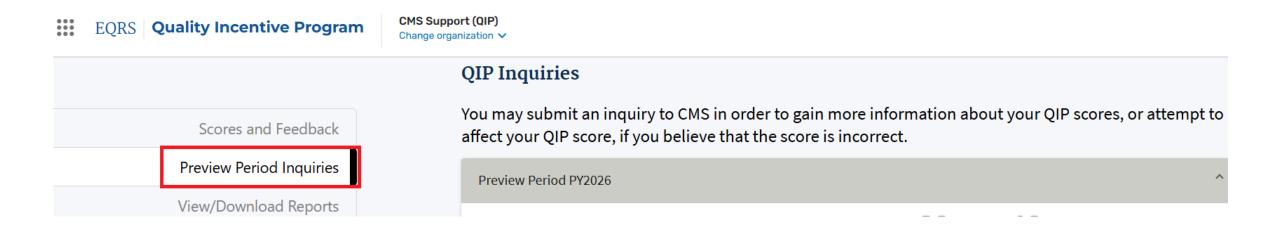
**Submitting Inquiries** 

Checking the Status of Inquiries

**Inquiries Summary** 

### **Inquiries Overview**

- The <u>Preview Period Inquiries</u> section allows users to submit inquiries during the 30-day preview period regarding your facility's QIP scores.
- Users may submit and reply to as many inquiries as necessary during the preview period.



### Inquiries Overview (cont.)

- Inquiries are submitted by Facility and Corporate POCs. Other users can view submitted inquiries based on their role:
  - Facility-level users: View inquiries submitted for a facility within their purview.
  - Corporate-level users: View inquiries submitted for all facilities within an organization.
- Facility and Corporate POCs can draft and save inquiries, but saved inquiries are not viewed by other users and are not "Submitted."
- Users will receive an email notification once an inquiry has been updated; however, users are encouraged to check on the inquiry's status in the QIP UI.

### Inquiries Overview (cont.)

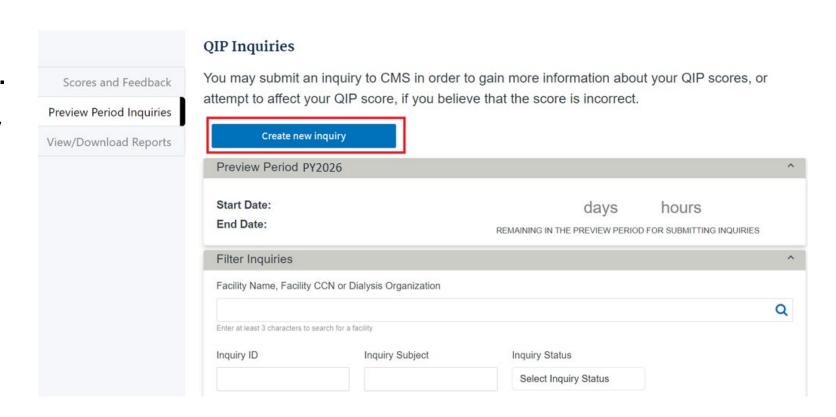
- Inquiries are submitted through an email-like form in the ESRD QIP UI that includes the following fields:
  - From
  - CC
  - Subject (50 characters maximum)
  - Message (25,000 characters maximum)
  - File attachment (10 megabytes maximum per message)
- Use the ESRD QIP UI to submit and reply to preview period inquiries.
  - Responses to inquiries can be submitted after the close of the preview period.
- The "New Inquiry" submission feature will be disabled once the preview period ends.

### **Inquiry Submission Recommendations**

- Research and submit inquiries as soon as possible to provide enough time for necessary communications.
- Include as much information as possible and add the following:
  - CCN(s) of the facility/facilities that are believed to be impacted.
  - When applicable, evidence of organizational-level issue or error being reported.
  - Indication of which records and why if questioning the use of specific data.
    - Use the EQRS ID included in the PLR when referring to specific patients.
  - Attachments (optional).
- Direct questions about NHSN data to the NHSN Help Desk at (877) 681-2901 or <a href="mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov">nhsn@cdc.gov</a>.

