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# ACO GPRO reporting support

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## Watson Health™ ACO GPRO support

Watson Health is committed to supporting their partners as they respond to the requirement that Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Accountable Care Organization (ACO) participants must submit quality metrics for a randomized subset of their patients. Although, IBM® Explorys Enterprise Performance Measurement (EPM) is not an approved registry for direct submission to CMS, Watson Health has supported customers with reporting in many different ways.

## Overview of GPRO reporting support process

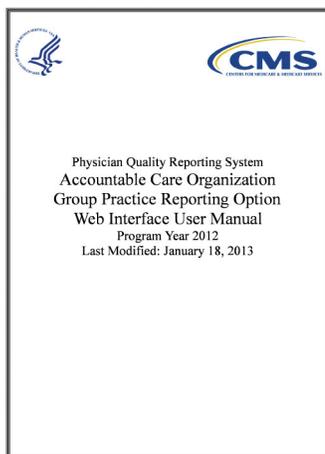
Each participant will be given instructions and access to the CMS Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) Reporting portal. The GPRO submission site provides five XML files pertaining to the participant's CMS ACO population. Only two of these files are needed to update ACO patient data.

CMS provides a list of patients with only certain data about them, and requires the ACO to provide additional data. Participants may choose to manually complete the missing clinical and operational patient data specified in the files. Watson Health can augment this process by providing much of the needed patient data elements from within the IBM® Explorys Platform.

Watson Health can provide an ACO MSSP registry containing many of the data elements needed for GPRO reporting. The registry will contain only the patients found in the GPRO reporting file, so the partner can create the GPRO reporting XML file.

Watson Health can also provide an XML file containing GPRO related data elements found within the IBM Explorys Platform. The partner will then review for further completion and validation prior to submission.

A final XML submission file can also be generated by Watson Health that incorporates both the GPRO related data elements in the IBM Explorys Platform and remaining data elements extracted by the partner. This XML file will be suitable for upload to the CMS GPRO Reporting portal.



## References

1. ACO GPRO Web Interface User Manual

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In April 2015, IBM launched IBM Watson Health and the Watson Health Cloud platform. The new unit will work with doctors, researchers and insurers to help them innovate by surfacing insights from the massive amount of personal health data being created and shared daily. The Watson Health Cloud can mask patient identities and allow for information to be shared and combined with a dynamic and constantly growing aggregated view of clinical, research and social health data.

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### Review of the steps

1. Partner receives a list of randomized MSSP beneficiaries from CMS for GPRO reporting and shares with Watson Health.
2. Partner downloads the DISCHARGE and PATIENT XML files and provides to Watson Health.
3. Watson Health collects as many GPRO fields as possible based on the data integrated in the EPM Platform and sends to partner.
4. Partner validates pre-populated data in report and completes the data elements not populated by Watson Health.
5. Watson Health merges partner data and platform data into final XML files.
6. Partner reviews and validates the XML file for completeness and accuracy then submits to CMS through GPRO portal.

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