

SEVERE SEPSIS AND SEPTIC SHOCK MANAGEMENT BUNDLE

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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has proposed the inclusion of the Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock Management Bundle in the Hospital Value Based Purchasing Program (HVBP).

- This data is already being collected for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) program.
- Beginning calendar year 2024 the data being used for IQR will also be used to determine performance for HVBP fiscal year 2026 payment determinations.
- The sepsis bundle will be part of the safety domain which will contribute 25% toward the overall HVBP score.
 - Currently, performance within the safety domain is only based upon hospital acquired infections that are reported to the National Healthcare Safety Network, which is a surveillance system for the Centers for Disease Control.
 - Eligible sepsis bundle cases will be determined by claims data e.g., the presence of certain ICD-10 sepsis codes.
 - Sepsis bundle performance will be based on abstracted data.

Reference: https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/globalassets/iqr-2023-events/iqr51123/fy2024_ipps-proposed-rule-overview-for-hospital-quality-programs-vfinal508.pdf