

MQSA FINAL RULE 2023 CHECKLIST

- Breast Density-Results Lay Letters:** Research your state and local guidelines, talk to your LIP and determine the language your facility will use in addition to the federal requirements, if any. [Refer to FDA Final Rule]
- Breast Density-Mammography Report:** Ensure that mammography reports contain the specific breast density language. [Refer to the ACR BIRADS Atlas and FDA Final Rule.]
 - A. "The breasts are almost entirely fatty"
 - B. "There are scattered areas of fibroglandular density"
 - C. "The breasts are heterogeneously dense, which may obscure small masses"
 - D. "The breasts are extremely dense, which lowers the sensitivity of mammography"
- Reporting:** Review your mammography reports to ensure that proper verbiage is being utilized for the assessment categories.
- Reporting:** Review your mammography reports to ensure adequate facility and patient information is included on both the reports and results lay letters.
- Contact your reporting software representative** once you've completed the first 4 checklist items to make necessary revisions to your reports and/or result lay letters.
- Policies and Procedure Review/Update:** Ensure that your policies and procedures are up-to-date and reflect all changes in the final ruling. Be mindful of time-frame requirements.
 - Record Retention: "How?" and "How long?"
 - Reporting, review time frames for all assessment categories
 - Reporting time frame for all mammography examinations with updates for those reports with "suspicious" and "highly suggestive of malignancy" categories
 - Image retention and release (Also review the time frame requirements for image retention and release of images.)
 - Facility closure guidelines pertaining to patient record transfer and personnel records availability
 - Personnel record retention and release with appropriate time frame listed
- Medical Outcomes Audit:** Ensure that the audit required metrics are being calculated accurately and reported. (PPV, CDR, RR)
 - For more information about the mammography medical outcomes audit, check out "[The Medical Outcomes Audit: A Team Approach to Understanding the Data and Sharing Results](#)" article linked on the Resources page of Mammography Educators website.