



# December 2023 Town Hall



**Thursday, December 14, 2023**  
**2–3:30 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)**  
End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)  
Outreach, Communication, and Training (EOCT)



# Facility Commitment to Health Equity Measure

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The CY 2024 ESRD PPS Final Rule finalized a policy to add a new **Facility Commitment to Health Equity** measure to the ESRD QIP measure set beginning in PY 2026.

The measure assesses facility commitment to health equity using equity-focused competencies aimed at achieving health equity for the following populations:

- Racial and ethnic minority groups
- People with disabilities
- Members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community
- Individuals with limited English proficiency
- Rural populations
- Religious minorities
- People living near or below poverty level

# Facility Commitment to Health Equity Measure

The Facility Commitment to Health Equity measure:

- Requires facilities to submit measure data **annually** in EQRS beginning in CY 2024 for PY 2026.
- Opens for submission in EQRS starting January 1 of each year and closes at the end of the EQRS December reporting deadline (approximately two months after December).
- Requires facilities to attest to five domains in EQRS.
- Scores facilities based on reporting an affirmative attestation for all activities in each of the five domains (2 points per domain).
- Results will be publicly reported by displaying facility specific results on an annual basis on the [Care Compare](#) website.

# Facility Commitment to Health Equity Measure

- The Facility Commitment to Health Equity measure consists of five domains; each domain represents a competency aimed at achieving health equity:
  1. Equity is a strategic priority
  2. Data Collection
  3. Data Analysis
  4. Quality Improvement
  5. Leadership Engagement
- Facilities receive two points for attesting to all activities in each of the five domains for a total of ten possible points.

# Facility Commitment to Health Equity Measure

| 2024 EQRS Submission Schedule for Facility Commitment to Health Equity |                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Attestation Year                                                       | Data Submission Deadline            |
| January 1, 2024–December 31, 2024                                      | February 28, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT |

**Note:** For additional information on the Facility Commitment to Health Equity measure, refer to the [CY 2024 ESRD QIP Technical Measure Specifications](#).



# **Commitment to Health Equity: Reporting the Domains (Attestation)**

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Click **Attestation** from the Facilities drop-down tab in the navigation menu.





# Commitment to Health Equity: Reporting the Domains (Attestation)

Click the **Commitment to Health Equity** box on the Facility Attestations screen.

EQRS Dashboard Facilities Patients Reports Change organization

Facility Attestations

In-Center Hemodialysis CAHPS (ICH CAHPS)  
Attest that facility treated fewer than 30 eligible patients during the calendar year

Commitment to Health Equity  
Attest to whether the facility is reviewing and prioritizing equitable care

# Commitment to Health Equity: Reporting the Domains (Attestation)

Confirm that the correct facility is displayed under **Select a facility**. If you have access to multiple facilities, conduct a search by entering the facility name, CCN, etc.

EQRS

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Commitment to Health Equity Attestation

This structural measure assesses facility commitment to health equity using a suite of equity-focused organizational competencies aimed at achieving health equity for racial and ethnic minority groups, people with disabilities, members of the individuals with limited English proficiency, rural populations, religious minorities, and people living near or below poverty level.

All submitted attestations remain editable while the submission period is open.

1. Select a facility

ABC DIALYSIS

CCN: 11111EQRS Facility id: 11111111

# Commitment to Health Equity: Reporting the Domains (Attestation)

**Start an Attestation by clicking the Assessment Period you are reporting.**

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2. Start an Attestation

Assessment Period: 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

SUBMISSION PERIOD CLOSING: 02/28/2025 11:59 PM PST

# Commitment to Health Equity: Reporting the Domains (Attestation)

- Review **Domain 1: Equity is a Strategic Priority**. Select the applicable activities.
- Select **All the above** checkbox if all activities in Domain 1 apply to your facility.

## Domain 1: Equity is a Strategic Priority

Facility commitment to reducing healthcare disparities is strengthened when equity is a key organizational priority. Please attest that your facility has a strategic plan for advancing healthcare equity and that it includes all of the following elements.

Select all that apply. If not applicable, leave blank.

