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NEW CMS RESOURCE: *Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources*

Sparks Video Series



CMS has developed a new video series - Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources® (FHIR®) Sparks.

These videos are to support health care quality leaders, HIT vendors, and measure developers begin to explore the use of FHIR for quality measurement.

The series includes five video shorts covering several topics:

- [What is FHIR?](#)
 - This video provides a description of FHIR levels of organization and how the Clinical Reasoning module supports quality measurement.
- [Anatomy of eCQMs in FHIR](#)
 - This video provides a description of data model, expression logic, and structure standards and implementation guides used in FHIR-based measurement.
- [Writing Measures in QI-Core: A Closer Look](#)
 - This video demonstrates how to navigate the Quality Improvement (QI)-Core Implementation Guide (IG) effectively as well as how to apply QI-Core profiles consistent with measure intent.
- [Representing Encounters with QI-Core](#)
 - This video focuses on navigating the QI Core to represent different clinical use cases for encounter modeling in quality measures.
- [Introducing the Quality Measure Implementation Guide](#)
 - This video examines the Quality Measure (QM) IG. It compares and contrasts the QM IG with the Health Quality Measure Format-based IGs in current use with eCQMs.



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AHRQ News Now

Scores on AHRQ's Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) [Clinician and Group Survey](#) were effective in identifying clinicians who would benefit from one-on-one shadow coaching to improve interactions with patients in a large, urban federally qualified health center.

The CAHPS® program advances scientific understanding of patients' experience with healthcare; CAHPS® Clinician and Groups Survey focuses on patients' experiences with clinicians and staff in primary and specialty care settings.

To read more on this study, visit the [abstract](#).



The results of this AHRQ-funded research found that:

- CAHPS® scores successfully identified where improvement is needed.
- The scores were not always informative enough to instruct clinicians on how to improve interactions with patients.
- Patient experience data should be supplemented with explicit, tangible and actionable recommendations for clinicians to modify and improve their interactions with patients.



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CMS Releases Benchmarks for MIPS Clinicians to Prepare for the 2023 Performance Period



As finalized in the [Calendar Year 2022 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule](#), CMS is removing the 3-point scoring floor in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) for quality measures that can be reliably scored against a benchmark.

This policy will take effect beginning with the 2023 performance period.

Beginning with the 2023 performance period, quality measures that meet case minimum and data completeness requirements will earn:

- Between 2 and 2.9 points if the measure's performance rate falls in Decile 2.
- Between 1 and 1.9 points if the measure's performance rate falls in Decile 1.
- 1 point if the measure's performance rate falls below Decile 1.

To help MIPS eligible clinicians prepare for scoring in the 2023 performance period, we are releasing an informational benchmark file that includes the performance rates associated with Deciles 1 - 10 for measures with a historical benchmark for the 2022 performance period.

- Deciles 1 and 2 are being provided now for informational purposes only.
- The quality measures you submit for the 2022 performance period won't be scored against Deciles 1 and 2.
- These aren't the quality measure benchmarks for the 2023 performance period. (2023 historical benchmarks will be calculated from the data submitted for the 2021 performance period.)

Additional Resources

- [2022 Quality Payment Program Final Rule Resources](#)
- [2022 Quality Benchmarks \(ZIP\)](#)



Get Ready for Summer Fun!

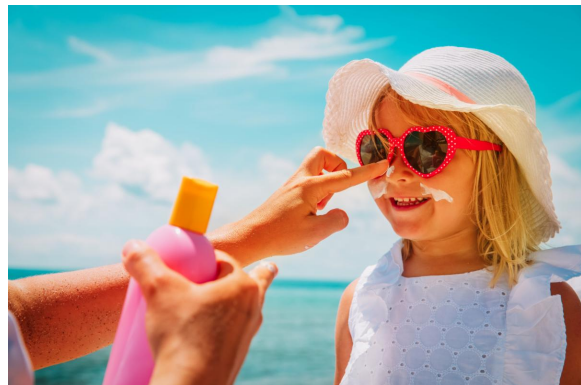
KNOW YOUR SUNSCREEN

Whether it's a sport spray, an easy-to-use stick, or a rich moisturizer with antiaging ingredients, *the best sunscreen is the one you will use every day.*

SPF - Sun Protection Factor

This number tells you how long the sun's UVB rays would take to redden your skin when using sunscreen compared with the amount of time without sunscreen.

So if you use an SPF 15 product exactly as directed, it would take you **15 times longer to burn** than if you weren't wearing sunscreen.



Broad Spectrum

"Broad Spectrum" indicates that the sunscreen contains ingredients that effectively protect against UVA + UVB rays.

Water Resistance

While sunscreens can't claim to be waterproof, they can be labeled **water**

resistant for either 40 or 80 minutes. Yes, you can burn even when you're in the water, so reapplying is key!



Sensitive Skin

Products containing **zinc oxide** and **titanium dioxide** may be less likely to cause skin irritation in people who have sensitive skin.

The Pitfall

Most people don't apply sunscreen exactly as directed. They may not apply it liberally enough, might miss spots and may forget to reapply regularly. *Slather it on!*



KNOW THE 5 W'S (& H) OF SUNSCREEN

WHO: Everyone under the sun

WHAT: Broad spectrum SPF 15 or higher; SPF 30 or higher for a day outdoors

WHEN: Every day; 30 minutes prior to going outdoors. Reapply every two hours

WHERE: All exposed skin

HOW: One ounce (shot glass full) to entire body for each application

WHY: Reduce your risk of skin damage and skin cancer!



For more information, visit [The Skin Cancer Foundation](https://www.skincancer.org/).



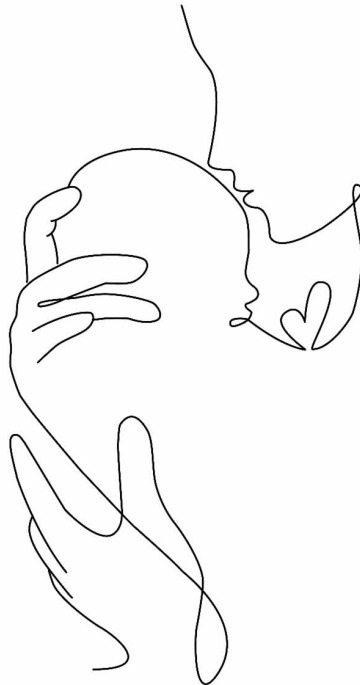
May HIT List:

- CMS Announces [New Cross-Cutting Initiatives](#)
- AHRQ Releases New Resources for Primary Care Practices to [Treat Stimulant Use](#)
- Deadline Extended for Public Input on AHRQ's Framework for [Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Investments](#)



Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 8th



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