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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [Care Compare](#) website provides consumers with information on over 100 quality measures for over 4,000 hospitals nationwide, including Veterans Administration (VA) medical centers and Department of Defense (DoD) military hospitals.

With the [Provider Data Catalog](#), users can explore and download hospital data, as well as data on ambulatory surgical centers, inpatient psychiatric facilities, and some cancer hospitals. Publicly displaying quality information encourages hospitals and other health care facilities to make continued improvements in care.

CMS updates the data on Care Compare and the Provider Data Catalog websites quarterly, though not all data are updated each quarter.

Data Updates

On April 24, 2024, CMS has updated data for hospitals on the [Care Compare](#) and [Provider Data Catalog](#) websites.

CMS updated data for the following measures, measure groups, quality reporting programs and payment programs:

- Healthcare-associated infections (HAI)
- Maternal health
- Timely and effective care
- Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR)
- Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey (includes data on Medicare-certified hospitals, PCH hospitals, VA medical centers, and Department of Defense [DoD] hospitals)
- Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR)
- Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (OAS CAHPS) Survey for ambulatory surgical centers and hospital outpatient departments
- Prospective Payment System -Exempt Cancer Hospital (PCH) Quality Reporting Program

CMS will no longer publicly report the following measures:

- OP-2; Percentage of outpatients with chest pain or possible heart attack who got drugs to break up blood clots within 30 minutes of arrival
- OP-3b; Average (median) number of minutes before outpatients with chest pain or possible

heart attack who needed specialized care were transferred to another hospital

CMS intends to release the Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings in July 2024 release. Measure data from the January 2024 release will be used for the calculations. July 2024 release will include the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) hospitals measure data along with subsection (d) hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals.

More Information and Compare Websites

For more information on Care Compare, please visit: <https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/>

For more information on the Provider Data Catalog, please visit: <https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/topics/hospitals>

For general questions regarding Hospital Public Reporting go to the [QualityNet Question and Answer Tool](#). Under Program please select: Hospital Care Compare Site Support and choose your specific Topic. This will get your inquiry directly to the Hospital Care Compare Site inbox.

For questions regarding Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings go to the [QualityNet Question and Answer Tool](#). Under Program please select: Overall Hospital Star Ratings and choose your specific Topic. This will get your inquiry directly to the Overall Star Ratings inbox.