- ☒ Our facility strategic plan identifies priority populations who currently experience health disparities ☒ Our facility strategic plan identifies healthcare equity goals and discrete action steps to achieving these goals.
- ☒ Our facility strategic plan outlines specific resources which have been dedicated to achieving our equity goals ☒ Our facility strategic plan describes our approach for engaging key stakeholders, such as community-based organizations.
- ☒ All the above; I attest that my facility has a strategic plan for advancing healthcare equity and that it includes all of the above elements.

**Reminder:** Each domain is worth two points. Facilities must complete and attest to all activities in the domain to earn two points.

# Commitment to Health Equity: Reporting the Domains (Attestation)

- Review **Domain 2: Data Collection**. Select the applicable activities.
- Select **ALL** the above checkbox if all activities in Domain 2 apply to your facility.

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| Domain 2: Data Collection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Collecting valid and reliable demographic and social determinants of health data on patients served in a facility is an important step in identifying and eliminating health disparities. Please attest that your facility engages in the following activities.<br><i>Select all that apply. If not applicable, leave blank.</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Our facility collects demographic information, including self-reported race and ethnicity, and/or social determinant of health information on the majority of our patients.                                                                                                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Our facility has training for staff in culturally sensitive collection of demographic and/or social determinant of health information.                                                                                                                                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our facility inputs demographic and/or social determinant of health information collected from patients into structured, interoperable data elements using EHR technology.                                                                                                                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All the above. I attest that my facility engages in all of the above activities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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# Commitment to Health Equity: Reporting the Domains (Attestation)

- Review **Domain 3: Data Analysis**.
- Select the activity in Domain 3 if it applies to your facility.

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| Domain 3: Data Analysis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Effective data analysis can provide insights into which factors contribute to health disparities and how to respond. Please attest that your facility engages in the following activities.<br><br><i>If not applicable, leave blank.</i>                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I attest that our facility stratifies key performance indicators by demographic and/or social determinants of health variables to identify equity gaps and includes this information on facility performance dashboards. |

**Reminder:** Each domain is worth two points. Facilities must complete and attest to the activity in the domain to earn two points.

# Commitment to Health Equity: Reporting the Domains (Attestation)

- Review Domain 4: Quality Improvement.
- Select the activity in Domain 4 if it applies to your facility.

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| Domain 4: Quality Improvement                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Health disparities are evidence that high-quality care has not been delivered equitably to all patients. Engagement in quality improvement activities can improve quality of care for all patients.<br><i>If not applicable, leave blank.</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I attest that our facility participates in local, regional, or national quality improvement activities focused on reducing health disparities.                                                            |

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# Commitment to Health Equity: Reporting the Domains (Attestation)

- Review Domain 5: Leadership Engagement.
- Select **All the above** checkbox if all activities in Domain 5 apply to your facility.

