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Questions and Answers:  
Home Health, Hospice and DME Open Door Forum  
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1. Question: What is the release date of the April PIPR for the expanded purchasing model? I believe that you gave it earlier. Can you just repeat that?
  - a. Answer: Yes, it's going to be around the 27th, but who knows, of April. So, sometime that week.
    - i. Question: For the IPR that will be released in July for the interim performance report, it will include the calendar year 2022 achievement thresholds and benchmarks. Given the risk adjustment or RAO changes and hospice discharge measure exclusions that are now effective for several measures as of January 1st, 2023. We're curious if these same changes will be applied to the prior year model and agency baseline scores for that IPR report. Thinking no, but wanted to confirm.
      1. Answer: It will depend on what the episode end date was if (EOR) or the start date. If it started before the new exclusion started in 2023 and is included in the calculation, then no, but if it has any episodes, which I don't think that report will, that started after 2023, I may be wrong, but that would be - then it would not - then it would include those. But I think you're right. I think your assumption is right.
2. Question: I just needed some help understanding where I can find the OASIS quarterly Q&As that were posted yesterday, I believe. Is that on the QTSO website when I log in as a state agency?
  - a. Answer: That is on the QTSO website, not the general website. You can actually find it if you log in. just choose the general QTSO website. That link should be in your agenda, but I can - give me one second.  
<https://qtso.cms.gov/providers/home-health-agency-hha-providers/reference-manuals>.
3. Question: I just was going to ask if you could please repeat the web address for the voluntary prior authorization of the DMEPOS. Could you just repeat that web address for more information on that item?
  - a. Answer: [go.cms.gov/dmepospa](https://go.cms.gov/dmepospa)

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4. Question; I wanted to ask you to reiterate what the two future HOPE elements were. I wasn't able to type fast enough. And then lastly, I wanted to confirm that I'd heard correctly on the web-based mode delivery option for hospice CAHPS. It looks like there's going to be no changes at this time.
  - a. Answer; So, that is correct. There are no changes at this time. The CAHPS Survey was basically doing a web-based mode experiment or experience with the goal of testing the effects of whether or not it would be beneficial in adding that experiment web-based mode or the effects of a shortened survey. In reference to HOPE, more to come in reference to whether or not those HOPE-based quality measures will be proposed in the future, but CMS is thinking of a timely reassessment of pain impact, and we're also considering timely reassessment of non-pain symptom impact.

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