



PCHQR Program: End-of-Year Recap and Look Ahead

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

CAUTI	Catheter-associated Urinary Tract Infection	HCP	healthcare personnel
CBM	claims-based measure	ICU	Intensive care unit
CDI	<i>Clostridium difficile</i> Infection	MRSA	Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
CLABSI	Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infection	NHSN	National Healthcare Safety Network
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	OP	outpatient
CY	calendar year	PCH	Prospective Payment System-exempt Cancer Hospital
ED	emergency department	PCHQR	Prospective Payment System-exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting
EOL	End of Life	PDC	Provider Data Catalog
FY	fiscal year	PSSM	Patient Safety Structural Measure
HAI	healthcare-associated infection	Q	Quarter
HCHE	Hospital Commitment to Health Equity	SDOH	Social Drivers of Health
HCAHPS	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems	SSI	Surgical Site Infection

Purpose

This presentation will provide a recap of this year's PCHQR Program key events and updates and provide insight into calendar year (CY) 2025.

Objectives

Participants will be able to recall this year's significant program events and changes and summarize upcoming events.

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Recapping CY 2024

Publication of the Final Rule

The fiscal year (FY) 2025 Inpatient Prospective Payment System/Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System [final rule](#) finalized the following changes:

- Adoption of the Patient Safety Structural Measure, beginning with the CY 2025 reporting period/FY 2027 Program Year (pages 69455–69488)
- Modification of the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey Measure, beginning with the CY 2025 reporting period/FY 2027 Program Year (pages 69489–69507)
- New start date for public display of the Hospital Commitment to Health Equity Measure (pages 69577–69580)

Updated Timeline: Public Reporting

Measures	PCH #	Public Reporting
Hospital Commitment to Health Equity (HCHE)	PCH-39	January 2026 and subsequent years
Patient Safety Structural Measure	PCH-43	Fall 2026 and subsequent years

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Safety and Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI)

Short Name	PCH #	Measure Name
CAUTI	PCH-5	Catheter-associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) Outcome Measure
CLABSI	PCH-4	Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) Outcome Measure
HCP	PCH-28	National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP)
SSI-Colon and Abdominal Hysterectomy	PCH-6 and PCH-7	American College of Surgeons-Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Harmonized Procedure Specific Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Outcome Measure (currently includes SSIs following Colon Surgery and Abdominal Hysterectomy)
MRSA	PCH-27	NHSN Facility-wide Inpatient Hospital-onset Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) Bacteremia Outcome Measure
CDI	PCH-26	NHSN Facility-wide Inpatient Hospital-onset <i>Clostridium difficile</i> Infection (CDI) Outcome Measure
COVID-19 HCP Vaccination	PCH-38	COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among HCP
N/A	PCH-43	Patient Safety Structural Measure

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Clinical Process/Oncology Care Measures

Short Name	PCH #	Measure Name
EOL-Chemo	PCH-32	Proportion of Patients Who Died from Cancer Receiving Chemotherapy in the Last 14 Days of Life
EOL-Hospice	PCH-34	Proportion of Patients Who Died from Cancer Not Admitted to Hospice

Intermediate Clinical Outcome Measures

EOL-ICU	PCH-33	Proportion of Patients Who Died from Cancer Admitted to the Intensive Care Unit in the Last 30 Days of Life
EOL-3DH	PCH-35	Proportion of Patients Who Died from Cancer Admitted to Hospice for Less Than Three Days

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Patient Engagement/Experience of Care

Short Name

PCH #

Measure Name

HCAHPS

PCH-29

Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems

N/A

PCH-42

Documentation of Goals of Care Discussions Among Cancer Patients

Claims-Based Outcome Measures

OP
Chemotherapy

PCH-30 and
PCH-31

Admissions and Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Patients Receiving Outpatient Chemotherapy

Cancer
Readmissions

PCH-36

30-Day Unplanned Readmissions for Cancer Patients

Prostate Cancer

PCH-37

Surgical Treatment Complications for Localized Prostate Cancer

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Health Equity Measures

Short Name	PCH #	Measure Name
HCHE	PCH-39	Hospital Commitment to Health Equity
SDOH-1	PCH-40	Screening for Social Drivers of Health
SDOH-2	PCH-41a–e*	Screen Positive Rate for Social Drivers of Health

*The Screen Positive Rate for Social Drivers of Health measure has five individual Health-related Social Needs: 41a. Screen Positive Rate for Social Drivers of Health - Food Insecurity; 41b. Screen Positive Rate for Social Drivers of Health - Housing Instability; 41c. Screen Positive Rate for Social Drivers of Health - Transportation Needs; 41d. Screen Positive Rate for Social Drivers of Health - Utility Difficulties; 41e. Screen Positive Rate for Social Drivers of Health - Interpersonal Safety

Claims-Based Measures: FY 2025 Report Distribution

- Spring 2024
 - OP Chemotherapy measure (PCH-30 and PCH-31)
 - End of Life (EOL) measures (PCH-32, PCH-33, PCH-34, and PCH-35)
 - Surgical Treatment Complications for Localized Prostate Cancer measure (PCH-37)
- Fall 2024
 - 30-Day Unplanned Readmissions for Cancer Patients measure (PCH-36)

Updated PCHQR Program Web Pages

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Updated PCHQR Program Resources

- Program Manual (Fall 2024 Update)
- Measure Submission Deadlines by Due Date
- Public Reporting Period Relationship Matrix
- Measure Crosswalk (FYs 2024–2027)

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Looking Ahead to CY 2025

What's Next?