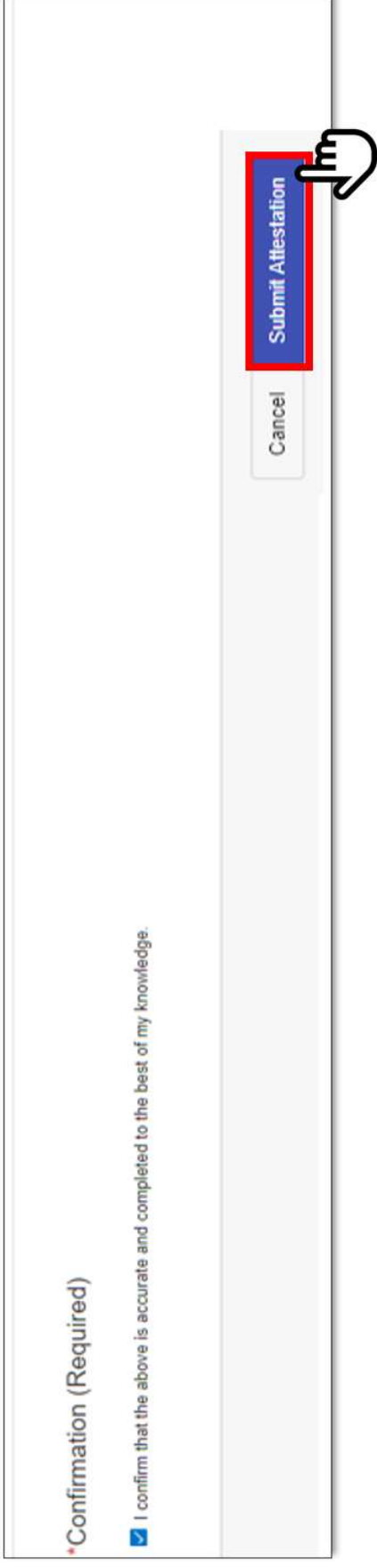
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| Domain 5: Leadership Engagement                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Leaders and staff can improve their capacity to address disparities by demonstrating routine and thorough attention to equity and setting an organizational culture of equity. Please attest that your facility engages in the following activities. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Select all that apply. If not applicable, leave blank.                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Our facility senior leadership, such as, but not limited to, chief executives and the entire facility board of trustees, annually reviews our strategic plan for achieving health equity.                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Our facility senior leadership, such as, but not limited to, chief executives and the entire facility board of trustees, annually reviews key performance indicators stratified by demographic and/or social factors. |
| <hr/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | All the above. I attest that my facility engages in all of the above activities.                                                                                                                                      |

**Reminder:** Each domain is worth two points. Facilities must complete and attest to all activities in the domain to earn two points.



# Commitment to Health Equity: Reporting the Domains (Attestation)

- Select the confirmation statement checkbox when the attestation reporting has been completed.
- Click the **Submit Attestation** button to submit your attestation.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Confirmation (Required)". Below the title is a checkbox with a blue checkmark, followed by the text "I confirm that the above is accurate and completed to the best of my knowledge." At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Submit Attestation". The "Submit Attestation" button is highlighted with a red rectangular border, and a hand cursor icon is pointing at it, indicating it is the next step to click.

# Commitment to Health Equity: Reporting the Domains (Attestation)

At the bottom of your screen, EQRS displays: Attestation updated successfully.

Submitted Attestations

| Assessment Period       | Submission Period Status       | Date Submitted | Last Edited | Actions              |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2024 | <div>Open</div> Due 02/28/2025 | 10/16/2024     | 12/3/2024   | <div>View/Edit</div> |

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Attestation updated successfully

# Commitment to Health Equity: Attestation View/Edit and Delete

**View/Edit** attestation data, as needed.

| Submitted Attestations                                                           |                                  |                |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
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| <div><div>View/Edit</div><div>A</div><div>Delete</div><div>View/Edit</div></div> |                                  |                |             |

# Commitment to Health Equity: Attestation View/Edit and Delete

- View the current attestation submissions and make edits, as needed.
- Select the **Confirmation** statement checkbox, if edits were made.
- Click **Save Changes** button at the bottom of the screen, if edits were made.

The screenshot displays a web form for the 'Commitment to Health Equity' attestation. It features three checkboxes, all of which are checked: 'Our facility senior leadership, including chief executives and the entire facility board of trustees, annually reviews our strategic plan for achieving health equity.', 'Our facility senior leadership, including chief executives and the entire facility board of trustees, annually reviews key performance indicators stratified by demographic and/or social factors.', and 'All the above. I attest that my facility engages in all of the above activities.' Below these is a section titled '\*Confirmation (Required)' containing an unchecked checkbox for 'I confirm that the above is accurate and completed to the best of my knowledge.' A red error message 'This field is required' is shown below the checkbox. At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel' and 'Save Changes' buttons. A red box highlights the 'Save Changes' button, with a hand icon pointing to it.

# Commitment to Health Equity: Attestation View/Edit and Delete

At the bottom of your screen, EQRS displays: Attestation updated successfully.

