Home Health QRP Spotlight and Announcements

Register for the live Q&A session here:https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CgvglG96SLu7BmfXi60j_Q

Already have questions about the Health Equity Confidential Feedback Reports? Please send questions toCMSHealthEquityCFRSession@ketchum.com by **November 2, 2023,**for potential inclusion in the Q&A session. Please note that CMS will answer as many questions as time permits and some questions will not be asked verbatim. CMS will post all questions and answers on each of the PAC Training & Education pages sometime after the webinar.

Prepare for the Live Q&A Webinar:

To prepare for the November 16 live Q&A session, please review the October 16, 2023 Online Webinar recording, with slides, a transcript, and a Fact Sheet providing an overview of the Health Equity Confidential Feedback Reports available in the "Downloads" section on each of the following PAC Training & Education pages:

- Home Health Quality Reporting Training & Education webpage.
- Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Training & Education webpage.
- Long Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Training & Education webpage.
- Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Training & Education webpage.

January 24, 2023

Care Compare Quarterly Refresh – January 2023

The January 2023 quarterly refresh for the Home Health Quality Reporting Program is now available on Care Compare. For this refresh, Home Health (HH) Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) will be based on the standard number of quarters.

For additional information on the COVID-19 public health emergency's impact on public reporting, please see the HH QRP COVID-19 Public Reporting Tip Sheet in the downloads section of the HH Quality Reporting Training webpage and the FY 2022 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Update Final Rule (HH Rider).

January 17, 2023

NOW AVAILABLE- Updated Quarterly OASIS Q&As

January 2023 CMS OASIS Q&A's are available in the OASIS Quarterly Q&As section of the CMS [QTSO](#) webpage, https://qtso.cms.gov/providers/home-health-agency-hha-providers/reference-manuals .

January 11, 2023

NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE: Third Edition Home Health QRP COVID-19 Public Reporting Tip Sheet

These resources can be accessed through the [Home Health Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training](#) page.

January 11, 2023

NOW AVAILABLE IN iQIES - Preview Reports and Star Rating Preview Reports for the April 2023 Refresh

For this refresh, Home Health (HH) Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) will be based on the standard number of quarters. Due to the COVID-19 reporting exceptions, the claims-based measures have been calculated excluding Q1 and Q2 2020 data from measure calculations. For additional information, please see the HH QRP COVID-19 Public Reporting Tip Sheet in the downloads section of the [HH Quality Reporting Training webpage](#) and the [Home Health Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

December 14, 2022

NOW AVAILABLE- FINAL OASIS-E Manual

The final OASIS-E Manual, effective January 1, 2023, is available in the Downloads section on the [OASIS Users Manuals](#) page. A log of changes since the last posting is also available.

Please note that the effective date for OASIS-E is January 1, 2023. The version of OASIS that should be collected will be based on the M0090 – Date Assessment Completed. The M0090 date is the last date that information used to complete the comprehensive assessment and determine OASIS coding was gathered by the assessing clinician and documentation of the specific responses was completed.

 CMS wants to make clear that with this transition to OASIS-E, there is no need for the use of artificial M0090 dates. All assessments with a M0090 - Date Assessment Completed on or before December 31, 2022, including the last 5 days of 2022 must be completed with OASIS-D1. This is true even when the first day of the new certification period is on or after January 1, 2023.

All assessments with a M0090 - Date Assessment Completed on or after January 1, 2023, must be completed with OASIS-E. This is true even when the assessment was initiated in 2022.

October 31, 2022

Posting of the Calendar Year 2023 Home Health Prospective Payment System Final Rule

The calendar year 2023 Home Health Prospective Payment System Final Rule was published on October 31, 2022. The following are the Home Health Quality Reporting Program proposals have been finalized: CMS finalized a proposal to end the suspension of the collection of Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) data on non-Medicare/non-Medicaid patients under section 704 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, and to require HHAs to report all-payer OASIS data for purposes of the HH QRP, beginning January 1, 2025. CMS has also finalized updates to regulatory text to consolidate statutory references to data submission and to codify in regulations the HH QRP measure removal factors previously finalized via rulemaking.

The HH PPS Final Rule is available at https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2022-23722.pdf.

October 25, 2022

POST-EVENT MATERIALS AVAILABLE: The Home Health OASIS-E Guidance Training Program

Post-event materials are now available for the Home Health OASIS-E Guidance Training Program. These materials include the recorded workshop sessions, PDF versions of the workshop presentations, and a post-event Q&A document.

For more information, please visit the HH Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training page.

October 18, 2022

NOW AVAILABLE- Updated Quarterly OASIS Q&As

October 2022 CMS OASIS Q&A's are available in the OASIS Quarterly Q&As section of the CMS QTSO webpage, https://qtso.cms.gov/providers/home-health-agency-hha-providers/reference-manuals.

