



# Bulletin

October 2016: Edition 4

## Model Reminders

**October 31, 2016 is the deadline to submit voluntary pre-operative patient-reported outcome (PRO) and risk variable data for Performance Year 1.**

CJR participants can submit pre-operative PRO and risk variable data collected on patients who received eligible primary total hip arthroplasty and total knee arthroplasty procedures between July 1- August 31, 2016. See the PowerPoint slide deck from the September 28<sup>th</sup> webinar titled “Webinar CJR Patient Reported Outcomes (PRO) and Risk Variable Data Submission for Performance Year 1” for information about how to submit these data. It is available through the Libraries tab on [CJR Connect](#).

**The October 2016 CJR Quarterly Data Files are now available to participant hospitals.**

Participants can access the files through the Download tab in the CJR Portal. Instructions for accessing the CJR Portal are available on [CJR Connect](#) in the Libraries tab. Use the content bar to search for “CJR Portal.”

For tips on reviewing the Quarterly Data Files, see the PowerPoint slide deck from the July 28<sup>th</sup> webinar titled “Webinar CJR Quarterly Data Files with Mathematica Policy Research (MPR) 07 28 2016,” which is available through the Libraries tab on [CJR Connect](#).

**Participant hospitals can enter into financial arrangements with post-acute care providers at any time during the CJR model.**

The CJR final rule specifies that “parties must enter into a sharing arrangement before care is furnished to CJR beneficiaries under the terms of the sharing arrangement.” Collaborators can only receive a gainsharing payment from a reconciliation payment or from internal cost savings generated during the period the agreement was in effect.

## Upcoming Event

**Register Now for the Next CJR Learning System Event on CJR Patient Reported Outcomes (PRO) and Risk Variable Data Submission: Follow-Up Office Hours**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2016**

**2 – 3 p.m. EDT**

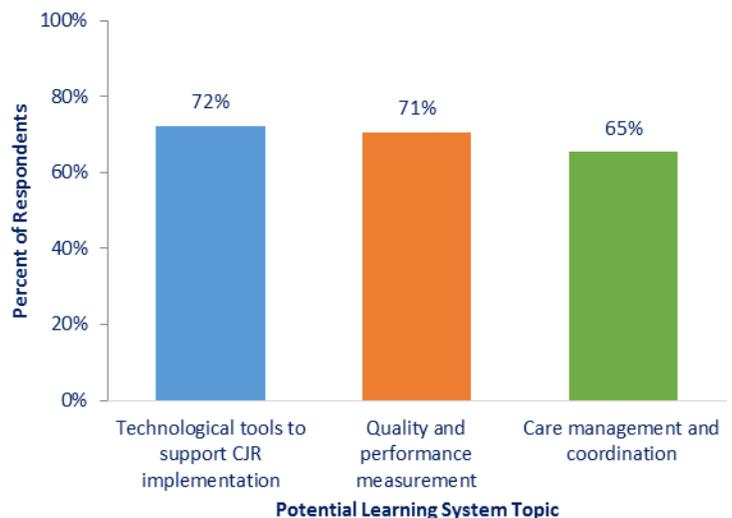
[Register Here](#)

This office hours event will be held to address additional questions regarding PRO and risk variable data submission in Performance Year (PY) 1 of the CJR model. Yale Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation will review common questions raised during the September 28<sup>th</sup> “CJR PRO and Risk Variable Data Submission for PY 1 Webinar” and answer questions from participants regarding pre-operative data submission in preparation for the upcoming October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

## Thank You for Completing the CJR Q3 2016 Outreach and Education Needs Assessment Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the CJR Q3 2016 Outreach and Education Needs Assessment Survey. Your responses will allow us to design Learning System activities based on participant hospitals’ needs and priorities.

### Top 3 Topics of Most Interest to CJR Q3 2016 Outreach and Education Needs Assessment Survey Respondents\*



\* Data collected as of September 29, 2016.

## In Case You Missed It

CJR Webinar Title	Webinar Date	Webinar Materials Available on <a href="#">CJR Connect</a> through the Libraries Tab
CJR Quarterly Data Files with Mathematical Policy Research (MPR) Follow-Up Office Hours	Aug. 18, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webinar CJR Quarterly Data Files with Mathematica Policy Research (MPR) Follow-Up Office Hours 08 18 16 Materials</li> </ul>
Clinical Engagement and Alignment: A Hospital Perspective	Aug. 25, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webinar Clinical Engagement and Alignment: A Hospital Perspective 08 25 16 Materials</li> </ul>
CJR Patient Reported Outcomes (PRO) and Risk Variable Data Submission for Performance Year 1	Sept. 28, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webinar CJR Patient Reported Outcomes (PRO) and Risk Variable Data Submission for Performance Year 1 (PY1) 09 28 16 Materials</li> </ul>

## Fast Facts about CJR Connect

### Notifications About Newly Uploaded Documents

[CJR Connect](#) provides an online forum for CJR participants to access model documents, as well as interact with one another, ask questions, and share resources and experiences. To receive daily notifications about newly uploaded documents, here are 4 quick steps to change your settings.