Submissions

- Quarterly submissions
 - HAI measure data
 - HCAHPS Survey data
 - Updated 32-question survey is effective January 1, 2025, patient discharges
 - COVID-19 HCP Vaccination measure data
- Annual submissions
 - Influenza HCP measure data
 - ***NEW*** Health Equity Measures
 - Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement
- Patient Safety Structural Measure (PSSM) data collection begins January 1, 2025. CY 2025 PSSM data will be reported beginning in May 2026.

What's Next?

Claims-Based Measures (CBMs)

Anticipated FY 2026 CBM Report Distribution

- Spring 2025
 - OP Chemotherapy measure (PCH-30 and PCH-31)
 - Prostate Cancer measure (PCH-37)
 - EOL measures (PCH-32, PCH-33, PCH-34, and PCH-35)
- Fall 2025
 - Cancer Readmissions measure (PCH-36)

What's Next?

Public Reporting

- HCAHPS Survey data continue to publicly refresh quarterly
- HAI measures continue to publicly refresh as follows:
 - Quarterly: CAUTI, CLABSI, SSI, MRSA, CDI, and COVID-19 HCP Vaccination
 - Annually: Influenza HCP
- Claims-based measure results will continue to publicly refresh annually as follows:
 - July: OP Chemotherapy, EOLs, Prostate Cancer
 - October: Cancer Readmissions
- Health Equity measures will be publicly reported beginning in CY 2026.
- PSSM data will be publicly reported beginning in CY 2026.

Schedule for Public Reporting

- **January 2025**
 - Q2 2023–Q1 2024 HCAHPS Survey data
 - Q2 2023–Q1 2024 HAI measure data
 - Q1 2024 COVID-19 HCP Vaccination measure data
- **April 2025**
 - Q3 2023–Q2 2024 HCAHPS Survey data
 - Q3 2023–Q2 2024 HAI measure data
 - Q2 2024 COVID-19 HCP Vaccination measure data

Schedule for Public Reporting

- **July 2025**

- Q4 2023–Q3 2024 HCHAPS Survey data
- Q4 2023–Q3 2024 HAI measure data
- Q3 2024 COVID-19 HCP Vaccination measure data
- Q3 2023–Q2 2024 (FY 2026) End-of-life claims data
- Q3 2022–Q2 2023 (FY 2026) Prostate cancer claims data

- **October 2025**

- Q1 2024–Q4 2024 HCHAPS Survey data
- Q1 2024–Q4 2024 HAI measure data
- Q4 2024 COVID-19 HCP Vaccination measure data
- Q4 2024–Q1 2025 Influenza Vaccination measure data
- Q4 2023–Q3 2024 (FY 2026) Cancer readmissions claims data

What's Next?

Outreach and Education Activities

- Outreach includes program requirements and data submission reminders.
- Anticipated educational events include overviews of new measures:
 - Health Equity measures
 - Patient Safety Structural Measure

We welcome suggestions for event topics.
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[On Demand Event page](#).

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Key Dates and Reminders

Upcoming Data Submission Deadlines

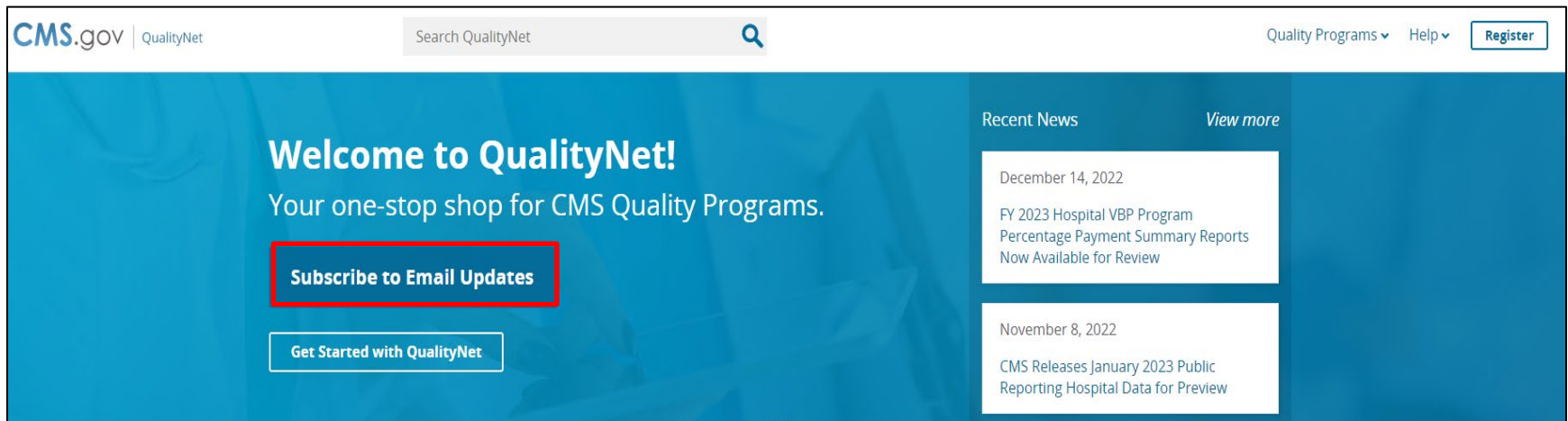
- January 2, 2025
 - Q3 2024 HCAHPS Survey data
- February 18, 2025
 - Q3 2024 HAI measure data
 - CAUTI, CLABSI, CDI, MRSA, and SSI-colon and abdominal hysterectomy
 - Q3 2024 COVID-19 HCP Vaccination measure data
- April 2, 2025
 - Q4 2024 HCAHPS Survey data

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