October 14, 2022

Home Health Quality Reporting Program: Non-Compliance Notifications

CMS is providing notifications to home health agencies that were determined to be out of compliance with the Home Health Quality Reporting Program (HHQRP) requirements for calendar year (CY) 2021, which will affect their calendar year (CY) 2023 Annual Payment

Update (APU). Non-compliance notifications will be distributed by the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and will be placed into Home Health Agencies (HHA) My Reports folders in iQIES on October 14, 2022. HHA's that receive a letter of non-compliance may submit a request for reconsideration to CMS **via email no later than 11:59 pm, November 16, 2022.** If you receive a notice of non-compliance and would like to request a reconsideration, see the instructions in your notification and on the [Home Health Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#) webpage.

Please note: Any reconsideration containing protected health information (PHI) will not be processed. All PHI must be removed in order for a reconsideration to be reviewed.

August 12, 2022

REGISTRATION OPEN: The Home Health (HH) OASIS-E Guidance Training Program

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a virtual training program that provides instruction on the guidance for the Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS)-E.

For more information and to register for the event, please visit the [Home Health Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training](#) page.

August 9, 2022

NOW AVAILABLE- Revised Guide to Home Health Help Desks

A revised version of the comprehensive 1-page Guide to Home Health Help Desks is now available in the downloads section of the Home Health Quality Reporting Program Help Desk webpage, https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/HomeHealthQualityInits/Help-Desk.

This document provides guidance to home health providers for questions related to a variety of topics. This updated version includes updated descriptions of the scope and contact information for the various Home Health Help Desks.

July 20, 2022

Care Compare Quarterly Refresh – July 2022

The July 2022 quarterly refresh for the Home Health Quality Reporting Program is now available on [Care Compare](#). This refresh resumes the reporting of all claims-based measures for the Home Health Quality Reporting Program (QRP). Due to the COVID-19 reporting exceptions, the claims-based measures have been calculated excluding Q1 and Q2 2020 data from measure calculations.

For additional information, please see the HH QRP COVID-19 Public Reporting Tip Sheet in the downloads section of the [HH Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage and the [Home Health Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

July 19, 2022

NOW AVAILABLE- Updated Quarterly OASIS Q&As

July 2022 OASIS Q&As are available in the OASIS Quarterly Q&As section of the CMS [QTSO](#) webpage, https://qtso.cms.gov/providers/home-health-agency-hha-providers/reference-manuals.

July 15, 2022

Recruitment Announcement – Technical Expert Panel (TEP) for Home Health QRP and Hospice QRP Health Equity Quality Measure Development

Abt Associates is currently recruiting a wide range of home health, hospice, and health equity stakeholders, for example, providers, patient advocates, quality improvement, and health equity experts to participate in a Technical Expert Panel (TEP) to provide input on a proposed health equity structural composite measure for both hospice and home health care settings.

The Call for TEP materials, including the draft TEP Charter and Nomination Form, are available on the [Current TEP Opportunities](#) webpage.

If you have general questions about the TEP and would like to contact Abt Associates, please email HHA_Hospice_HealthEquityTEP@abtassoc.com.

The measure development work is under CMS contract number 5FCMC18D0014 and task order number 75FCMC19F0001.

July 13, 2022

NOW AVAILABLE IN iQIES - Preview Reports and Star Rating Preview Reports for the October 2022 Refresh

For this refresh, Home Health (HH) Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) will be based on the standard number of quarters. Due to the COVID-19 reporting exceptions, the claims-based measures have been calculated, excluding Q1 and Q2 2020 data from measure calculations. The HH QRP claims-based quality measures will not be refreshed for the October 2022 public reporting refresh. The HH QRP claims-based measures will next be refreshed for the October 2023 public reporting refresh of Care Compare and the Provider Data Catalog. For additional information, please see the Home Health QRP COVID-19 Public Reporting Tip Sheet in the downloads section of this Home Health Quality Reporting Training webpage below.

For additional information, please see the HH QRP COVID-19 Public Reporting Tip Sheet in the downloads section of the [HH Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage and the [Home Health Data Submission Deadlines](#) webpage.

June 21, 2022

Calendar Year (CY) 2023 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update; Home Health Quality Reporting Program Requirements; Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Expanded Model Requirements; and Home Infusion Therapy Services

On June 17, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule that provides information and updates for the CY 2023 Home Health Quality Reporting Program (HH QRP).

CMS is proposing to end the suspension of OASIS Data Collection on Non-Medicare/ Non-Medicaid Home Health Agency (HHA) patients and to require HHAs to submit all-payer OASIS data for purposes of the HH QRP, beginning with the CY 2025 program year.

CMS is also seeking stakeholder feedback on our work on health equity measure development for the HH QRP.

The rule displayed at the Federal Register's Public Inspection Desk and will be available under "Special Filings," at: https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection.

May 23, 2022

NOW AVAILABLE- Updated Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) Outcome Assessment Information Set (OASIS) Static Q&AS Effective 05/22 are available in the OASIS-E Q&As section of the CMS QTSO webpage, https://qtso.cms.gov/providers/home-health-agency-hha-providers/reference-manuals

May 16, 2022

NOW AVAILABLE – Draft OASIS-E Manual, Updated Draft OASIS-E Instrument, and Updated CMS OASIS Q&As

The draft Guidance Manual for the Outcome Assessment Information Set Version E (OASIS-E) version of the OASIS data set, effective January 1, 2023, is available in the **Downloads** section on the [OASIS Users Manuals](#) page.

