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Announcement:

Please note that as of September 1, 2021, the LS-CJR@lewin.com inbox has been deactivated. Please email CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov with any inquiries regarding the CJR model and the Learning System.



Important Updates

REMINDER: CJR Model Performance Year 6 Reconciliation Reports

Please navigate to the CJR Enterprise Portal to find your Reconciliation Report for PY6. The previous Reconciliation Report, which included PY5.2 final reconciliation results, is available in the Archived Reconciliation Reports folder. For details on updates to PY6 reconciliation, please refer to the change log and specifications inside the README and Data Dictionary folder.

Please note that PY6 will undergo one reconciliation only, rather than the previous methodology of completing an initial reconciliation and a final reconciliation. Payments or repayments for PY6 reconciliation will occur separately from PY5.2 final reconciliation, which concluded earlier this year.

The CJR regulations provide that participant hospitals may dispute reconciliation calculations in a form and manner specified by CMS. Along with your hospital's reconciliation report, the Calculation Error (CE) form, and instructions for CE form submission to CJRReconciliation@cms.hhs.gov are located in the Reconciliation Reports folder on the Portal. Appeals may be submitted through January 3, 2024, at 11:59pm ET. As PY6 will undergo a single reconciliation, this is the only opportunity to submit appeals for this performance year.

The CJR PY6 Reconciliation Webinar is available for download by participants and can be found in the CJR Connect Learning Systems library. If you have general questions about the reconciliation methodology, payment, or appeals after viewing this webinar, please send them to CJR@cms.hhs.gov by December 1, 2023. A Q&A document will be disseminated with responses to particular questions. For specific questions regarding your hospital's report or data, please contact us at CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov.

REMINDER: Performance Year 6 Reconciliation Market Trends and Normalization Factor Available on Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) Website

To improve transparency and guide expectations on Target Prices, the CJR team has updated the CJR website with estimates of the market trend and normalization factors that are going to be incorporated into Performance Year 6 reconciliation target prices. Now that Performance Year 6 reconciliation reports have been released, the final market trend factors and normalization factor that were used in reconciliation calculation have been posted.

This file can be found at <https://innovation.cms.gov/innovation-models/cjr> in the Target Prices and Risk Adjustment section.

If you have questions, please contact us at CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov.

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 expired 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 will not be able to be processed. Therefore, please follow the instructions outlined below.

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.
 1. Use the Select Your CCN drop down menu to select the CCN under which you are submitting the DRA form.
 2. Use the File Type drop down menu to select "Supporting Document 11."
 3. 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).
 4. 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 Help Desk, 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

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 with your colleagues at your next staff meeting.

- [CJR Financial Arrangement and Engagement Lists Submission and Connection with QPP \(Fall 2023\)](#)

This pre-recorded event focuses on the connection between the Quality Payment Program and the Financial Arrangement and Clinician Engagement List under the CJR Model, as well as the submission process for Financial Arrangement and Clinician Engagement Lists. During the event, the CJR model team reviewed how and when CJR participant hospitals must submit their Financial Arrangement List and/or Clinician Engagement List to CMS. The deadline for submitting these lists on the data portal is September 1, 2023, at 11:59pm ET.

[CJR Model Performance Year 5 \(PY5\) Evaluation Results](#)

This pre-recorded event reviews the results from the recently posted evaluation report for PY5. This report covers the impact of CJR on participant hospitals by examining their cost, quality and utilization, and features findings from the beneficiary survey.

- [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 Model Final Performance Year 6 \(PY6\) Reconciliation](#)

This pre-recorded webinar provides an overview of the PY6 reconciliation and appeals process. The webinar includes payment and repayment information, a reconciliation methodology, information on the reconciliation report and data files available on the CJR Data Portal, and the timeline for appeals. The PY6 Reconciliation Reports were made available on the CJR Data Portal on November 20, 2023.

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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