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Announcement:

Please note that as of September 1, 2021, the LS-CJR@lewin.com inbox will be decommissioned. Starting on August 30, 2021, please email CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov with any inquiries regarding the CJR model and the Learning System.



Important Updates

REMINDER: CJR Performance Year (PY) 6-8 Data Request and Attestation (DRA) Form Submission

On April 29, 2021, CMS issued a final rule in the *Federal Register* (<https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2021-09097/medicare-program-comprehensive-care-for-joint-replacement-model-three-year-extension-and-changes-to>) to extend the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) model.

All original CJR model Data Request and Attestation (DRA) forms expired at the end of the 2020 calendar year. All CJR model DRA PY5 Extension DRA forms will expire September 30, 2021. As such, **organizations continuing in the CJR model for PY 6-8 are required to submit an updated DRA form to continue receiving data.** Hospital Data Requestors should complete, sign (in blue or black ink), and return the attached form, using the below instructions. If your organization is changing its Data Requestor, please submit an email to CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov indicating the change of Data Requestor, with the former Data Requestor copied on the email. If the former Data Requestor is no longer with your organization, please submit an email to CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov advising such.

Please note that forms that are submitted unsecured, per the instructions below, will not be able to be processed.

Please be reminded that DRA forms contain Tax Identification Numbers (TINs), which is information that should be submitted securely per CMS IT security requirements.

Data Portal Submission (Preferred Method)

1. Log into the CJR Data Portal (<https://portal.cms.gov/wps/portal/unauthportal/home/>).
2. Under the CJR Application, navigate to the Upload Files tab.
3. Complete the information on the Upload Files tab.
 - a. Use the Select Your CCN drop down menu to select the CCN under which you are submitting the DRA form.
 - b. Use the File Type drop down menu to select "Supporting Document 11."
 - c. Click the Select File button. A window will display, which will allow you to select your DRA form from your computer. Please note that your file name must not include spaces. The suggested file name is CCN_HospitalName (Example: 123456_FictionalHospital).
 - d. You have the option to enter a comment in the File Upload Information textbox. If a comment is entered, it will be viewable in the Upload History table.
4. Select Upload to add the DRA form to the Upload History table. Any files queued for upload may be removed prior to upload if necessary.
5. After the file is successfully uploaded, a confirmation message will display. Once the Upload Files screen is refreshed, the uploaded document will display in the Upload History table.
6. Email CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov to notify the CJR Support team that the DRA form is available for review and processing.
7. Upon completion of the DRA form review, you will receive a notification from CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov confirming that the form has been processed or requesting revisions to the form in order to proceed.

Email Submission (if your organization is unable to access the Data Portal)

1. Password encrypt your DRA form using software that is in compliance with Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS), section 140-2. Currently, CMS recognizes two applications, WinZip and SecureZip.
2. Attach the password encrypted file to an email. Within the email, please include a name and phone number of a point of contact who can be reached to obtain the document password.

Please note that, per CMS security requirements, passwords cannot be submitted via email (this includes the original or any subsequent email).

3. Submit the email and secured form to CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov.
4. A CJR Support representative will reach out via the contact information provided to obtain the password in order to proceed with review and processing of the DRA form.
5. Upon completion of the DRA form review, you will receive a notification from CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov confirming that the form has been processed or requesting revisions to the form in order to proceed.

Please reach out to CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov with any questions.

CMMI Connect: Have You Updated Your Login Credentials?

As part of [CMMI Connect](#), [CJR Connect](#) is CMS's knowledge management and collaboration platform for hospitals participating in the CJR model.

To log into CMMI Connect you must now use CMS credentials, such as an Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM) or HCQIS Access Roles and Profile (HARP).

For existing Connect users: Before logging in for the first time with CMS credentials please click on "Existing User Verification" on the [CMMI Connect](#) login page. Please follow the prompts to complete the verification process.

For new Connect users: On the [CMMI Connect](#) login page, please click "New User Registration" and then fill out the community registration form that appears. After being granted access to the site by the CMMI Connect HelpDesk, you will receive a Welcome email that contains instructions on verifying your account.

Are you trying to create or link your account but experiencing difficulties? Please contact the Help Desk at CMMIForceSupport@cms.hhs.gov, or call 1-888-734-6433, option 5.



Webinar News

Upcoming Events

Note: The dates and times of the Upcoming Events below are subject to change.

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Patient Reported Outcomes (PRO) Data Collection and Submission: Updates for Performance Years 6-8 (PYs 6-8)

August 18, 2021 • 2-3 PM ET • [Register](#)

During this webinar, the Yale Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE) team will share important updates regarding data submission of patient-reported outcomes (PROs) for CJR participant hospitals. Yale CORE will provide instructions for creating a Health Care Quality Information Systems (HCQIS) Access Roles and Profile (HARP) account. Additionally, the Yale CORE team will discuss Managed File Transfer (MFT) registration and then walk through CJR PRO PY6 data submission using MFT. Following the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions.

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On-Demand Events

If you missed or want to revisit any of the most recent webinars, you may click on the on-demand links below to access the recordings. For some of the on-demand links, you may need to register before viewing the recordings. Listen on your own or view with your colleagues at your next staff meeting.

- [CJR PY6 Reconciliation Methodology](#)

During this webinar, the Mathematica Policy Research team provided an overview of the payment methodology and related policy updates for PY6 of the CJR model. This included a review of the target price background from PYs 1-5, an overview of the PY6 target price, and a discussion of changes to PY6 target price methodology. After the presentation, attendees had the opportunity to ask questions.

- [CJR Monitoring Results: Base Year through Performance Year 4 \(BY-PY4\)](#)

This webinar provides a retrospective summary of key findings from the CJR Monitoring Reports for the BY-PY4 focusing on cost, quality and access. This presentation includes time for questions and discussion by CJR participant hospitals, including brief sharing by hospitals with successful approaches.

- [CJR Model Final Performance Year 4 \(PY4\) and Initial Performance Year Subset 5.1 \(PY5.1\) Reconciliation](#)

This recorded event briefly reviews the reconciliation process and methodology, reviews the reconciliation report and data files, and outlines the process for submitting appeals. CMS sent reports to CJR model participants containing final reconciliation results for PY4 and initial reconciliation results for PY5.1 on May 24, 2021. You can navigate to the [CJR Data Portal](#) to find your reconciliation files, which include PY4 final and PY5.1 initial reconciliations, in the Reconciliation Reports file slot on the site. Additional information about appeals submission is included in the webinar [transcript](#) and [slides](#), which are available for download on [CJR Connect](#). The CJR model team released a companion recording featuring Q&A in late June.

REMINDER: CJR Data Portal

As a reminder, the [CJR Data Portal](#) is where you can view important data that is specific to your hospital's participation in the CJR model. If you experience any issues accessing the CJR Data Portal or if you have questions regarding the Portal or your Data Use Agreements, please contact the CJR Support Team at CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov or 1-844-711-CMMI (2664), Option 1.

Please do not reply to the cmslists@subscriptions.cms.hhs.gov email address, as this is an unmonitored inbox. You can continue to contact CJR Support for questions, assistance, suggestions for Learning System events, or to be added to the *CJR News* distribution list at CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov.

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