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## Overview

EQIC is a federally-sponsored quality improvement collaborative to further advance the quality and safety of healthcare provided in hospitals across the country. CMS has identified your hospital for participation and EQIC is honored to be working with you. EQIC is working to streamline and reduce the burden of meeting the data entry requirement.

We are collecting a robust measure list of data from each hospital that will positively impact the quality improvement work. These measures will help demonstrate that the quality work we are doing with the hospitals through the program has a meaningful impact on patient outcomes (and in turn, hospital ratings). Any of the information that we cannot automatically pull from various data sources will have to be manually entered.

**There are four primary data sources: National Healthcare Safety Network, National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators, claims data and lab/pharmacy data.**

**This fact sheet explains the claims data connection.**

**Our goal is to have our hospitals' data connections established by early February.**

**Note:** The 837 claims data are separate and distinct from the Admission, Discharge, Transfer/ Continuity of Care Document (ADT/CCD) work for lab and pharmacy data. They are both important components of the EQIC data strategy.

## Claims data

The claims data can be automatically sent through an **SFTP portal**. In order to get this set up, EQIC will need:

- Primary contact person: Please email Lindsay Milchtein at [lmilchte@hanys.org](mailto:lmilchte@hanys.org) with the name, phone number and email address of who will be responsible for setting up the SFTP at your hospital.
- Ideally, we are requesting that 837 claims data be filtered to include only:
  - Population: all-payer, adult ( $\geq 18$ ) medical-surgical inpatients
  - Exclusions: pediatrics, maternity and PPS-exempt units
- SFTP account information:
  - Host name: **eqic-sftp.hanys.org**
  - Port: **22**
  - Algorithm: **ssh-rsa 2048**
  - SHA-256: **ssh-rsa 2048 EJBfBVmrFawWQ/4sre3B1wmWnJAFRiehCAsVIN7FUDQ=**
  - MD5: **ssh-rsa 2048 95:35:7f:17:09:0a:e6:a6:ec:ec:25:6f:da:27:ff:e2**

- We ask that the hospital entities provide us with a service account email address. We will use this email address to create an account within our system. This email address will serve as the username for accessing our SFTP application. We will securely email login credentials to both this email address and the primary contact on file for your hospital.
- We offer the Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) and Secure Shell (SSH) options to connect via SFTP:
  - If your hospital elects to connect by way of SSH, we will require your public key to be sent to HANYS Information Security team using the following email address:
    - [IS-Security\\_Team@hanys.org](mailto:IS-Security_Team@hanys.org)
    - Our Information Security team will attach your public key to the SFTP account. An email will be returned containing the HANYS public key to facilitate completion of the setup/handshake process.
  - If your hospital is electing to connect to us by way of PGP, HANYS will provide our public PGP key to you.

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