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Specific Reports

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released Hospital-Specific Reports (HSRs) for the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program on Friday, August 2, 2024 via the Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) system. The HAC Reduction Program HSR contains information on hospital payment reduction status for the FY 2025 program and performance on the following measures:

- CMS Patient Safety and Adverse Events Composite (CMS PSI 90)
- CDC's NHSN HAI measures, including:
 - o Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI)
 - o Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)
 - o Colon and Abdominal Hysterectomy Surgical Site Infection (SSI)
 - o Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) bacteremia
 - o Clostridium difficile Infection (CDI)

The report comes with a user guide with information about the contents of the HSR.

Performance periods

Your hospital's results for the FY 2025 program year are calculated using data from the following measure-specific performance periods:

Measure	Performance period
CMS PSI 90 measure	July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023
CDC's NHSN HAI measures	January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2023

Accessing the HSR

The FY 2025 HACRP HSR can be downloaded directly from the <u>HQR system</u> (login required). Follow the steps below to access your hospital's HSR via the HQR system. You can view a brief instructional video on how to download your hospital's report.

Step 1: Log into the HQR system using a HARP account

• The HQR system requires users to have a Health Care Quality Improvement System (HCQIS) Access Roles and Profile (HARP) account with access to Managed File Transfer (MFT) to log in. If you currently have a HARP account, visit the HQR log-in

page and log in by using your HARP user ID and password. If you do not have a HARP account, you may register for a HARP ID.

Step 2: Access your HSR in HQR

- Log into the HQR system using your HARP ID credentials and navigate through the steps listed below to download your hospital's HSR:
 - From the left-hand navigation menu, select "Program Reporting"
 - Then select "Measure details"
 - Here, you can view your HSR.
 - Select the release year for your hospital's report (for example, 2024), followed by the program in which you are interested (for example, HACRP). Under "Report," you can see the files available for download (for example, HACRP).
 - To download a file, select "Export," and the file will be downloaded through your browser. Once downloaded, open the ZIP file to view your site's information. The ZIP file will be named CCN_FY2025_HACRP_HSR.zip and contain your HSR and the HSR user guide.

If you have any issues accessing your hospital's HSR, please contact the CCSQ Service Center at QnetSupport@cms.hhs.gov, or by calling, toll free, 866-288-8912 (TRS 711), weekdays from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm ET. For questions related to HARP registration, please visit the HARP Help page or contact QnetSupport@cms.hhs.gov.

Scoring Calculations Review and Correction period

The Scoring Calculations Review and Correction period begins August 5, 2024 and ends September 3, 2024. The Scoring Calculations Review and Correction period enables hospitals to review the results in their HSR and submit questions about their calculations. Hospitals <u>cannot</u> request corrections to the underlying claims data or add new claims to the data extract during this period. Hospitals can review the data in their HSR and replicate their payment reduction and component results using the information in their HSR and accompanying user guide.

CMS encourages hospitals to review their HSR and submit questions about their calculations as soon as possible. Submit all requests for corrections using the <u>QualityNet Question and Answer Tool</u> no later than 11:59 p.m. PT on September 3, 2024.

To submit a question using the QualityNet Question and Answer Tool, select "HACRP – Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction Program" from the program list and "HACRP Review & Correction requests" as the topic. Hospitals should describe each discrepancy and include the following:

- CMS Certification Number (CCN)
- Hospital name
- Hospital address
- Contact's name, phone number, and email address

• Measure or component in question

Hospitals should not include personally identifiable information (PII) or protected health information (PHI) in their inquiry. When referring to the contents of the HSR, use the ID Number.

Additional information

More information about the HAC Reduction Program is available on the <u>QualityNet website</u> or the HAC Reduction page on the CMS website.