FY 2020 PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT FOR THE MEDICARE PROMOTING INTEROPERABILITY PROGRAM

CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL RECONSIDERATION APPLICATION

When the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) determines that a hospital did not meet the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program requirements for the annual payment determination, that hospital may submit a request for reconsideration to CMS by **December 3, 2021** as identified in the basic application information below.

If you feel the **CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL** is subject to a negative payment adjustment for Medicare in error, please follow the following instructions to apply for a payment adjustment reconsideration for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020.

BASIC APPLICATION INFORMATION

- This application must be **fully** completed.
- To be reconsidered for the FY 2020 payment adjustment, this application must be submitted by **December 3, 2021.**
- The date when the application is received will also be the submission date.
- If approved, this payment adjustment reconsideration is valid for FY 2020 payment adjustments only.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION

- This application must be **fully** completed.
- Electronic submission of the application is **strongly** recommended.
- If electronic submission is not possible, please TYPE or PRINT all information using blue or black ink; do not use pencil.
- Download and save a copy of the PDF application to your computer before filling out the application. Then open the file from your computer using Adobe Acrobat Reader.
    - If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can download it for free at https://get.adobe.com/reader. Please **do not** use any other PDF tool to fill out the application because it may result in errors.
- Applications must be directly accessible through an email attachment in an unsecured PDF format or via fax.
- The application must be attached to an email and sent to qnetsupport@hcqis.org with the subject line ***Critical Access Hospital FY 2020 Reconsideration request.***

- If an electronic submission is not possible, submit the application via fax to **845-559-6370**.
- Retain a copy of your completed application for your records.

Complete this application **only** if the Critical Access Hospital receives a letter from CMS stating that the Critical Access Hospital is subject to the FY 2020 Medicare EHR payment adjustment and you feel that the payment adjustment is in error.

The submission deadline for the 2020 Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program payment adjustment reconsideration application is December 3, 2021.

SECTION 1: HOSPITAL INFORMATION

Provide the following information regarding the eligible hospital that is applying for payment adjustment reconsideration for the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program. Fields marked with * are required.

Legal Hospital Name*	
CMS Certification Number (CCN) (6 digits)*	
National Provider Identifier (NPI) (10 digits)	

Hospital Address Line 1 (Street Name and Number – NOT a Post Office Box)*		
Hospital Address Line 2 (Suite, Room, etc.)		
City/Town*	State* (2-character code)	ZIP Code (5-digit)*
Email Address* (this is how we will communicate with you)		
Submitter First Name*	Submitter Last Name*	
Business Telephone Number (include Area Code)*	Extension	

SECTION 2: PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT RECONSIDERATION FOR THE MEDICARE PROMOTING INTEROPERABILITY PROGRAM

Has the Critical Access Hospital previously demonstrated meaningful use?

☐ Yes – The Critical Access Hospital previously demonstrated meaningful use.

☐ No – The Critical Access Hospital has not previously demonstrated meaningful use.

INDICATE THE TYPE OF REASON FOR REQUESTING PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT RECONSIDERATION BELOW (AT LEAST ONE OPTION REQUIRED)
☐ Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) processing delays ☐ Change of Ownership delay ☐ Revalidation delay
☐ New Facility
☐ Experienced a 2020 Hardship Issue
☐ Critical Access Hospital was approved for a 2020 Hardship waiver or is exempt from the payment adjustment AND may have received the 2020 payment adjustment letter in error
☐ Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT) Vendor Issue
☐ Closure of Facility
☐ Ineligible Facility

SECTION 3: CERTIFICATION STATEMENT CONFIRMATION

GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE: Any person who knowingly files a statement of claim containing any misrepresentation or any false, incomplete or misleading information may be guilty of a criminal act punishable under law and may be subject to civil penalties.

SIGNATURE OF CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE

I certify that the information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete. I understand that (1) the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program payment adjustment reconsideration I requested may result in a change in the amount the hospital represented will be paid from federal funds, (2) by filling this payment adjustment reconsideration I am submitting a claim for federal funds, and (3) the use of any false claims, statements, or documents, or the concealment of a material fact used to obtain a Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program payment adjustment reconsideration may be prosecuted under applicable federal or state criminal laws and also may be subject to civil penalties.

SUBMITTER WORKING ON BEHALF OF A CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL

I certify that I am submitting this application for a payment adjustment on behalf of a critical access hospital that has given me authority to act as its agent. I understand that both the hospital and I can be held personally responsible for all information entered.

I hereby agree to keep such records as are necessary to support the application submitted for a payment adjustment reconsideration of the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program and to furnish those records both in the application and at a future time upon request from the Department of Health and Human Services or a contractor acting on its behalf.

NOTICE: Anyone who misrepresents or falsifies essential information to receive payment from federal funds requested by this application may upon conviction be subject to fine and imprisonment under applicable federal laws.

ROUTINE USE(S): Information from this Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program payment adjustment reconsideration application and subsequently submitted information and documents may be given to the Internal Revenue Service, private collection agencies, and consumer reporting agencies in connection with recoupment of any overpayment made and to congressional offices in response to inquiries made at the request of the person to whom a record pertains. Appropriate disclosures may be made to other federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies; private business entities; and individual providers of care on matters relating to entitlement, fraud, Program abuse, Program integrity, and civil and criminal litigation in relation to the operation of the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program.

DISCLOSURES: Although submission of information for this Program is voluntary, failure to provide necessary information will result in delay in processing the payment adjustment reconsideration application or may result in a denial of payment adjustment reconsideration for the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program. Failure to furnish subsequently requested information or documents to support this attestation may result in overpayments and the issuance of an overpayment demand letter followed by recoupment procedures.

It is mandatory that you tell us if you believe you have been overpaid under the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program SSA section 1128J(d). The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Section 6402, Section 1128J, provides penalties for withholding this information.

By confirming this certification statement, I agree, and it is my intent, to sign this application and affirmation by including my name and the date below. I understand that completing the information below is the legal equivalent of having placed my handwritten signature on the submitted application and this affirmation.

☐ **Confirm***

*Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

*Type name of individual completing form:

This completed application must be attached to an email and sent to qnetsupport@hcqis.org. Please ensure that you have saved the application on your computer and have attached it to the body of the email prior to submission. The Critical Access Hospital submission deadline for this application is **December 3, 2021.**