### **Click Preview Period Inquiries**

- Navigate to Preview Period Inquiries in QIP UI.
- Click Create new inquiry to submit an inquiry during preview period.



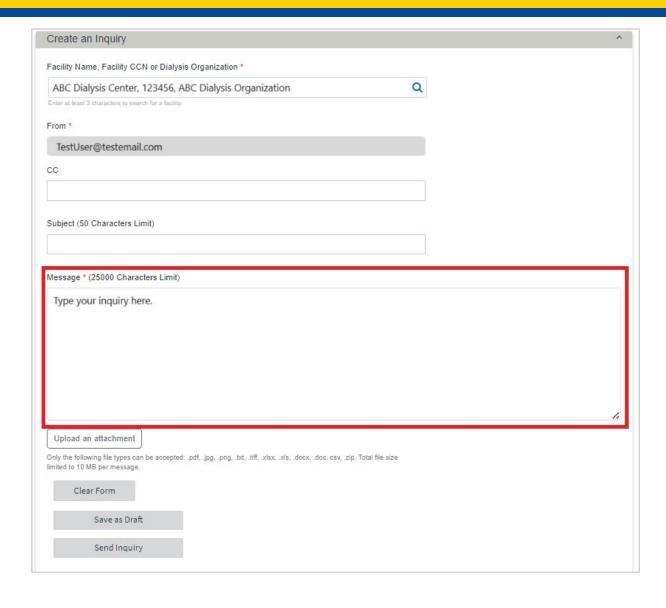
NOTE: Start date, end date, and days and hours remaining will be displayed once preview period begins.

### **Enter Message**

## Enter message under <u>Create an Inquiry</u>.

- Locate a facility in your purview.
- From field is pre-populated and cannot be changed.
- CC field is optional.
- Subject field is optional but recommended.
- Message field is mandatory.

Note: Do not enter PHI/PII in subject line or message.



### **Attach Supporting Documents**

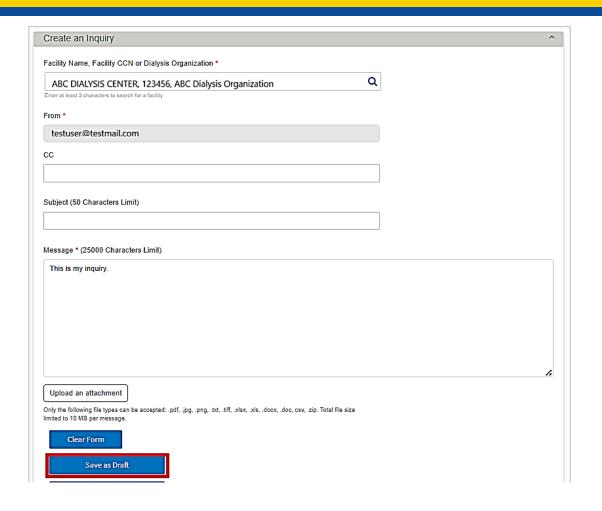
If you would like to attach supporting documentation with your inquiry, select **Upload an attachment**.

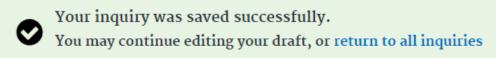
- Browse for the desired file(s).
- Click Open to attach the file(s).



### Save Inquiry as Draft

- After starting an inquiry, click Save As Draft.
- The QIP UI prepopulates fields with saved data when the EQRS user returns to submit saved inquiries.
- Once you have saved your draft, you will receive confirmation, and you may continue to edit your draft or navigate back to your inquiry screen.

