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## October 2025 Data Release published in November 2025 Hospital Quality Initiative Public Reporting Data Refresh for Hospitals

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) <u>Care Compare tool on Medicare.gov</u> 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 <u>Provider Data Catalog</u>, 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 healthcare facilities to make continued improvements in care.

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

## **Data Updates**

Today, November 26, 2025, CMS has updated data for hospitals on the public reporting websites. Because of the lapse in federal appropriations, scheduled data refreshes and other routine updates were temporarily paused. With the resumption of government operations on November 13, these updates are being released.

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

- Healthcare associated infections (HAI)
- Timely and effective care
- Patient Safety Indicators
- Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR)
- Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey (includes data on Medicare-certified hospitals, VA medical centers, and Department of Defense [DoD] hospitals)
- Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (OAS CAHPS)
- Prospective Payment System- Exempt Cancer Hospital (PCH) Quality Reporting Program
- Inpatient Quality Reporting Program- electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs), Maternal health, birthing friendly
- Outpatient Quality Reporting Program- electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs)

- Promoting Interoperability
- Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) Quality Reporting Program

CMS added new measures, retired measures, and updated some measure IDs for October 2025 public reporting on Care Compare.

CMS has added the following Inpatient Quality Program eCQMs:

- GMCS: Global Malnutrition Composite Score
- GMCS: Malnutrition Screening; Completion of a Malnutrition Screening
- GMCS: Malnutrition Diagnosis Documented; Appropriate Documentation of a Malnutrition Diagnosis
- GMCS: Nutrition Assessment; Completion of a Nutrition Assessment for Patients Identified as At-Risk for Malnutrition
- GMCS: Nutrition Care Plan; Nutrition Care Plan for Patients Identified as Malnourished after a Completed Nutrition Assessment
- HH-ORAE; Hospital Harm Opioid Related Adverse Events

CMS has added the following Outpatient Quality Program measures:

- OP-18a; Average (median) time all patients spent in the emergency department before leaving from the visit, including psychiatric/mental health patients and patients who were transferred to another facility
- OP-18d; Average (median) time patients spent in the emergency department before being transferred to another facility, not including psychiatric/mental health patients

CMS has added Rural Emergency Hospitals (REH) measure data on Care Compare on Medicare.gov. The following measures will be reported in Timely and Effective Care:

- REH-OP-18a; Average (median) time all patients spent in the emergency department before leaving from the visit, including psychiatric/mental health patients and patients who were transferred to another facility
- REH-OP-18b; Average (median) time patients spent in the emergency department before leaving from the visit, excluding patients transferred to another facility or psychiatric care/mental health patients
- REH-OP-18d; Average (median) time patients spent in the emergency department before being transferred to another facility, not including psychiatric/mental health patients

CMS has added the following Rural Emergency Hospitals (REH) measure data on the Provider Data Catalog only:

• REH-OP-18c; Average (median) time psychiatric or other mental health patients spent in the emergency department before leaving from the visit

CMS has added the OAS CAHPS measures on Care Compare on Medicare.gov:

- O-COMP-1; Facilities and staff
- O-COMP-2; Communication about your procedure
- O-COMP-3; Preparing for discharge and recovery
- O-PATIENT-RATE; rating of the facility
- O-PATIENT-REC; Patients recommending the facility

CMS has updated the following measure ID changes:

- HH-HYPER: Hospital Harm Severe Hyperglycemia Measure (previous measure ID: HH-02)
- HH-HYPO: Hospital Harm Severe Hypoglycemia Measure (previous measure ID: HH-01)
- PC-02: Cesarean Birth (previous measure ID: ePC-02)
- PC-07a: Severe Obstetric Complications (previous measure ID: ePC-07a)
- PC-07b: Severe Obstetric Complications without blood transfusions (previous measure ID: ePC-07b)

CMS retired the following measures from public reporting in October 2025:

- HCP COVID-19; COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) (including ASC-20)
- HCHE; Hospital Commitment to Health Equity
- ED-2-Strata-1; Median Admit Decision Time to ED Departure Time for Admitted Patients
- ED-2-Strata-2; Median Admit Decision Time to ED Departure Time for Admitted Patients
- SDOH-1; Percentage of patients admitted for an inpatient hospital stay and who were screened for five Health-Related Social Needs (HRSNs)
- SDOH-2: Food Insecurity; Percentage of patients admitted for an inpatient hospital stay and who screen positive for the Food Insecurity Health-Related Social Need (HRSN)
- SDOH-2: Housing Instability; Percentage of patients admitted for an inpatient hospital stay and who screen positive for the Housing Instability Health-Related Social Need (HRSN)
- SDOH-2: Interpersonal Safety; Percentage of patients admitted for an inpatient hospital stay and who screen positive for the Interpersonal Safety Health-Related Social Need (HRSN)
- SDOH-2: Transportation Needs; Percentage of patients admitted for an inpatient hospital stay and who screen positive for the Transportation Needs Health-Related Social Need (HRSN)
- SDOH-2: Utility Difficulties; Percentage of patients admitted for an inpatient hospital stay and who screen positive for the Utility Difficulties Health-Related Social Need (HRSN)
- STK-06; Discharged on Statin Medication
- PC-05; Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding

## **More Information and Compare Websites**

For more information on the Care Compare tool, please visit: <a href="https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/">https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/</a>

For more information on the Provider Data Catalog, please visit: <a href="https://data.cms.gov/provider\_data/topics/hospitals">https://data.cms.gov/provider\_data/topics/hospitals</a>

For general questions regarding Hospital Public Reporting go to the <u>QualityNet Question and Answer Tool.</u> Under Program please select: Hospital Care Compare Site Support and choose your specific Topic. This will get your inquiry directly into the Hospital Care Compare Site inbox.

For questions regarding Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings go to the <u>QualityNet Question and Answer Tool</u>. 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.