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QCDR and Qualified Registry Readiness Consulting

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What to have ready

Each item ties to 42 CFR 414.1400 as read on October 2, 2026, or to DirectTrust's published process.

1. Your participant count and roster, against the minimum of “at least 25 participants by January 1 of the year prior to the applicable performance period” (414.1400(b)(3)(i) [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-B/part-414/subpart-O/section-414.1400]).
2. Your data validation plan, which goes to CMS “annually, at the time of self-nomination” and cannot change once approved without CMS's prior approval (414.1400(b)(3)(iv) [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-B/part-414/subpart-O/section-414.1400]).
3. A schedule and record of performance feedback to clinicians and groups “at least 4 times a year” (414.1400(b)(3)(iii) [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-B/part-414/subpart-O/section-414.1400]).
4. Signed written agreements with any external organization, detailing each party's responsibilities and “effective as of September 1 of the year preceding the applicable performance period” (414.1400(b)(3)(ii) [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-B/part-414/subpart-O/section-414.1400]).
5. A procedure for certifying submitted data “as true, accurate, and complete to the best of its knowledge” (42 CFR 414.1400 [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-B/part-414/subpart-O/section-414.1400]).
6. For a QCDR, specifications for each proprietary measure you will ask CMS to approve that year (CMS QPP [https://qpp.cms.gov/data-management/third-parties]).
7. For a returning registry in good standing, a decision on whether to use the Simplified Self-Nomination process form (414.1400(b)(2) [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-B/part-414/subpart-O/section-414.1400]).
8. A calendar that places all of the above before the CMS self-nomination period (July 1 to September 1 in the current regulation text; IHS re-keys it when CMS publishes each year's dates) (414.1400(b)(2) [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-B/part-414/subpart-O/section-414.1400]).
9. For DirectTrust DRAP: a copy of the Data Registry criteria, requested from DirectTrust (DirectTrust, Data Registry, opened October 3, 2026, accreditation.directtrust.org/programs/data-registry).
10. For DirectTrust DRAP: a signed Accreditation Program Agreement and a Financial Attestation of revenue (DirectTrust, The Accreditation Process, opened October 3, 2026, accreditation.directtrust.org/about/accreditation-process).