

QUALITY ACRONYM REFERENCE GUIDE

▶ eCQM

Electronic Clinical Quality Measure
(Electronic formatted clinical quality measure)

▶ CQM

Clinical Quality Measure

▶ CMS

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

▶ TJC

The Joint Commission

▶ IQR Program

Inpatient Quality Reporting Program

▶ PQRS

Physician Quality Reporting System

▶ EH

Eligible Hospitals

▶ EP

Eligible Professionals

▶ CEHRT

Certified Electronic Health
Record Technology

▶ MACRA

Medicare Access and CHIP
Reauthorization Act

▶ APMs

Alternative Payment Models

▶ MIPS

Merit-Based Incentive Payment System

▶ ACOs

Accountable Care Organizations

▶ EHR

Electronic Health Record

▶ HL7

Health Level Seven International

▶ QDM

Quality Data Model (An “information
model” intended to clearly define concepts
used in quality measures and clinical care.)

▶ QRDA

Quality Reporting Document
Architecture (HL7 standard document format
for the exchange of eCQM data. QRDA reports
represent eCQM data at the patient or organization
level. Used in submission to the CMS IQR program.)

▶ Value Set

Lists of specific values – terms and
their codes – derived from single
or multiple standard vocabularies
used to define clinical concepts.

▶ VSAC

Value Set Authority Center (Library
of value sets used by eCQM. Maintained by
the National Library of Medicine.)

▶ IPP

Initial Patient Population (The group
of patients the measure is designed to address.)

▶ Denominator

A subset of the Initial Patient
Population which includes the
eligible cases for a measure or
the eligible patient population.

▶ Numerator

Represents the portion of the
denominator population and
includes patients with a specific
clinical action required by the
measure to meet performance.