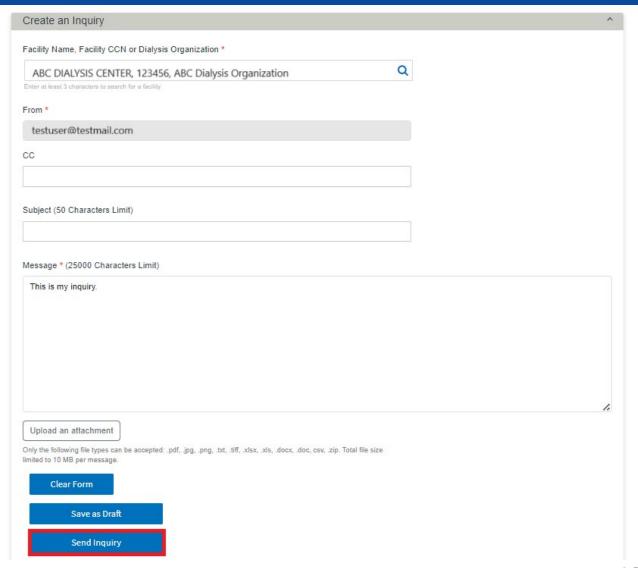




### **Click Send Inquiry**

Click on **Send inquiry** to submit your inquiry to CMS.

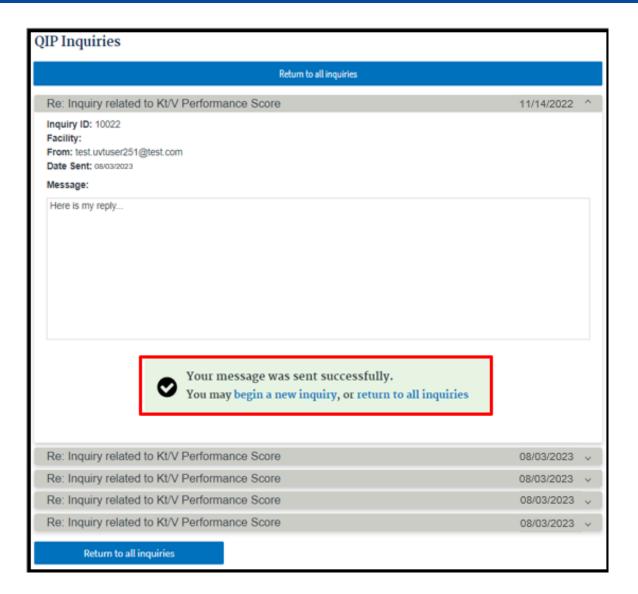
- Message field and Upload an Attachment option are enabled.
- The latest message in the thread displays at the top.
- Inquiry ID, Facility, From, and Date Sent fields and previously sent messages are not editable.



### **Thread Reply Sent Successfully**

Once inquiry is submitted, system will display a message indicating your inquiry was sent successfully.

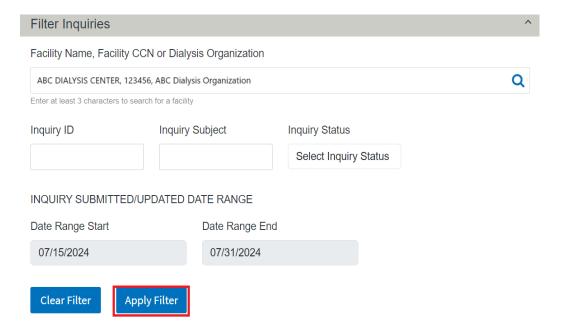
**REMINDER**: Please check on an inquiry's status in the ESRD QIP UI until the inquiry is Closed.



### Inquiries Screen: Filters

If you have submitted one or more inquiries, you may filter your inquiries by Inquiry ID, Inquiry Subject, Inquiry Status, or Date.

