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Subject: Notification of Delay in the Release of the Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing a delay in the scheduled update of the Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings on Medicare.gov. The ratings, which were originally planned for public release in April 2025, will not be updated on schedule because CMS is working to validate related data after recent systems updates. Instead, we anticipate that the next update will occur in July 2025.

As a result, the information included in the April 2025 Preview Report—specifically the Star Rating tab and the Overall Star Rating Hospital-Specific Report, which were made available to hospitals at the beginning of the Preview Period on February 13, 2025—will not be publicly reported as initially scheduled.

CMS remains committed to providing accurate, meaningful, and transparent information to support patients, families, and caregivers in making informed healthcare decisions. We will provide hospitals with new Hospital-Specific Reports for a full 30-day preview period prior to the future public release later this year. CMS is requesting that hospitals do not release or publicize the Star Rating results from the April 2025 Preview until the results are released publicly.

We appreciate your understanding and continued partnership as we work to ensure the accuracy and value of the Hospital Star Ratings program.