

IPFQR Program: Understanding Reporting Periods vs. Fiscal Years

January 1, 2025–December 31, 2028

Calendar Year and Fiscal Year

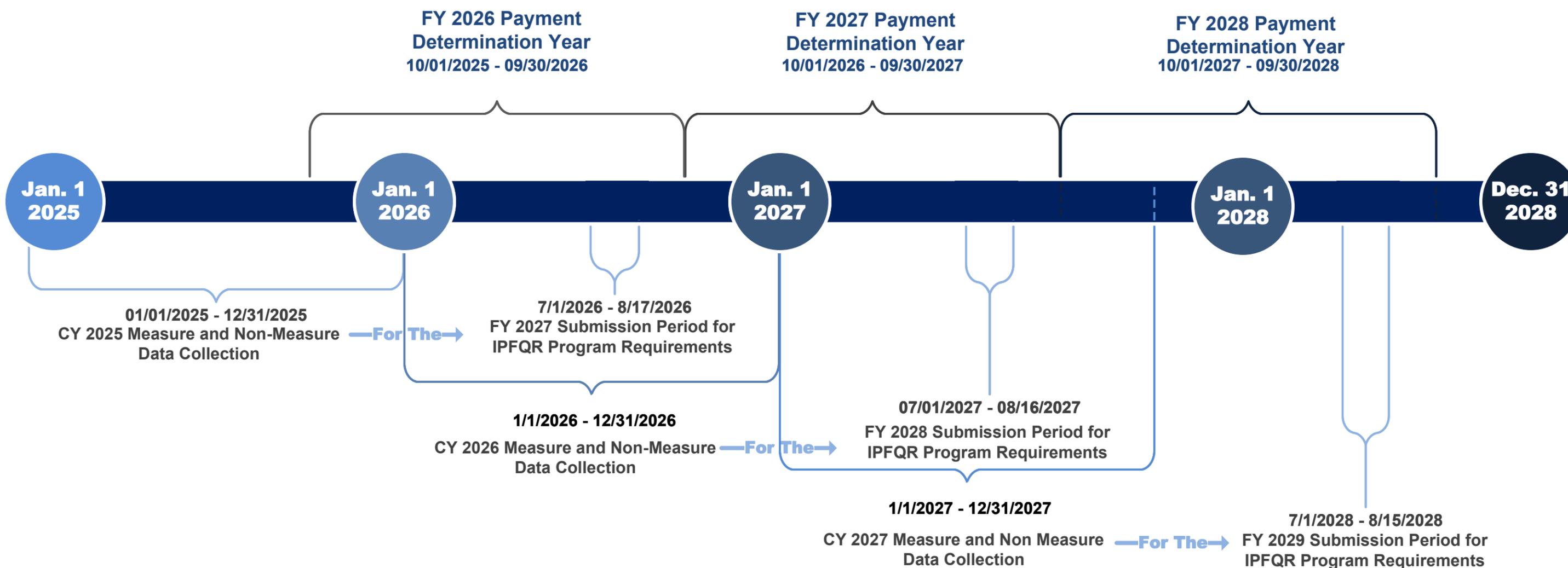
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) uses quality data that inpatient psychiatric facilities (IPFs) collect **during a reporting period** to make payment decisions for a future year.

- Reporting Period = Calendar Year (CY)
- Fiscal Year (FY) = Payment Year
- Annual Payment Update (APU) = the annual percentage increase that CMS applies to Medicare reimbursement for eligible IPFs

IPF Data → CMS APU Decisions

Submission of CY data is connected to payment in a future FY, as illustrated below.

- IPFs collect data for CY 2026 discharges.
- IPFs submit data to CMS in 2027.
- CMS makes preliminary FY 2028 APU decisions.
- CMS provides IPFs with an opportunity to request reconsiderations of FY 2028 APU decisions.
- CMS makes final FY 2028 APU decisions.



Exceptions

- This infographic resource is specific to chart-abstracted measures.
- Data for the Influenza Immunization (IMM-2) measure are collected from October 1 through March 31 of the previous fiscal year. For example, IPFs will collect IMM-2 data from October 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027, and submit the data in the summer of 2027 to impact the FY 2028 payment determination.