Filter by date by entering start and end date of inquiry submitted or updated date:



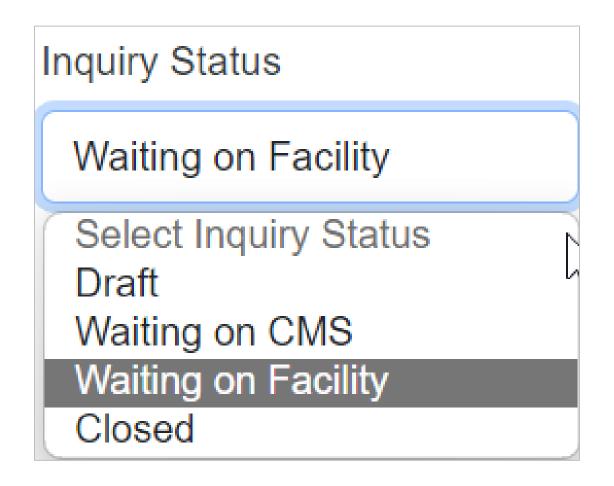
Filter by inquiry status by *Inquiry Status* selecting an option from the dropdown box:

Filter Inquiries									
Facility Name, Facility CCN or Dialysis Organization									
Enter at least 3 characters to search	n for a facility								
Inquiry ID	Inquiry Sul	bject	Inquiry Status						
			Waiting on Facility						
INQUIRY SUBMITTED/UPDATED DATE RANGE									
Date Range Start		Date Range End							
MM/DD/YYYY		MM/DD/YYYY							
Clear Filter	Apply Filter								

### Inquiries Screen: Inquiry Status

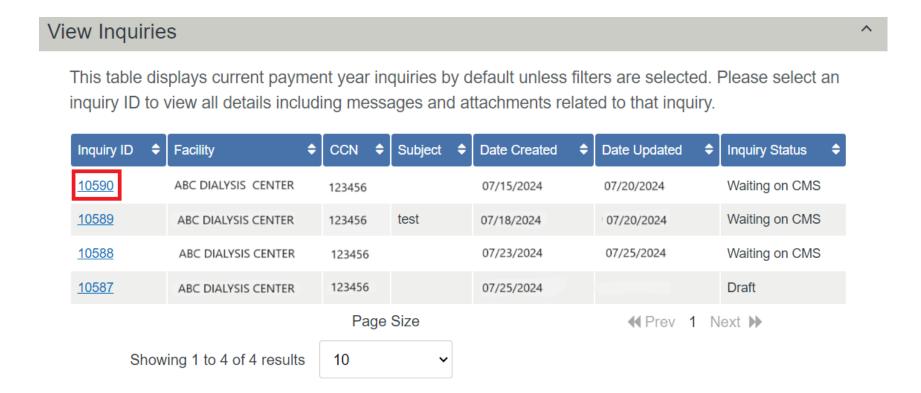
Inquiry Status options you may filter include:

- Draft: Inquiry has not been submitted.
- Waiting on CMS: Facility has submitted an inquiry or sent a follow-up response and is waiting for CMS to respond.
- Waiting on Facility: CMS has responded and is waiting for facility to review and/or provide supporting documentation.
- Closed: CMS has responded to the inquiry and closed the ticket.



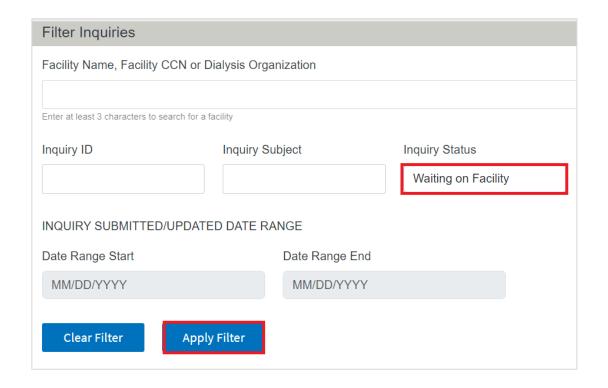
### Inquiries Screen: Filter Results

- Filtered results can be sorted by clicking the arrows next to the column header.
- Click on Inquiry ID number to view the inquiry thread.



