

## 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 the eCQI Resource Center website. At the top, the logo for eCQI Resource Center is visible, along with the CMS logo and the text "The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology". Below the logo, there is a navigation bar with links for "About", "FAQ", "Glossary of eCQI Terms", "eCQI Events", and "eCQI Resource Center Contact Info". The main content area shows a breadcrumb trail: "eCQMs" > "Eligible Professional / Eligible Clinician eCQMs" > "2017 Performance Period EP/EC eCQMs". A search bar is present on the right. Below the breadcrumb trail, there is a blue navigation bar with tabs for "Topic Areas", "eCQM", "EH/CAH eCQMs", "EP/EC eCQMs", "eCQM Tools", "eCQI Standards", "QRDA", "Education", and "Implementers". The "eCQM" tab is selected. The main content area displays details for a specific eCQM, including "1 CPT code (90839)", "Section: None", "Source: None", and a bullet point: "Value set Depression diagnosis (2.16.840.1.113883.3.600.145): Added 3 ICD10CM codes (F32.89, F34.81, F34.89) and deleted 1 ICD10CM code (F32.8)". Below this, it says "Section: None" and "Source: ICD-10 Addendum". At the bottom, there is a section titled "External Resources" with two links: "United States Health Information Knowledgebase (USHIK)" and "NLM Value Set Authority Center (VSAC)". The "United States Health Information Knowledgebase (USHIK)" link is circled in red.

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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