The updated draft OASIS-E All Items Instrument is now available in the **Downloads** section of the [OASIS Data Sets](#) webpage. A log of changes since the last posting is also available.

April 20, 2022

NOW AVAILABLE- Updated Quarterly OASIS Q&As

April 2022 OASIS Q&As are available in the OASIS Quarterly Q&As section of the CMS [QTSO](#) webpage, https://qtso.cms.gov/providers/home-health-agency-hha-providers/reference-manuals.

April 6, 2022

CMS will be transitioning to a new data source for a provider's demographic data for home health agencies and the other Post-Acute Care (PAC) provider types (Skilled Nursing Facilities / Nursing Facilities (SNF/NFs), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), and Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs)). Historically provider demographic data have been maintained in the Automated Survey Processing Environment or ASPEN software; however, CMS will be transitioning to use the demographic information from Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS). While this transition is underway, a final date when all demographic data will be obtained from PECOS has not been identified. During this transition, all PAC providers will be responsible to ensure their latest demographic data are updated and available in *both* ASPEN (SNF/NFs, IRFs, LTCHs, and Hospices) or iQIES (HHAs) and PECOS systems. A referencing document that outlines the steps each PAC provider should follow can be accessed in the Downloads section of the [How to Update Home Health Demographic Data](#) page. Should you have questions regarding this updated process, please contact the iQIES help desk by email at iQIES@cms.hhs.gov or by phone at (800) 339-9313.

March 01, 2022

Updated Quick Reference Guide Available

An updated Quick Reference Guide is now available in the Downloads section of the [Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements](#) webpage. The Quick Reference Guide provides high-level information on the Home Health Quality Reporting Program, including frequently asked questions and helpful links.

January 26, 2022

NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE: Second Edition Home Health QRP Public Reporting Tip Sheet

These resources can be accessed through the [Home Health Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training](#) page.

January 18, 2022

NOW AVAILABLE- Updated Quarterly OASIS Q&As

January 2022 Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) Q&As are available in the OASIS Quarterly Q&As section of the CMS [QTSO](#) webpage, https://qtso.cms.gov/providers/home-health-agency-hha-providers/reference-manuals.

December 6, 2021

OASIS-D Instrument Use Extended

On November 23, 2021 the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the extension for the continued use of the OASIS-D instrument. The new expiration date is November 30, 2024. Providers collecting Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) on paper may use up any current inventory prior to using the instruments with the updated expiration date. Versions of the OASIS-D Data Set with the updated OMB expiration notice may be found on the CMS Home Health Quality Reporting Program OASIS Data Set webpage found in the **Downloads** section of the OASIS Data Sets webpage: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/HomeHealthQualityInits/OASIS-Data-Sets

November 10, 2021

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE: Job Aids – GG0130A. Eating, GG0130B. Oral Hygiene, GG0130C. Toileting Hygiene, GG0130E. Shower/Bathe Self, GG0130F. Upper Body Dressing, GG0130G. Lower Body Dressing, and GG0130H. Putting On/Taking Off Footwear.

These resources can be accessed through the Home Health Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training page.

November 10, 2021

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE: Quick Assessment Reference Pocket Guides / Badge Buddies for Coding

These resources can be accessed through the Home Health Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Training page.

November 2, 2021

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2022 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update; Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model Requirements and Proposed Model Expansion; Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements; Home Infusion Therapy Services Requirements; Survey and Enforcement Requirements for Hospice Programs; Medicare Provider Enrollment Requirements; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program Requirements; and Long-term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program Requirements CMS 1747-F

On November 2, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule (CMS-1747-F). The final rule included updates to and finalized proposals for the Home Health Quality Reporting Program (HH QRP).

The rule went on display at the Federal Register's Public Inspection Desk and will be available under "Special Filings," at https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection.

October 26, 2021

NEW *UPDATED* TRAINING AVAILABLE: Section GG 3-Course Training Series

New updated training is available for **Section GG 3-Course Training Series**. Please find details at the Home Health QRP Training & Education Library.

October 19, 2021

NOW AVAILABLE- Updated Quarterly OASIS Q&As

October 2021 Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) Q&As are available in the OASIS Quarterly Q&As section of the CMS QTSO webpage, https://qtso.cms.gov/providers/home-health-agency-hha-providers/reference-manuals.

August 31, 2021

Home Health QRP Website Update

CMS has updated the Data Submission Deadlines webpage, providing an updated schedule for QAO reports and for Care Compare refreshes in CY2022.

August 13, 2021

WEBINAR AVAILABLE – Home Health Quality Reporting Program – OASIS Interim Guidance Webinar (Advanced Webinar)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed a new training for Home Health providers intended to highlight some significant Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) guidance refinements that are available in recent Quarterly Q&A releases.

Note: The webinar is NOT intended to provide basic or comprehensive OASIS training. Listeners are expected to have a foundational knowledge in OASIS data collection and guidelines. The link to the recording of this webinar and handout material is available on the Home Health Quality Reporting Program Training page.