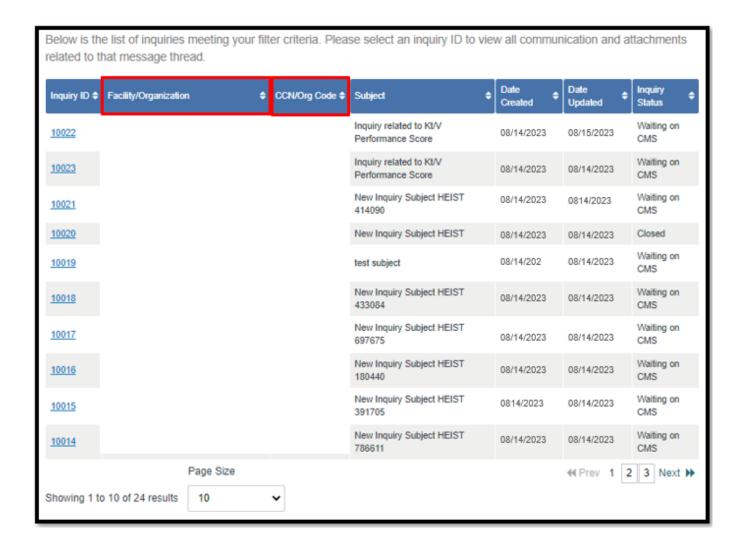
### Corporate Users: Inquiries Screens

- The steps to access the <u>Preview</u> <u>Period Inquiries</u> screen are the same for all users.
- The <u>Filter Inquiries</u> section is automatically expanded for corporate-level users.
- Click on Create new inquiry or enter a search criteria to display previously submitted inquiries.



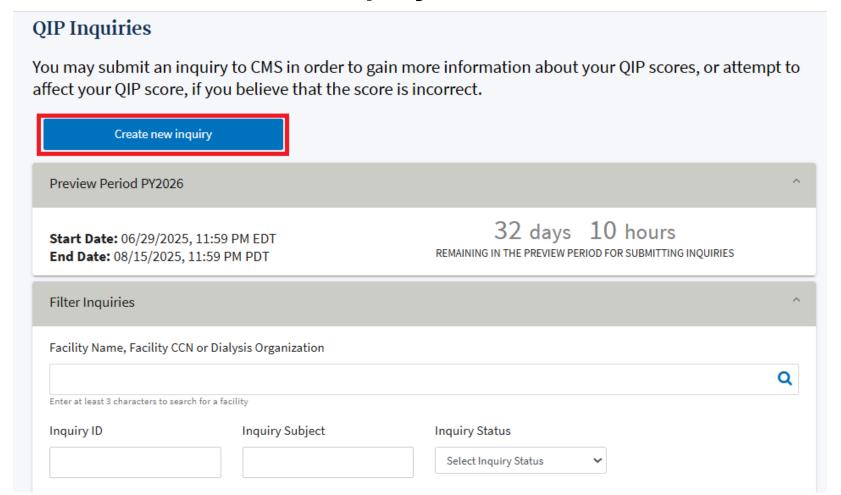
### **Corporate Users: Previously Submitted Inquiries**

 Corporate Facility and Corporate POCs can view both organizationlevel inquiries for their organization and facilitylevel inquiries under their purview.



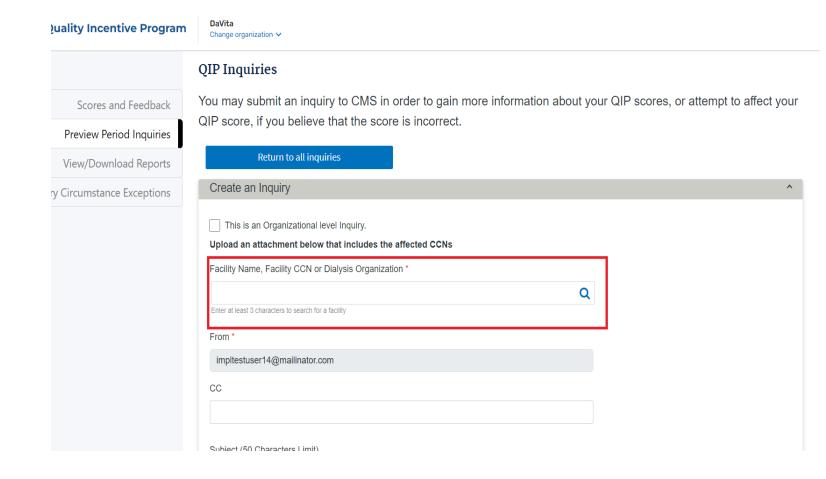
## **Corporate Users: Create New Inquiry**

