



**Dialysis Facility Care Compare on Medicare.gov (DFCC)
June 27 National Provider Call
Questions & Answers**

Will this (the patient list reports feature in EQRS) module be available for the upcoming preview period on July 15- August 15, 2024? If not, will CMS provide patient lists in the current process?

The new module will not be available for the upcoming preview period. CMS does not have an exact date for the deployment of the new module yet.

Will we be able to obtain a patient list for the October preview period? Or do we have to request it?

At this time, CMS is still unable to provide patient lists for the July preview period. However, we look forward to the new process where CMS will be able to provide this service through EQRS. It is anticipated this feature will be available for the November 2024 preview period.

When the new patient list feature is available, CMS has developed a new role in EQRS. If you do not have that role, you would be able to request that role, and you would only have to do it that one time. Then every quarter when those lists are available, you would just need to log into EQRS to download.

Are the 2 downloadable data only measures (Hemoglobin management & Phosphorus concentrations in the blood) part of the calculation for Star measures?

Those two measures are not included in the Star Ratings.

Will the Emergency Department measures be included in the Star Rating for the October 2024 release?

No changes have been made to the Star Ratings for this release.

Are there age limits to the measures? For example, are patients who are <18 yrs of age included?

Each measure has a different set of specifications.

Why is CMS allowing inpatient labs (specifically calcium) to be used/entered into EQRS?

The ESRD QIP hypercalcemia measure allows a facility to obtain the calcium value from an external source (such as an external laboratory or hospital) to reduce patient burden or inconvenience. ESRD QIP encourages facilities to obtain labs from the hospital if they did not discharge the patient during their hospitalization and were unable to collect the lab values at the facility so they may still report a value.