Submitted Attestations

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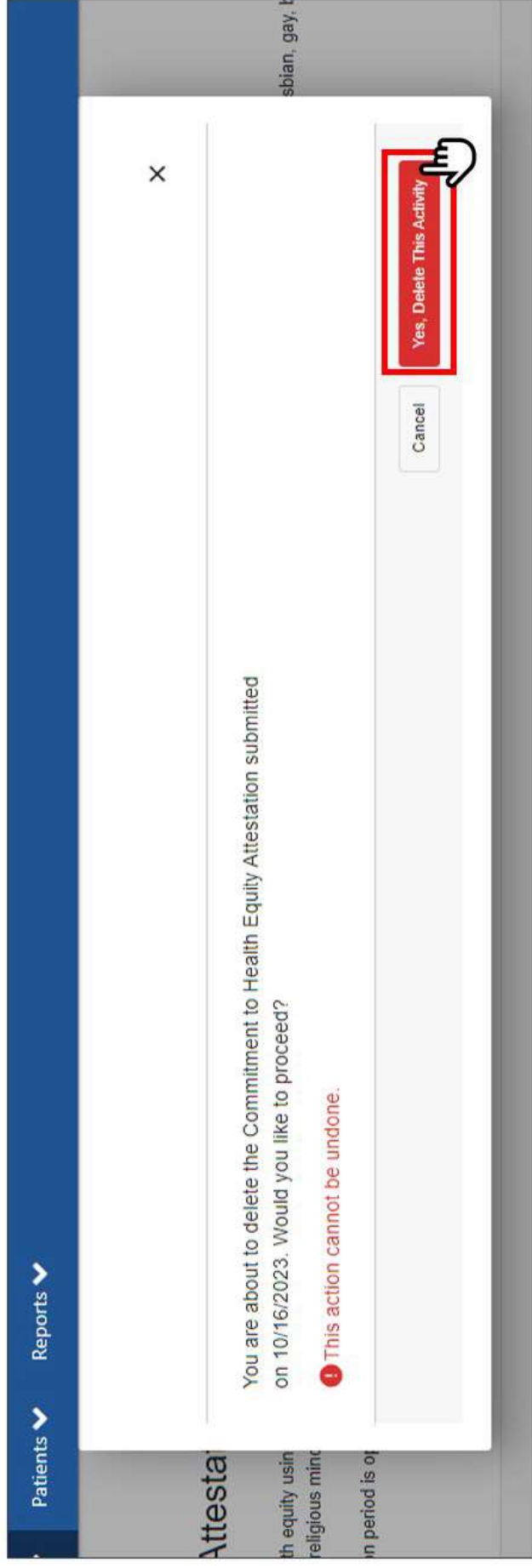
# Commitment to Health Equity: Attestation View/Edit and Delete

Delete attestation data, as needed.

| Submitted Attestations  |  | Submission Period Status |                | Date Submitted |  | Last Edited |  | View/Edit |        |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|-------------|--|-----------|--------|
| Assessment Period       |  |                          |                |                |  |             |  |           |        |
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# Commitment to Health Equity: Attestation View/Edit and Delete

**Delete** Commitment to Health Equity Attestation.



# Commitment to Health Equity: Attestation View/Edit and Delete

At bottom of your screen, EQRS displays: Attestation deleted successfully.

| Submitted Attestations             |                          |                |             |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Assessment Period                  | Submission Period Status | Date Submitted | Last Edited |
| No submitted attestations          |                          |                |             |
| ✔ Attestation deleted successfully |                          |                |             |



# Commitment to Health Equity: Attestation Submission Summary

To submit the Commitment to Health Equity Attestation in EQRS:

1. Click **Attestation** from the Facilities drop-down tab in EQRS.
2. Select **Commitment to Health Equity** from the Facility Attestations screen.
3. Confirm the correct facility is selected and **Start an Attestation** by clicking the **Assessment Period** you want to report.
4. Submit attestations as applicable for the five domains.
5. Select the **Confirmation** statement checkbox.
6. Click the **Submit Attestation** button to submit your data.
7. If needed, **View/Edit** or **Delete** attestations from the Commitment to Health Equity Attestation screen.

For additional information on the new Facility Commitment to Health Equity measure, refer to the CY 2024 ESRD PPS Final Rule available online at the [Federal Register](#).