#### Click on Create new inquiry.



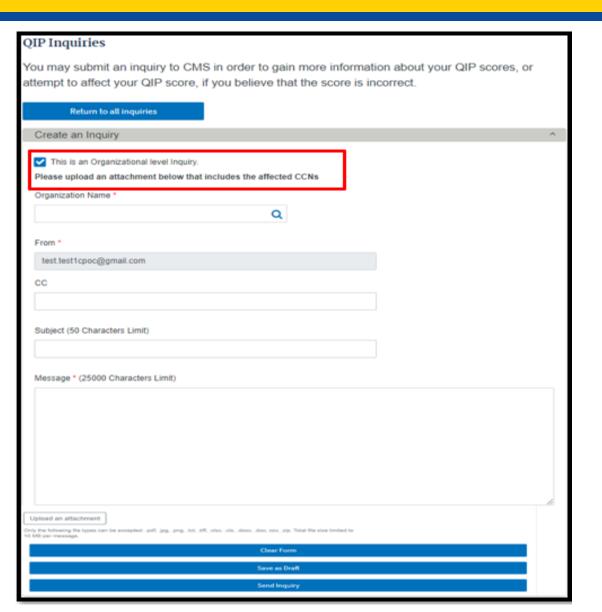
## **Corporate Users: Facility-Level Inquiries**

If the inquiry is for a single facility, <u>do not</u> click on "This is an organizational-level inquiry." Instead, use the Facility selection contextual search box.



#### **Corporate Users: Organizational-Level Inquiries**

If the inquiry is an organizational-level inquiry, click the box next to: "This is an organizational-level inquiry." This will hide the Facility selection contextual search box.



### **Corporate Users: Inquiries**

- The remaining steps for attaching files, submitting an inquiry, or saving a draft inquiry are the same as for a Facility POC.
- Replying to a message thread is similar to the process for a Facility POC except when selecting an organizational inquiry, which uses the organization name instead of the facility name.

# **Inquiries Summary**

- POCs may submit and/or reply to as many inquiries as necessary during the preview period.
- The QIP UI features one inquiry type. To access:
  - 1. Log in to EQRS with the HARP account via <a href="https://eqrs.cms.gov/globalapp/">https://eqrs.cms.gov/globalapp/</a>.
  - 2. Click on QIP.
  - 3. Click on **Preview Period Inquiries**.
  - 4. Click on Create New Inquiry or review previously submitted inquiries.
- Facility and Corporate POCs submit inquiries.
- Previously submitted inquires are viewable in the ESRD QIP UI.

### **Trouble Accessing ESRD QIP Reports?**

# Having technical issues with accessing your reports in EQRS?

Contact the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) Service Center Monday–Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET:

- Phone: (866) 288-8912
- Email: <u>qnetsupport-esrd@cms.hhs.gov</u>
- CCSQ Support Central: <u>https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/ccsq\_support\_central</u>



#### **Post Preview Period Activities:**

- Finalizing ESRD QIP Scores
- Posting Performance Score Certificates
- Preparing for Upcoming Deadlines

#### Finalizing ESRD QIP Scores

CMS will review any outstanding inquiries, then finalize facility PSRs.

- PSRs will outline your facility's information.
- PSRs will be posted for download via the ESRD QIP UI.
- Once issued as final, a PSR cannot be changed.



In late 2025, each facility's PSC is scheduled to be available for download via the ESRD QIP UI.



In late 2025, final measure scores and payment reductions will be made available to facilities confidentially via PSRs.

# **Posting Performance Score Certificates**

- It is the facility's responsibility to print and display its PSC when it becomes available. The PSC must be:
  - Posted within 15 business days of its availability via the ESRD QIP
     UI and remain posted throughout the year until the next payment year
     PSC is available.
  - Displayed in a prominent patient area.
  - Posted in English and Spanish.
- Your patients may have questions about the certificate.
  - CMS recommends that you educate your staff about the posted certificate so that they can answer patient questions.

