



**BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE
REAFFIRMATION OF HL7 VERSION
3 STANDARD: REPRESENTATION OF THE
HEALTH QUALITY MEASURES FORMAT
(EMEASURE), RELEASE 1 FOR THE MAY
2022 BALLOT CYCLE**

April 1, 2022

Dear Voter,

Health Level Seven (HL7) invites you to take part in a Normative ballot to reaffirm the following HL7 American National Standard (ANS):

**Reaffirmation of HL7 Version 3 Standard: Representation of the Health Quality
Measures Format (eMeasure), Release 1
(REAFF_V3_HQMF_R1_N1_2022MAY)**

Per ANSI rules, any ANS subject to periodic maintenance shall be revised, reaffirmed or withdrawn five years (5) after its designation as an ANS. HL7 is conducting this ballot in accordance with the HL7 Essential Requirements (HL7 ER) section 03.04.01 (Reaffirmation of an HL7 American National Standard), to allow those parties with an interest in the ANS to record their position on the decision to reaffirm, revise or withdraw this ANS. This ballot is being conducted in accordance with the rules in HL7 ER section 02 for a Normative Ballot.

For the purposes of this ballot the question being asked is as follows:

Should the standard be reaffirmed as an American National Standard, withdrawn as an ANS, or subject to revision and brought to ballot as a new version?

Accordingly, voters should lodge their votes as follows:

- **Affirmative** – Indicates support of reaffirmation of the ANS
- **Negative** – Indicates support of either withdrawing or revising the ANS. If you support withdrawal, indicate your reasons in the comments accompanying your negative vote.

For details on obtaining a copy of the ANS under review, please refer to the Balloting Procedures section further down in this announcement.

Review Group Ballot Open/Close Dates

The ballot pool in this document will open and close for voting on the following dates:

Review Group Ballot Open Date: Friday, April 1, 2022

Review Group Ballot Close Date: Monday, May 2, 2022

Review Group Pool Signup

Pool sign up is closed.

Ballot Document

Clinical Quality Information Work Group announces the ballot opening for the following item:

Reaffirmation of HL7 Version 3 Standard: Representation of the Health Quality Measures Format (eMeasure), Release 1 [Project ID 1749, 1st Normative Ballot]

No changes to the existing standard. This ballot is intended to re-affirm the existing normative standard which is currently in use by US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for implementing electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs). Since HQMF is the base standard used for these eCQMs until the programs move to FHIR, maintenance of the standard is required.

Unique Ballot ID: REAFF_V3_HQMF_R1_N1_2022MAY

General Guidelines

The standard under consideration is available to HL7 members and non-members as a free download from the HL7 web site linked to

https://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/product_brief.cfm?product_id=97.

From this page select the download link under "Related Documents".

HL7 will conduct these ballots according to its procedure for electronic balloting.

Unique Ballot IDs: Each ballot document has a unique Ballot ID that can be found following its descriptive text. In addition, updated ballot comment spreadsheets will be available on the balloting website at the time the ballots open.

For more information on Balloting Procedures and Guidelines, see <https://confluence.hl7.org/x/-wohAg>.

For Other Balloting Help, see <https://confluence.hl7.org/x/XQghAg>

OTHER ISSUES - Should you have any other issues logging in to the Ballot Desktop, signing up for ballot pools or voting, please contact Lynn Laakso (lynn@HL7.org), Technical Publications Manager, or Webmaster@HL7.org.