

## 2023 Medicaid Quality Incentive Measure

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| <b>Measure Name:</b>                | Infection Prevention and Control – Emerging pathogen (also called emerging infectious diseases--“EIDs”) preparedness & response (new).   |
| <b>Measure eligibility:</b>         | All acute care hospitals that participate in MQI are eligible to complete this metric.   |
| <b>Why:</b>                         | During 2021 and 2022 IPC Committee identification and prioritization of Infection Prevention and Control metrics and processes, members identified and prioritized preparation for EIDs as one of the two top concerns. The IPC Committee helped to formulate and approve this metric over several months of meetings. They needed motivation to push forward this metric especially after the COVID-19 pandemic and felt that the MQI Program can play a major role in accomplishing this quality effort.   |
| <b>Clinical Rationale:</b>          | <p>The World Health Organization warned in its 2007 report that infectious diseases are emerging at a rate that has not been seen before. Since the 1970s, about 40 infectious diseases have been discovered, including <a href="#">SARS</a>, <a href="#">MERS</a>, <a href="#">Ebola</a>, <a href="#">chikungunya</a>, <a href="#">avian flu</a>, <a href="#">swine flu</a>, <a href="#">Zika</a> and most recently <a href="#">COVID-19</a>, caused by a new coronavirus, <a href="#">SARS-CoV-2</a>.</p> <p>EIDs not only threaten public health, but also stress the surrounding health care infrastructure, including hospitals. Receiving EID cases requires hospitals to learn about the disease pathology and recommended protocols, and may require substantial staff training, additional equipment, and supplies.</p> <p>The Medicare Conditions of Participation (CoP) requires hospitals to have policies and procedures to prepare for potential emergencies, and to also operate programs to prevent, control, and investigate infectious and communicable diseases.</p> <p><a href="#">According to the Office of Inspector General</a>, state survey agencies only performed these surveys at about 13 percent of accredited hospitals and had not performed any in 13 States because of CMS's limited authority over accredited hospitals. As a result of these limitations, CMS could not ensure that accredited hospitals would continue to provide quality care and operate safely during the COVID 19 emergency, and cannot ensure quality and safety at accredited hospitals when a future emerging infectious disease threatens the United States.</p> |
| <b>Definition:</b>                  | The term "emerging infectious diseases" refers to diseases of infectious origin whose incidence in humans has either increased within the past two decades or threatens to increase in the near future.<br><a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25121245/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25121245/</a>   |
| <b>Included Populations:</b>        | EIDs must be considered for all populations served by the hospital.  |

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| <p><b>Fields to be reported:</b><br/>Hospitals shall attest that they are in compliance with CoP regarding EIDs.</p> | <p>For this MQI measure, hospitals shall attest that they have reviewed and validated that their emergency plans addresses potential EIDs and includes: compliance with all requirements regarding four core elements of emergency preparedness:</p> <p>(1) annually updating emergency plans using an “all hazards” approach that encompasses a range of potential emergencies (although not specifically EIDs);</p> <p>(2) developing and maintaining a communication plan for interacting with other entities involved in disaster response;</p> <p>(3) developing and maintaining policies and procedures that include both the emergency plan and the communication plan; and</p> <p>(4) developing and maintaining an emergency training program, testing the plan annually, and making revisions based on the results of exercises, which could include both “tabletop” exercises and full-scale drills.</p> <p>Examples of contents and elements include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CFCsAndCoPs/Hospitals">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CFCsAndCoPs/Hospitals</a></li> <li>2. <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00031393.htm">https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00031393.htm</a></li> </ol> |
| <b>Data Collection period:</b>   | July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023   |
| <b>Reporting deadline:</b>   | 30 days after the close of the performance period or by January 31, 2022.  |
| <b>Audits and validation: Do not change</b>  | Data are subject to audit by the state. WSHA will not audit but will complete a few basic validity checks.   |
| <b>Submission Frequency:</b>   | Once during the performance period from July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024.  |
| <b>Data collection system:</b>   | Washington State Hospital Association Quality Benchmarking System, QBS.  |
| <b>Data Scoring:</b>   | <p>Answer all 4 questions for 10 points</p> <p>Is your hospital?</p> <p>(1) annually updating emergency plans using an “all hazards” approach that encompasses a range of potential emergencies (although not specifically EIDs).<br/>Yes or No</p> <p>(2) developing and maintaining a communication plan for interacting with other entities involved in disaster response.<br/>Yes or No</p> <p>(3) developing and maintaining policies and procedures that include both the emergency plan and the communication plan.<br/>Yes or No</p> <p>(4) developing and maintaining an emergency training program, testing the plan annually, and making revisions based on the results of exercises, which could include both “tabletop” exercises and full-scale drills.<br/>Yes or No</p> <p>The hospital must answer all questions full points.</p>   |

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|  | Full 10 points will be obtained for answering either yes or no for all of the questions. |  |
|  | <b>Thresholds</b>  | Answer all of the 4 questions<br>(see above) |
|  | <b>Point Awards 2023</b>   | 10 points                                    |
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