# Recap: Facility Responsibilities

- Establish a HARP account, if needed.
- Update your EQRS role to access the ESRD QIP UI.
- Access ESRD QIP resources via <a href="https://qualitynet.cms.gov/esrd/esrdqip">https://qualitynet.cms.gov/esrd/esrdqip</a>.
- Access your facility's Preview PSR starting on July 15, 2025.
- Submit inquires before the preview period's scheduled end date of August 15, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT.
- Download, print, and post your English and Spanish PSCs within 15 business days of their availability via the ESRD QIP UI.
- Educate your staff about the ESRD QIP so that they can answer patient questions about the publicly posted certificate.



# Upcoming EQRS and NHSN Deadlines

#### **ESRD QIP Reporting Deadlines and Information**

- Clinical Data Submission Deadlines
- Clinical Depression Screening Deadlines
- ICH CAHPS Attestation Submission Deadline
- EQRS Additional Information
- NHSN Data Submission Deadlines
- NHSN Additional Information

#### **EQRS Clinical Data Submission Deadlines**

Data Submission Schedule for 2025 EQRS Clinical Data		
Reporting Month	Data Submission Deadline	
April 2025	June 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT	
May 2025	July 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT	
June 2025	September 2, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT	
July 2025	September 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT	
August 2025	October 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT	
September 2025	December 1, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT	
October 2025	December 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT	
November 2025	February 2, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. PT	
December 2025	March 2, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. PT	

**Note**: For additional information on the ESRD QIP measures, refer to the Calendar Year 2025 ESRD Technical Measure Specifications.

# **EQRS Clinical Depression Screening and Follow-Up Submission Deadline**

EQRS Submission Schedule for 2025 Clinical Depression Screening and Follow-Up Assessments			
Assessment Period	Data Submission Deadline		
January 1 – December 31, 2025	March 2, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. PT		

**Note**: For additional information on the Depression Screening and Follow Up measure, refer to the Calendar Year 2025 ESRD Technical Measure Specifications.

#### ICH CAHPS Attestation Submission Deadline

EQRS Submission Schedule for 2025 In-Center Hemodialysis Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (ICH CAHPS) Attestation		
Attestation Year	Data Submission Deadline	
January 1 – December 31, 2025	March 2, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. PT	

**Note**: For additional information on the ICH CAHPS Survey measure, refer to the Calendar Year 2025 ESRD Technical Measure Specifications.

#### **EQRS Data Reporting: Additional Information**

EQRS data submission deadlines are listed on <a href="MyCROWNWeb.org">MyCROWNWeb.org</a>:

https://mycrownweb.org/education/eqrs-submission-deadlines-for-cy-2025-data/

Additional information on EQRS data reporting requirements is available on <a href="MyCROWNWeb.org">MyCROWNWeb.org</a>:

- EQRS Data Submission Stopwatch
- EQRS Data Management Guidelines
- ESRD QIP Successful Reporting Guide

#### NHSN ESRD Data Submission Deadlines

# Data Submission Schedule for 2025 NHSN ESRD Data: Dialysis Events, Bloodstream Infections, and COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel

Quarter	2025 Reporting Months	Data Submission Deadline
1	January-March	June 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT
2	April-June	September 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT
3	July-September	December 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT
4	October-December	March 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. PT

Facilities must submit NHSN data by the established deadlines. Not meeting the required reporting deadlines puts your facility at risk for an ESRD QIP payment reduction.

Note: For additional information on the NHSN measures, refer to the Calendar Year 2025 ESRD Technical Measure Specifications.

