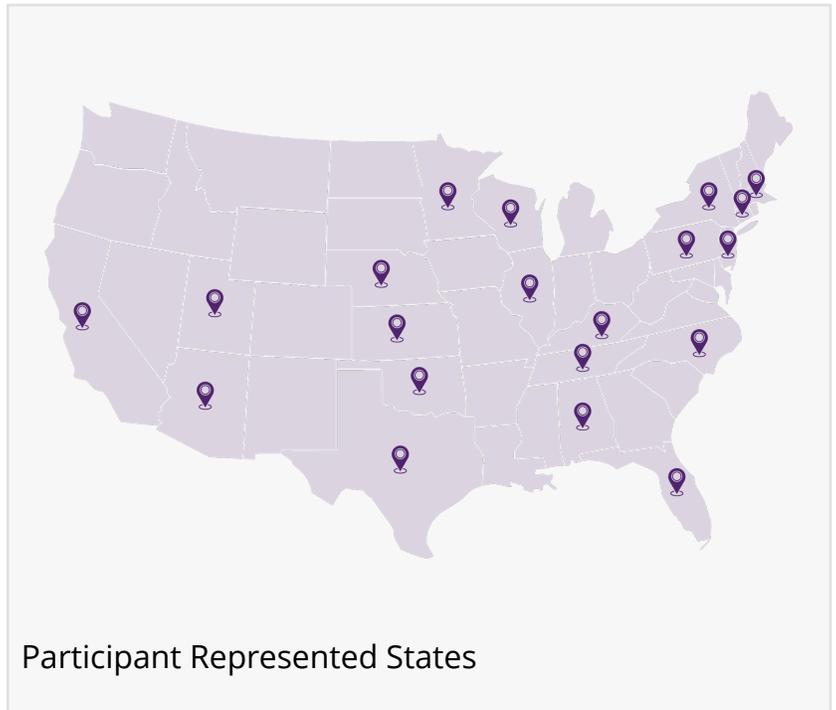


QMetrics Powers the Launch of NCQA's 11th Cohort in Groundbreaking Data Aggregator Validation Program

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SAN DIEGO, CA, UNITED STATES, January 20, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- QMetrics is proud to continue its pivotal role as the official Validator for the National Committee for Quality Assurance's (NCQA) 11th Cohort of the Data Aggregator Validation program, marking a major milestone in the initiative's rapid growth and national impact.



Since the program's launch in Summer 2021, 50 organizations across 21 states have completed the validation process—culminating in 137 validations and advancing the use of high-quality clinical data for healthcare quality reporting. Now, Cohort 11 welcomes a diverse mix of new and returning participants from across the country, each aiming to achieve validated status and contribute data as standard supplemental data for HEDIS® reporting.

“Reaching our eleventh cohort is a significant achievement,” said Taylor Musser, NCQA Director of Measure and Data Operations. “The program's maturation and growth reflect the industry's rising demand for trust in clinical data and confidence in its integrity as it is used.”

The Data Aggregator Validation program is a strategic collaboration between NCQA and QMetrics designed to streamline quality reporting and reduce administrative burdens for providers. By validating clinical data from aggregators and electronic health records (EHRs), the program promotes interoperability and accurate, real-time data exchange. The introduction of FHIR standards and a new Provider Portal in earlier cohorts reflects this commitment to continuous improvement.

QMetrics: A Trusted Partner Since Inception

As the only validator since the program's inception, QMetrics has been instrumental in shaping the program's rigorous standards, including its Primary Source Verification (PSV) methodology, which evaluates clinical data sources used in downstream reporting.

"To date, QMetrics has validated 60,973 individual data sources, impacting millions of lives," said Suzan Mora Dalen, QMetrics CEO and Founder. "With each cohort, we see a surge in interest. Organizations clearly recognize the profound value of data quality—not just for compliance, but for driving better health outcomes."

Organizations that achieve validation benefit not only from enhanced HEDIS® reporting capabilities but also from improved internal processes. Many participants cite the program as a catalyst for cultural change, helping teams focus more deeply on data accuracy and quality.

Looking Ahead: Cohort 11 Align with HEDIS® Measurement Year 2026

Cohort 11 officially kicks off on January 20, 2026, aligning with the HEDIS® supplemental data submission timeline for Measurement Year 2026. To maintain the highest standards of integrity and reliability, all validated organizations are required to undergo periodic re-validation.

The Data Aggregator Validation Program remains the first national effort to validate clinical data streams shared across EHRs, aggregators, and third-party recipients such as health plans—setting a new standard in healthcare data trustworthiness.

For more information about the Data Aggregator Validation Program or to apply, please contact NCQA directly.

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