



# Standards Version Advancement Process (SVAP) Client Advance Notice 2024

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This is a Standards Version Advancement Process (SVAP) advance notification to Tenzing Medical, LLC partners for the Tenzing VistA Health IT, **no action is required**. This is information only in advance of Tenzing Medical releases supporting the ONC Certified Tenzing Vista.

The Standards Version Advancement Process (SVAP) permits health IT developers to voluntarily update health IT products certified under the ONC Health IT Certification Program to newer versions of adopted standards as part of the “Real World Testing” Condition and Maintenance of Certification requirement (§170.405).

Using SVAP, certified health IT developers are permitted to voluntarily use a newer approved version of a standard than is adopted in regulation. Currently, this flexibility is limited to standards that are adopted in the certification criteria required to meet the “Real World Testing” Condition of Certification, which include §170.315(b), (c)(1) through (c)(3), (e)(1), (f), (g)(7) through (g)(10), and (h).

Developers updating their already-certified Health IT Modules are required to provide advance notice to their clients and their ACB before adopting a newer approved version of a standard and the advance notice is required to be posted at a publicly accessible URL.

Health IT developers taking advantage of the SVAP flexibility must ensure that their Real World Testing plans and results of the certified health IT modules address these updated standards. Additionally, health IT developers updating their already certified health IT modules are required to provide advance notice to their clients and ONC-ACB before adopting a newer approved version of a standard.



With the SVAP, Tenzing Medical will update our eCQM standards associated with §170.315(c)(1) through (c)(3) certification for the QRDA updates, partners should not expect changes to the standard annual submissions currently in place. Updating to the newest version of QRDA categories I and III is a required step to submit Quality Reporting for the Quality Payment Program (QPP) to CMS attestation.

Tenzing VistA will be updated from v2.0 to v2.1. Tenzing Medical LLC will support v2.0 through 2025

The following SVAP updates will be made in support of Clinical Quality Reports measures and criteria for 2024

**§170.315(c)(1) and (c)(2)**

HL7® CDA® R2 Implementation Guide: Quality Reporting Document Architecture - Category I (QRDA I); Release 1, STU Release 5.3 with errata - US Realm, December 2022

**§170.315(c)(3)**

CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture: Category I; Hospital Quality Reporting; Implementation Guide for 2024

CMS Implementation Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture Category III Eligible Clinicians Programs Implementation Guide for 2024

As these new version of the QRDA standards is now the only version accepted for 2024 CMS program reporting, previous versions of the standards will no longer be supported for CMS program reporting purposes. However, the previous year's version of the QRDA standards (2023 in this case) will continue to be supported for basic QRDA export and import capabilities.