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To: HSCRC Quality Contacts

From: Alyson Schuster, Deputy Director of Quality Methodologies

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Re: Email Update on Quality Reporting and COVID-19

This email is being sent to clarify that hospitals should be following the recent guidance from CMS regarding submission of CMS quality data (<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-relief-clinicians-providers-hospitals-and-facilities-participating-quality-reporting>). Specifically, the HSCRC understands if staff who work on CMS quality data (e.g., chart abstractions) need to be pulled to working on COVID-19 related things. Hospitals are to continue reporting case mix data according to the Production Schedule. If you have any questions about submitting case-mix data, please contact [Claudine Williams \(claudine.williams@maryland.gov\)](mailto:claudine.williams@maryland.gov) and [Oscar Ibarra \(oscar.ibarra@maryland.gov\)](mailto:oscar.ibarra@maryland.gov).

These are unprecedented times and the HSCRC is working on communications to hospitals regarding impact of COVID-19 on all our quality policies. However many of these decisions will need to be made retrospectively, so we appreciate your patience as we all attend to the immediate crisis.

For general HSCRC updates regarding COVID-19 please go to this website: <https://hscrc.maryland.gov/Pages/COVID-19.aspx>.