

State and Federal Health Equity Reporting Requirements

Mandatory in 2023

Mandatory in 2024

Mandatory after 2024

	STATE Department of Health Care Access and Information: New Regulations on Data Reporting	STATE LAW AB 1204 - Hospital Equity Reporting Requirements	THE JOINT COMMISSION Elements of Performance for Hospitals	FEDERAL Medicare Inpatient Quality Reporting Program Health Equity Measures
Designation of a health care disparities lead			Element of Performance 1. of LD 04.03.08: The hospital designates an individual(s) to lead activities to reduce health care disparities for hospital patients.	
Collection of equity focused data				Hospital Commitment to Health Equity Measure Domain 2 - Data Collection: Hospitals report on several activities related to the collection of equity-focused data
Assessment of the social determinants of health for each patient	<p>Starting on 1/1/2023, for the hospital discharge abstract data and emergency and ambulatory surgery data hospitals collect and report to HCAI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billing Z codes (Z55-Z65) must be used if a social determinant of health condition is captured in the medical record • A patient's full address must be reported, including ZIP code • A Yes/No indicator needs to be included to flag if the patient is experiencing homelessness 		Element of Performance 2. of LD 04.03.08: The hospital assesses the patient's health-related social needs and provides information about community resources and support services.	<p>Hospital Commitment to Health Equity Measure Domain 2 - Data Collection: Hospitals report on activities related to the collection of social determinants of health information.</p> <p>Screening for Social Drivers of Health Measure: Assesses whether a hospital screens all patients 18 years or older at time of admission for five health-related social needs: food insecurity, housing instability, transportation needs, utility difficulties, and interpersonal safety.</p> <p>Screen-Positive Rate for Social Drivers of Health Measure: Requires the reporting of the resulting "screen-positive rates" for each health-related social needs domain (food insecurity, housing instability, transportation needs, utility difficulties, and interpersonal safety).</p>
Health disparity data is analyzed		Hospital Equity Report: Hospitals must prepare an equity report that includes an analysis of health status and access to care disparities for patients on the basis of age, sex, race, ethnicity, language, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and payer.	<p>Element of Performance 3. of LD 04.03.08: The hospital identifies health care disparities in its patient population by stratifying quality and safety data using the sociodemographic characteristics of the hospital patients.</p> <p>Element of Performance 5. of LD 04.03.08: The hospital acts when it does not achieve or sustain the goal(s) in its action plan to reduce health care disparities.</p>	Hospital Commitment to Health Equity Measure Domain 3 - Data Analysis: Hospitals report on activities related to the analysis of health equity data to identify gaps.
Strategic plan development		Address Disparities: A hospital's equity report must include a plan to reduce disparities, including specific time frames and measurable objectives.	Element of Performance 4. of LD 04.03.08: The hospital develops a written action plan that describes how it will address at least one of the health care disparities identified in its patient population.	Hospital Commitment to Health Equity Measure Domain 1 - Equity Is a Strategic Priority: Hospitals report on activities related to incorporating equity goals into strategic plans.
Quality improvement activity participation				Hospital Commitment to Health Equity Measure Domain 4 - Quality Improvement: Hospitals report on participation in quality improvement activities focused on reducing disparities.
Leadership engagement				Hospital Commitment to Health Equity Measure Domain 5 - Leadership Engagement: Hospitals report on engagement of senior leadership in equity strategic plans and performance.
Communication		Public Reporting: A hospital's equity report must be posted annually to the hospital's website.	Element of Performance 6. of LD 04.03.08: At least annually, the hospital informs key stakeholders, including leaders, licensed practitioners, and staff, about its progress to reduce identified health care disparities.	

Note: This table provides a high-level overview of similar provisions in forthcoming state and federal health equity reporting requirements. For additional detail, please review the documents linked at the top of each column.