#### **NHSN Deadlines: Additional Information**

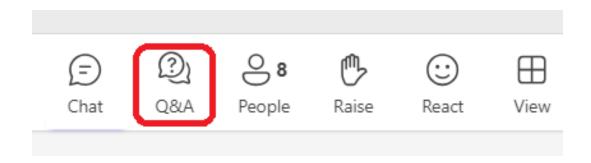
NHSN data submission deadlines are listed on <a href="MyCROWNWeb.org">MyCROWNWeb.org</a>: NHSN Deadlines for CY 2025 Data

For questions about NHSN, contact the NHSN Help Desk:

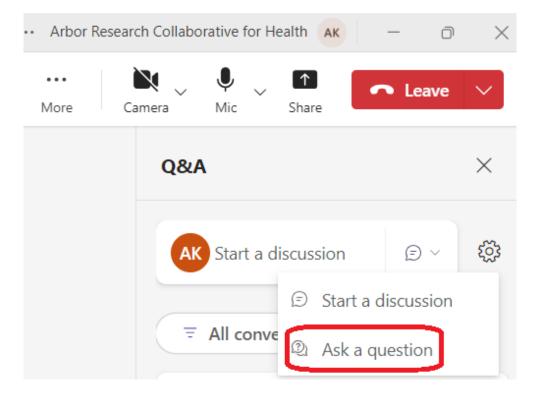
- Email: NHSN@CDC.gov
- NHSN-ServiceNow Customer Service Portal

#### **Live Questions & Answers**

Click on Q&A at top of your screen to submit a question.



- Under Q&A, select Ask a question.
- Type your question in box on right hand side of your screen.



#### Online EQRS & QIP Resources

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Resource	URL
CMS.gov: ESRD QIP Section	www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment- Instruments/ESRDQIP/index.html
CMS ESRD Measures Manual	https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/ESRDQIP/06 MeasuringQuality
Technical Specifications for ESRD QIP Measures	https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/ESRDQIP/061_TechnicalSpecifications
QualityNet.cms.gov: ESRD QIP Section	https://qualitynet.cms.gov/esrd/esrdqip
Extraordinary Circumstances Exceptions Policy	https://qualitynet.cms.gov/esrd/esrdqip/participation#tab5
Guide to the Performance Score Report and ESRD QIP UI Guide	https://qualitynet.cms.gov/esrd/esrdqip/reports
HARP Account Registration and EQRS Role Request Training	https://mycrownweb.org/harp-training/
Care Compare	https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/
ESRD National Coordinating Center	esrdncc.org
Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008	www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-110publ275/pdf/PLAW-110publ275.pdf
MyCrownWeb.org	http://www.MyCROWNWeb.org
ESRD Network Directory	https://esrdncc.org/en/ESRD-network-map/
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#### Online PY 2026 Preview Period Resources

- ESRD QIP Preview Period supporting materials are available on MyCROWNWeb.org using the following link: <a href="https://mycrownweb.org/education/">https://mycrownweb.org/education/</a> and via the QualityNet website: <a href="https://qualitynet.cms.gov/esrd/esrdqip/resources#tab2">https://qualitynet.cms.gov/esrd/esrdqip/resources#tab2</a>
- 2026 supporting materials include the following:
  - PY 2026 Guide to the ESRD QIP Performance Score Reports
  - PY 2026 ESRD QIP User Interface (UI) Quick Start Guide

File Name	File Type	File Size	
PY 2025 Guide to the ESRD QIP Performance Score Reports (PSRs) (July 2024)	PDF	350 KB	Download
PY 2025 ESRD QIP User Interface Quick Start Guide (July 2024)	PDF	428 KB	Download

## **Online or Phone-based Support**

Question Type	Contact Information
General ESRD QIP questions and EQRS training-related questions (Use the ESRD QIP UI to submit formal preview period inquiries.)	QualityNet Q&A Tool: <a href="https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_qa">https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_qa</a>
EQRS system-related questions or issues	<ul> <li>CCSQ Service Center:</li> <li>Phone: 1-866-288-8912</li> <li>Email: <a href="mailto:qnetsupport-esrd@cms.hhs.gov">qnetsupport-esrd@cms.hhs.gov</a></li> <li>CCSQ Support Central: <a href="https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/ccsq_support_central">https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/ccsq_support_central</a></li> </ul>



#### **Thank You**