

**Med-QUEST Division
Pay-for-Performance Hospital Quality
Program
March 25, 2026**



Med-QUEST, DHS

Meeting Logistics

- This meeting will be recorded
- Slides will be emailed to hospitals after today's meeting
- Questions during the meeting?
 - Raise your hand at any time or type your question in the chat
- Questions after the meeting?
 - E-mail MQDCSO_Inquiries@dhs.hawaii.gov and include **Hospital Quality** in the subject line



Agenda

- Reminders (10 minutes)
 - Learning Series Survey
 - April 9th Workgroup Meeting
 - Upcoming Deliverables
- Healthy Hawai`i Update (10 minutes)
- Quantitative Measure Hospital Reporting Template (15 minutes)
- 2026 Memo (3 minutes)
- Questions



REMINDERS



Learning Series Survey

- Survey to help MQD develop a collaborative learning series was sent by Milliman on Tuesday, March 17th .
 - **Purpose:** Inform development of MQD's Hospital Quality P4P collaborative learning series
 - **Focus:** Assess hospital capabilities, challenges, and priorities related to the 2026 P4P measures
 - **Use of Results:** Responses will be aggregated to shape learning topics, tools, and resources
- Responses are optional.
- If you are interested in participating, please complete by Thursday, April 2nd.
- Reach out to mqdcso_inquiries@dhs.hawaii.gov if you have any issues accessing.



April 9th Workgroup Meeting

- Meeting goal: review technical questions about the Hospital Supplemental Data File and E.H.R. REaL data collection standards.
 - Please send questions to MQDCSO_Inquiries@dhs.hawaii.gov by April 2nd.
 - Forward the meeting onto your IT staff so they can join as well.



Upcoming Q1/Q2 Deliverables

Program Year	Reporting Element	Due Date	Submission Process
2025	5.b.ii. E.H.R. Screenshots Extension	3/31/26	Hospitals submit to HAH, copy MQD
	5.a.iii. IHI Assessment update	3/31/26	Hospitals submit to HAH
	AIM Progress Report	3/31/26	HAH submits to MQD
	Reduce ED Visits	4/30/26	HAH submits to MQD
	Reduce Hospital-Wide Readmission	4/30/26	HAH submits to MQD
	ED Admit to Discharge	4/30/26	HAH submits to MQD
	5.c. HRSN Supplemental Data File Extension	05/01/26	Hospitals submit to MQD via MFT
2026	5.b.i. Q1 HRSN Data Reporting	04/30/26	Hospitals submit to MQD via MFT
	5.a.i. Domain and Element Selection	05/01/26	Hospitals submit to HAH



HEALTHY HAWAII UPDATE



2025 Healthy Hawai‘i Measure 5.a.

Deliverable	Deadline/Current Status
5.a.i Complete the Healthy Hawai‘i Assessment and share results with HAH and MQD	Completed
5.a.ii Roadmap and Transformation Plan for each domain that includes defined initiatives, metrics, and annual milestones for 2026 - 2030	Third Revisions due Friday, March 27, 2026
5.a.iii Healthy Hawai‘i Reassessment moving up at least two positions along the continuum or achieving a level of 5 on at least one domain	Due March 31, 2026
5.a.iv Workgroup Charters	Due March 31, 2026



2026 Eligibility Requirements Measure 5.a.

Deliverable	Deadline/Current Status
5.a.i Identify two domains and select one element from each of the domains. Identify proposed evidence identified to demonstrate implementation/completion of elements.	Due Friday, May 1, 2026
5.a.ii Submit evidence of element completion identified in 5.a.i.	Due Thursday, December 31, 2026
5.a.iii Updated roadmap and Healthy Hawai`i reassessment.	Due Thursday, December 31, 2026
5.a.iv 80% workgroup participation and demonstration of workgroup goal improvement.* *Each hospital should demonstrate an improvement project quarterly and share updates in the workgroup. Reports shall include the improvement project shared, what worked well, what posed challenges, and key lessons learned.	Due Wednesday, March 31, 2027 *Quarterly report template in Smartsheet.



QUANTITATIVE HOSPITAL REPORTED MEASURES REPORTING TEMPLATES



2026 MEMO



2026 Memo

On March 12th, MQD released the final 2026 Hospital Quality Pay for Performance (P4P) Program memorandum.

This replaces the draft version that was previously released in December 2025.

A summary of the changes for the 2026 program are outlined below:

- Measure 1 alternate payment scale for hospitals with high housing insecurity.
- Addition of Measure 7 Safe Use of Opioids – Concurrent Prescribing .
- Adjustments to measures 4, 5, and 6 to make them quantitative.
- Hospitals must meet certain criteria for interim payments.



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March 12, 2026		
MEMORANDUM	MEMO NOS. QI-2607 FFS 26-03 CCS-2602	
TO: Hospitals, QUEST Integration (QI) Health Plans, Medicaid Fee-For-Service (FFS) Providers, and Community Care Services (CCS) Health Plans		
FROM: Meredith Nichols <i>Acting</i> Acting Med-QUEST Division Administrator		
SUBJECT: HOSPITAL QUALITY PAY FOR PERFORMANCE GUIDANCE FOR MEASUREMENT YEAR 2026		
The Med-QUEST Division (MQD) Hospital Quality Pay for Performance (P4P) program is a collaborative effort to further the mission of administering innovative and high-quality healthcare programs with aloha to empower Hawai'i's residents towards improved and sustained wellbeing. With the goal of supporting and recognizing the high-quality care already provided by MQD-participating hospitals—and incentivizing continued excellence and improvement—this memorandum outlines the mechanisms by which hospital quality performance will be evaluated, scored, and used to calculate final payments under the 2026 Hospital Quality P4P program. The guidance herein applies to the state directed payment programs for both private hospitals and Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) public hospitals.		
AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT AGENCY		

Next Steps for 2026 Hospital P4P Program

Ongoing:

- Send technical questions about the Hospital Supplemental Data File and E.H.R. REaL data collection standards by Thursday, April 2nd
 - *Please forward the invite to your IT and operational staff that may have questions*
- Optional survey on best practices learning series due Thursday, April 2nd

Upcoming Workgroup Meetings:

- Thursday, April 9th (Special Focus: Hospital Supplemental Data File Discussion)
- Thursday, April 23rd
- Thursday, May 21st
- Thursday, May 28th
- Thursday, June 18th



A photograph of a lush field of taro plants. The plants feature large, vibrant green, heart-shaped leaves with prominent veins. The leaves are densely packed, creating a thick canopy. In the background, some dark, vertical stalks and a small patch of water are visible. The word "Mahalo!" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

Mahalo!