Standards Version Advancement Process (SVAP)

MEDITECH's Quality Reporting Notice Regarding Plans For The Office Of The National Coordinator For Health IT's SVAP

October 17, 2022 - This communication notifies your organization of MEDITECH's plans to update our certification for electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) reports to the 2022 SVAP Standard, which consists of the [CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture: Category I; Hospital Quality Reporting; Implementation Guide for 2022](#), and the [CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category III Eligible Clinicians and Eligible Professionals Programs Implementation Guide for 2022](#).

Background

The Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health IT [SVAP](#) provides Health IT vendors with the opportunity to voluntarily update health IT products certified under the ONC Health IT Certification Program to newer versions of standards beyond those adopted in regulation. Prior to SVAP, certified Health IT developers were limited to standards outlined in regulation only. By allowing developers to voluntarily adopt advanced versions of standards, SVAP introduces flexibility for progression outside of a regulation.

MEDITECH is committed to updating our quality reporting software to new standards that will support our customers in advancing data collection and submission. MEDITECH annually updates our QRDA submission tools to the latest CMS QRDA implementation guides to allow our clients to submit quality measures according to CMS requirements. Through SVAP, we will now update our eCQM certification for all platforms. The finalized 2022 SVAP includes the updated QRDA implementation guides from CMS as the next standard for vendors to advance.

How This Will Affect Customer's Real World Interoperability

Your organization should not expect any changes to your standard annual process used. Updating to the newest version of QRDA category I and III has been a required step in order to submit Quality Reporting and Quality Payment Program (QPP) data to CMS attestation portals. MEDITECH will continue to provide updated reports coded to the current CMS QRDA version. The only difference that SVAP will provide is that our ONC CHPL listing will now reflect SVAP updates to the most currently available QRDA Implementation Guide available through ONC certification.

You may also be curious if this will require any additional selection requirements as you generate your annual Certification ID for attestation. The SVAP update will not require any additional steps or changes on your behalf when generating your CHPL certification ID. Once MEDITECH completes the SVAP for QRDA, the updated version will be added to our existing certified products. You will simply generate your certified product as usual.

Note: This information is based on what we know today and is subject to change.

Support Of Previous Versions

CMS does not allow submission of previous versions of their QRDA, as each attestation year uses the corresponding QRDA Implementation Guide. Because of this, MEDITECH does not continue to support the previous year's version. However, previous years' versions are still available in our archive and can be run by the customer if desired. We may offer limited support for older versions on a case-by-case basis for as long as the archived version is available on our website.

Resources

- [HealthIT.gov SVAP](#)

Questions

If you have any questions about this process or how it may impact your attestation, please contact the [Regulatory Mailbox](#).

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