How to Submit the CMS Health Equity and SDOH Structural Measure

Monthly HQIC Health Equity Office Hours
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Polling Question #1:

Have you already submitted your attestation in HQR for the Hospital Commitment to Health Equity (HCHE) structural measure?

1. Yes, our hospital has completed the attestation for the HCHE measure.
2. No, we have not completed the attestation for the HCHE measure, but we plan to do so.
3. No, we have not completed the attestation for the HCHE measure and we do NOT plan to do so.
4. Not sure/don't know if my hospital has attested for the HCHE measure.
5. No, because we don’t know how to complete this.
Polling Question #2:

Have you already submitted your attestation in HQR for the SDOH-1 and SDOH-2 structural measure?

1. Yes, our hospital has completed the attestation for the SDOH-1 & 2 measure.
2. No, we have not completed the attestation for the SDOH-1 & 2 measure, but we plan to do so.
3. No, we have not completed the attestation for the SDOH-1 & 2 measure and we do NOT plan to do so.
4. Not sure/don't know if my hospital has attested for the SDOH-1 & 2 measure.
5. No, because we don’t know how to complete this.
Hospital Commitment to Health Equity (HCHE) Measure

- This HCHE measure applies to all hospitals participating in the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting System.
- There are five domains in this measure. Each domain is worth one point, for a total of five possible points.
- Hospitals must attest to ALL elements of a domain to receive the one point, so attest “YES” if you’re doing any of this work.
- Reporting on HCHE is MANDATORY for CY23, and the submission period is April 1, 2024, - May 15, 2024.
- To report on these, click on this link: https://hqr.cms.gov/hqrng/login. On the dashboard on the left-hand side of the screen, click “data submissions” and then “structural measures.”
- CMS will publicly report the scores.
- Payment determination will be decided in FY25.

Source: https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/iqr/measures#tab2
Part 2: Screening for Social Drivers of Health (SDOH-1 in blue and SDOH-2 in green)

**Screening for Social Drivers of Health Measure**

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**Screen Positive Rate for Social Drivers of Health Measure**

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<td>Number of patients who screened positive for each driver</td>
<td>Number of patients 18 or older admitted as an inpatient and screened for social drivers</td>
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- Reporting for this also occurs in the [https://hqr.cms.gov/hqrng/login](https://hqr.cms.gov/hqrng/login) and it’s listed under the HCHE measure.
- Reporting on the screening for SDOH is voluntary for CY23 and the submission period is April 1, 2024, - May 15, 2024.
- **Exclusion Criteria:**
  - Patients who opt out of screening
  - Patients unable to complete the screening and have no legal guardian or caregiver to do the screening on their behalf or patients who died during admission.
- Screening is mandatory in CY24 with reporting in CY25.
- Payment will be determined for this measure in FY25.

Source: [https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/iqr/measures#tab2](https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/iqr/measures#tab2)
Attesting to SDOH-1

SDOH-1 Numerator & SDOH-2 Denominator

The number of patients admitted for an inpatient hospital stay who are 18 years or older on the date of admission and are screened for all of the following five HRSNs (food insecurity, housing instability, transportation needs, utility difficulties and interpersonal safety) during their hospital inpatient stay. *

Ex. 0,1,2,3,....,99999999

SDOH-1 Denominator

The number of patients who are admitted to a hospital inpatient stay and who are 18 years or older on the date of admission. *

Ex. 0,1,2,3,....,99999999

Note: For this part, you will only submit one (1) value for the numerator and one (1) value for the denominator for the entire year.

Source: How to submit HCIE and SDOH data - YouTube
Attesting to SDOH-2

Notes:
- You will submit five (5) unique numerator values (i.e., a value for food insecurity, a value for transportation etc.).
- You will NOT need to submit a denominator value because that is pulled directly from your SDOH-1 numerator submission on the last slide.

Source: How to submit HCHE and SDOH data - YouTube
## Quick Tutorial on How to Submit the CMS HCHE and SDOH Data

### Domain 1: Equity is a strategic priority

Hospital commitment to reducing healthcare disparities is strengthened when equity is a key organizational priority. Please attest that your hospital has a strategic plan for advancing healthcare equity and that it includes all of the following elements.

**Our hospital strategic plan:**

- Identifies priority populations who currently experience health disparities. *
  - Yes
  - No

- Identifies healthcare equity goals and discrete action steps to achieving these goals. *
  - Yes
  - No

- Defines specific resources which have been dedicated to achieving our equity goals. *
  - Yes
  - No

- Describes our approach for engaging key stakeholders, such as community-based organizations. *
  - Yes
  - No

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**Source:** How to submit HCHE and SDOH data (youtube.com)
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