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(ECQM)

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Preface

Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQM) are a component of the ONC Certification Criteria for Health IT necessary for participating in various Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services programs. While Performance Measures assess how the Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) is used, Clinical Quality Measures (CQM) measure patient care outcomes.

This manual describes the technical details of the eCQM Engine (namespace ECQM).

The eCQM Engine is a browser-enabled, graphical user interface for the Indian Health Service (IHS) deployed centrally on an application server in the Data Center for processing eCQM measures data from IHS sites. If necessary, it can also be deployed locally at sites. It provides functionality to process QRDA CAT-I files to generate QRDA CAT-III files to submit to reporting entities.

1.0 Introduction

This manual provides IHS site managers with a technical description of the eCQM Engine. The eCQM Engine is a browser-enabled graphical user interface for IHS deployed centrally on an application server in the Data Center to process eCQM measures data from IHS sites. If necessary, it can also be deployed locally at sites. There are no RPMS routines, files, menus, cross references, globals, or other information required to effectively manage the system.

The assigned namespace is ECQM, although there are no official RPMS components.

There are no file number ranges for this package.

2.0 Implementation and Maintenance

2.1 General Information

The eCQM Engine is a browser-enabled, graphical user interface for IHS deployed centrally on an application server in the Data Center for processing eCQM measures data from IHS sites. If necessary, it can also be deployed locally at Sites. There are two potential configurations for the eCQM setup:

- **BQRE/ECQM Local Install**—Do *not* install on the same server as BPRM. The ECQM Application (IIS) Database (RavenDB) and BQRE can be installed on the same machine.
- **BQRE Local/ECQM Central option**—BQRE *can* be installed on the BPRM application server.

2.2 System Requirements

The following resources are required for a *locally deployed* standalone application server:

- Microsoft® Windows® 2012 R2 Server x64 bit (or later)
- Microsoft IIS® 8.5 and 10
- Windows PowerShell 5.1 or higher
- .NET Framework 4.8 or higher (required for PowerShell 5.1)
- .NET Core 8.0
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2015 or later
- Four processor cores running at 2.0 GHz or faster
- 8-12 GB RAM running at 1333 MHz
- 60-100 GB free disk space (disk drives should be 10K RPM or faster)

Note: Do not install on the same server as BPRM.

However, the ECQM Application (IIS) Database (RavenDB) and BQRE Export Tool can be installed on *one* machine.

2.3 Package-Wide Variables

None.

2.4 Security Keys

None.

3.0 Routine Descriptions

No RPMS routines are released with this application.

3.1 Routines with Description

Not applicable.

4.0 Files and Tables

4.1 File List

Not applicable.

4.2 File Access

Not applicable.

4.3 Cross References

Not applicable.

5.0 External Relations

None.

5.1 Callable Routines

Not applicable.

5.2 Published Entry Points

Not applicable.

5.3 Exported Options

Not applicable.

6.0 Internal Relations

Not applicable.

7.0 Archiving and Purging

ECQM Purges data files in RavenDB after 90 days by default.

8.0 Documentation Resources

The sections below do not apply, as there are no RPMS components.

8.1 System Documentation

Online Virtual Private Server (VPS) system documentation can be generated through the use of several Kernel options, including, but not limited to:

- %INDEX
- Menu Management
- Inquire Option
- Print Option File
- VA FileMan
- Data Dictionary Utilities
- List File Attributes

For more option listings and further information about other utilities that supply online technical information, see the Decentralized Hospital Computer Program (DHCP) Kernel Reference manual.

8.1.1 %INDEX

The %INDEX option analyzes the structure of a routine to determine, in part, if the routine adheres to RPMS programming standards. The output can include the following components:

- Compiled list of errors and warnings
- Routine listing
- Local variables
- Global variables
- Naked globals
- Label references
- External references
- Running %INDEX for a specified set of routines allows users to discover any deviations from existing RPMS programming standards and to see how routines interact with one another (i.e., which routines call or are called by other routines).
- To run %INDEX for the VPS system:
- At the “Routine(s)?” prompt, type the **ECQM** namespace.

8.1.2 Inquire Options

The Inquire menu management option provides the following information about a specified option:

- Option name
- Menu text
- Option description
- Type of option
- Lock (if any)

In addition, all items on the menu are listed for each menu option. To secure information about the ECQM package options, specify the **ECQM** namespace.

8.1.3 Print Option File

The Print Option File utility lists options from the Option file (#19). Users can print all entries, a single option, or a range of options.

8.1.4 List File Attributes

This VA FileMan option allows users to generate documentation about files and file structure. The standard format of this option provides the following data dictionary information for a specified file:

- File name and description
- Identifiers
- Cross-references
- Files pointed to by the file specified
- Files that point to the file specified
- Input, print, and sort templates

In addition, the following applicable data is supplied for each field in the file:

- Field name, number, title, and description
- Global location
- Help prompt
- Cross-references
- Input transform
- Date last edited
- Notes

Using the Global Map format of this option generates an output that lists the following information:

- All cross-references for the file selected
- Global location of each field in the file
- Input, print, and sort templates

8.2 Online Help

In addition to system documentation, RPMS includes unique Help displays for most menu options and data entry prompts. Typing a single question mark (?) at the “Select . . . Option” prompt displays information related to the current option, as shown in Table 8-1.

Table 8-1: Online Help options

Typing . . .	Displays . . .
one question mark (?)	A list of all options accessible from the current option.
two question marks (??)	A list of all accessible options and their formal names
three question marks (???)	A brief description for each option in a menu
one question mark (?) followed by an option name (?OPTION)	Extended Help, if available, for that option

9.0 SAC Requirements and Exemptions

None.

Appendix A GUI Components

A.1 Authentication

Users of the eCQM Engine must have D1/E1 credentials to use the central eCQM. For locally deployed eCQM Engines with no access to the IHS D1/E1 credential store, the Site has to use their directory solution to allow users to authenticate to the local Engine. The eCQM Engine will authenticate user credentials via LDAP to the Directory associated with the individual user's network. Only those users who are added via the Super Admin role for a specific Site can access the eCQM Engine. Users of the eCQM Engine will be assigned roles in the application Browser Specification.

Users with network access to the application server must access the tool via Google Chrome.

A.2 Web Application Specification

The Web application was created with .Net Core 6.0. It renders the webpages in HTML5.

A.3 Database Specification

The eCQM Engine employs a RavenDB database to consume the QRDA CAT-I files generated during the export process and process to create the QRDA CAT-III files for submission to reporting entities.

Glossary

QRDA-CAT-I

The Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category I file is an XML file containing patient data. It can be sent to the eCQM Engine or to external Eligible Hospital programs and Registry.

QRDA-CAT-III

Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category III file is an XML file that contains aggregate measure results. This data can be sent to Eligible Professional programs and Registries.

Acronym List

Acronym	Meaning
CEHRT	Certified Electronic Health Record Technology
eCQM	Electronic Clinical Quality Measures
IHS	Indian Health Service
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
RPMS	Resource and Patient Management System
VPS	Virtual Private Server

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