

Accessing the United States Health Information Knowledgebase (USHIK) for Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs) Specifications

To view additional details such as ICD-10 or CPT codes for UDS clinical measures with an associated eCQM number, it is necessary to access the United States Health Information Knowledgebase (USHIK). The USHIK can be accessed through the “eCQI Resource Center” online.

Using the electronic (pdf) version of the [UDS Manual](#) locate the clinical measure in the chapter for Table 6B or Table 7. Click on the hyperlink for the eCQM number in the title for the related measure. The hyperlink will direct you to the eCQI Resource Center for that measure.

Once in the eCQI Resource Center, scroll to the bottom of the page to locate the section labeled “External Resources.” Below that section is the link to the United States Health Information Knowledgebase (USHIK). See the circled link in the screenshot below. Click on that link to access the USHIK page. To view details in the USHIK it is necessary to establish a user name and password. To do that follow the directions on this page: <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/databases/umls.html>.

The screenshot displays a list of value sets with their corresponding SNOMEDCT codes. Two entries are visible:

- Value set Flexible Sigmoidoscopy (2.16.840.1.113883.3.464.1003.198.12.1010): Deleted 1 SNOMEDCT code (112870002).
- Value set Payer (2.16.840.1.114222.4.11.3591): Deleted 1 SOP code (24).

Each entry includes a "Measure Section: QDM Data Elements" and a "Source of Change: 2019 Addendum".

Below the list, the "External Resources" section is highlighted with a red circle. It contains two links:

- [United States Health Information Knowledgebase](#)
- [NLM Value Set Authority Center \(VSAC\)](#)

The page also includes a footer with the eCQI Resource Center logo, CMS logo, and USA.gov logo. Navigation links for "Meaningful Measures", "Measures Management System", "Quality Net", "Quality Payment Program", "Accessibility", "Privacy Policy", and "Contact Us" are also present.

Once you have established a username and password for USHIK you can then access the measure details in the USHIK and search by an eCQM number from the dropdown list by filtering for the measure. Click on the hyperlink to the measure shown in the filtered result. In the measure, to view related codes, click on the tab for “Data Criteria” to access additional information for the selected measure.

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