

CMS eCQM Policy Update: Pressure Injury Early Detection & POA Status

As CMS guidance on Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs) continues to evolve through ONC JIRA updates, expert Q&As, and webinars, staying aligned with reporting standards remains essential for wound care teams. The WOCN® Society actively monitors these regulatory shifts to help you navigate documentation and compliance with confidence.

What Changed? Recent CMS Clarifications

- **July 2025 Foundation:** CMS highlighted that early detection devices play a key role in timely clinical intervention. While recommending that hospitals establish internal documentation policies for Present on Admission (POA) status, CMS initially left the role of early detection device data in formal POA determinations open-ended.
- **June 2026 ONC JIRA Portal Clarification:** CMS provided critical clarity regarding non-visual symptoms present at admission. If a provider reviews clinical documentation, agrees signs/symptoms were present on admission, and assigns a POA-Y designation, the patient remains in the measure denominator.
- **For most up-to-date information please refer to the [CMS website](#).**

(Note: If you attended [\(207\) Electronic Clinical Quality Measure HH-PI](#) on this topic at WOCNext® 2026, please reference this updated guidance for your practice and coding workflows.)

Keep Your Team Ahead of Quality Changes

Because regulatory definitions are constantly refined, we encourage clinicians, quality directors, and documentation specialists to bookmark the [eCQM Navigation Center](#) on wocn.org and refer to external resources linked within this resource center, including the [CMS website](#), for the most up-to-date, practical toolkits, and educational resources designed to keep your practice fully compliant.