

This is a Standards Version Advancement Process (SVAP) advance notification to IHS partners for the IHS RPMS/EHR Health IT, **no action is required**. This is information only in advance of IHS RPMS/EHR releases supporting the ONC Certified Resource Patient Management System Electronic Health Record.

The Standards Version Advancement Process (SVAP) permits health IT developers to voluntarily update Health IT products certified under the ONC Health IT Certification Program to newer versions of adopted standards as part of the “**Real World Testing**” Condition and Maintenance of Certification requirement (§170.405) of the 21st Century Cures Act.

- Using SVAP, certified health IT developers can voluntarily use a newer approved version of a standard than what is adopted in regulation.
- Currently, this flexibility is limited to standards that are adopted in the certification criteria required to meet the “**Real World Testing**” Conditions of Certification, **which includes §170.315(b), (c)(1) through (c)(3), (e)(1), (f), (g)(7) through (g)(10), and (h)**.
- Health IT developers taking advantage of the SVAP flexibility must ensure that their Real World Testing plans and results of the certified health IT modules address these updated standards.
- **Additionally, health IT developers updating their already certified health IT modules are required to provide advance notice to their clients and the ONC-Authorized Certification Body (ONC-ACB) before adopting a newer approved version of a standard.**

Advance notice for specific ONC Certified Health IT Certification can include criteria §170.315(b), **(c)(1) through (c)(3)**, (e)(1), (f), (g)(7) through (g)(10) in support of the IHS Certified RPMS/EHR product and mandatory SVAP updates. Select links to read more information from ONC about SVAP process and standards: [ONC SVAP Process](#), [2023 SVAP](#), and [2024 SVAP](#).

With the SVAP, IHS will update our eCQM certification for the RPMS/EHR Certified Health IT. The finalized 2023 SVAP includes updated QRDA implementation guides from CMS as the next standard for vendors to voluntarily promote SVAP with advance notification.

For the QRDA updates, IHS RPMS/EHR partners should not expect changes to the standard annual submissions currently in place. Updating to the newest version of QRDA categories I and III is a required step to submit Quality Reporting for the Quality Payment Program (QPP) to CMS attestation.

Reference the table below for the new SVAP Updates for the Certified RPMS/EHR.

Updated June 26, 2024, for the criterion (c)(1)-(c)(3) for 2023 and 2024 SVAP voluntary updates. Certified Health IT developers can begin voluntarily incorporating the newest standard versions on August 19, 2024

Calendar Year	RPMS Namespace	Certification Criteria	2023 Approved SVAP Standard	Regulatory Standard Version	Regulatory Text Citation
2023	eCQM Record and Export eCQM Import and Calculate	§ 170.315(c)(1) - Clinical quality measures (CQMs) — record and export § 170.315(c)(2) - Clinical quality measures (CQMs) — import and calculate	HL7 CDA® R2 Implementation Guide: Quality Reporting Document Architecture - Category I (QRDA I); Release 1, STU Release 5.3 with errata (US Realm), Volume 1 - Introductory Material, December 2022	HL7 CDA® R2 Implementation Guide: Quality Reporting Document Architecture - Category I (QRDA I); Release 1, DSTU Release 3 (US Realm), Volume 1 - Introductory Material, June 2015	§ 170.205(h)(2)
2023	eCQM Report	§ 170.315(c)(3) - Clinical quality measures (CQMs) — report	CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture: Category I; Hospital Quality Reporting; Implementation Guide for 2023	CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture: Category I; Hospital Quality Reporting; Implementation Guide for 2020	§ 170.205(h)(3)
2023	eCQM Report	§ 170.315(c)(3) - Clinical quality measures (CQMs) — report	CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture: Category III; Eligible Clinicians and Eligible Professionals Programs; Implementation Guide for 2023	CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture: Category III; Eligible Clinicians and Eligible Professionals Programs; Implementation Guide for 2020	§ 170.205(k)(3)
2024	eCQM Report	§ 170.315(c)(3) - Clinical quality measures (CQMs) — report	CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category I Hospital Quality Reporting; Implementation Guide for 2024 (Updated August 2023)	CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture: Category I; Hospital Quality Reporting; Implementation Guide for 2020	§ 170.205(h)(3)
2024	eCQM Report	§ 170.315(c)(3) - Clinical quality measures (CQMs) — report	CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category III Eligible Clinicians Programs; Implementation Guide for 2024 (Updated November 2023)	CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture: Category III; Eligible Clinicians and Eligible Professionals Programs; Implementation Guide for 2020	§ 170.205(k)(3)