

Home Health Star Ratings

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Starting with the April 2020 Home Health Compare refresh, the Improvement in Pain Interfering with Activity measure will be removed from the QoPC Star Ratings. Provider Preview Reports showed these changes in January 2020. The data reporting period for the April 2020 refresh will be July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 for OASIS-based measures and CY 2018 for the claims-based measure. This change was made because the Improvement in Pain Interfering with Activity will be removed from the Home Health Quality Reporting Program per the CY2020 Final Home Health Prospective Payment System Rule.

Effective January 1, 2020, CMS is processing all Home Health OASIS submissions and all reporting requirements through iQIES. Due to unforeseen circumstances, CMS has determined that there will not be a refresh for the Compare site in July 2020. Thus, CMS did not release the Home Health Provider Preview Report for the July 2020 refresh in March. The next scheduled refresh for the Compare site will be in October 2020. The publicly reported home health data published for April 2020 will remain in place until the October 2020 refresh. Home health providers can look forward to receiving their next Provider Preview Report in late June of 2020 for the October 2020 Compare site refresh. If there are questions or concerns regarding the information provided above please contact CMS at iqies@cms.hhs.gov.