1. Log into [CJR Connect](#) using your username and password.
2. On the top left of the screen, click on the Libraries tab.
3. Under "My Libraries," Select "CJR Connect."



4. In the top left of the screen, click "Subscribe."

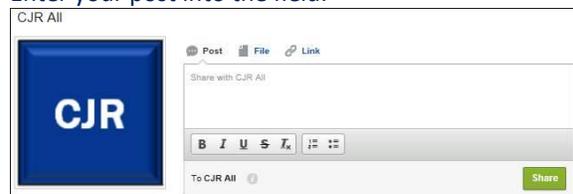


After you have completed these steps, you will receive email notifications when new documents are uploaded to the CJR Connect Library. As a reminder, CJR Connect is intended for collaboration and sharing among CJR participants. Technical questions about the model should be directed to [CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov).

### Posting to all CJR Connect Users

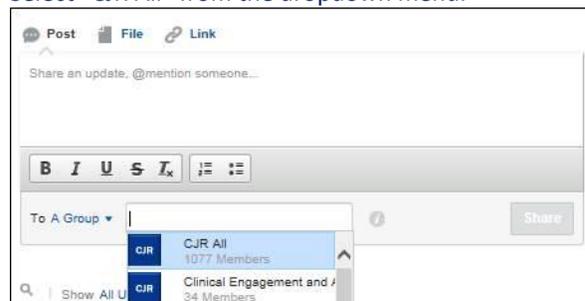
The default setting for [CJR Connect](#) Chatter is to post only to users' followers. If you do not change this setting, only your followers will be able to see and respond to your posts. The CJR Learning System team is identifying posts that are inadvertently shared with followers only, and sharing them with all CJR Connect users. Help us make sure that all CJR Connect users are able to view your questions, comments, or links, by following these steps:

1. Click on the Groups tab.
2. Select CJR All.
3. Enter your post into the field.



Alternatively, you can also:

1. Click on the Chatter tab.
2. Enter your post into the field.
3. Select "A Group" from the dropdown menu for "To."
4. Click on the open text field adjacent to "A Group."
5. Select "CJR All" from the dropdown menu.



## CJR Connect Libraries: What's New

Here are the most recently uploaded documents in the [CJR Connect](#) Library:

- Webinar Clinical Engagement and Alignment: A Hospital Perspective 08 25 16 Materials
- Webinar CJR Proposed Model Changes 09072016 Materials
- Webinar CJR Patient Reported Outcomes (PRO) and Risk Variable Data Submission for Performance Year 1 (PY1) 09 28 16 Materials

Use the content bar to search for the file names.

## CMMI Updates

The [CMS Innovation Center](#) website contains useful resources and announcements about CMS's innovative health care payment and service delivery models. Below are some recent noteworthy updates.

**Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Initiative: Second Evaluation Report Posted [Here](#).** This report describes the experiences of Phase 2 participants (Awardees who agree to assume financial risk) during the first year of the initiative (episodes initiated between October 2013 and September 2014). The report also shares qualitative findings on BPCI patients' experiences through June 2015.

**Accountable Health Communities Model Webinar: Track 1 Overview and Application Requirements Posted [Here](#).** The Accountable Health Communities Model tests whether systematically identifying and addressing the health-related social needs of community-dwelling Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries impacts total health care costs and utilization. This webinar reviews the requirements and application process for organizations interested in participating in Track 1 of this 5-year model. CMS is currently accepting applications until November 3, 2016.

**Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design Model - Overview of 2018 Model Changes Webinar Posted [Here](#).** This model tests whether Medicare Advantage plans that offer supplemental benefits or reduced cost sharing to enrollees with CMS-specified chronic conditions can improve health outcomes and lower expenditures for Medicare Advantage enrollees. Beginning in Calendar Year 2018, CMS will make changes to the model including opening the model to new applicants in three states and offering two new targeted clinical conditions.

## CJR Contact Info

For questions, assistance, suggestions for Learning System events or to be added to the CJR Bulletin distribution list, please contact [CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov).

## Relevant Reads

### [How to succeed in bundled payments for total joint replacement](#)

This article shares Euclid Hospital's experiences in the joint episodes for the BPCI model. The three cornerstones of their successful implementation include: standardized clinical care paths so that evidence-based best practice guidelines are used consistently, care coordinators as single points of contact for joint replacement patients, and focus on seamless transitions from the hospital to the post-acute setting.

### [Orthopedic bundled payments: 5 key thoughts on NYU Langone Medical Center's better outcomes & lower costs](#)

This article shares New York University's Langone Medical Center's experiences in the joint episodes for the BPCI model. They shared the following six strategies they used to successfully implement their bundle: involving the entire surgeon team in creating care pathways, switching to reference pricing for implants, taking advantage of all cost savings opportunities, using care coordinators to check in with patients to smooth the transition home, and using data and cost transparency to drive success.

## What's Trending on CJR Connect

Top 4 CJR Connect Chatter Post Topics to Date

