

Public Reporting of the Hospice and Palliative Care Composite Quality Measure – Comprehensive Assessment at Admission

This fact sheet contains information about the Hospice and Palliative Care Composite Quality Measure – Comprehensive Assessment at Admission (NQF #3235) that will be publicly displayed beginning December 4, 2018.

I. Background

What new data is being displayed on Hospice Compare?

The Hospice and Palliative Care Composite Quality Measure – Comprehensive Assessment at Admission (NQF #3235, “Hospice Comprehensive Assessment Measure”) will be publicly reported on Hospice Compare beginning on December 4, 2018.

Why is this information being released?

Public reporting of the Hospice Comprehensive Assessment Measure was finalized in the FY 2019 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements Final Rule (83 FR 38622). We stated that the measure would be reported on Hospice Compare in fall 2018. This release date provided hospice providers sufficient time to review and preview their quality measure data through the Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CASPER) Quality Measure (QM) reports and Provider Preview Reports.

What is the Hospice Comprehensive Assessment Measure?

The Hospice Comprehensive Assessment Measure is a single measure that represents the percentage of patient stays in which patients received all seven care processes for which they are eligible. The seven care processes are captured by the seven Hospice Item Set (HIS) QMs. These QMs are treatment preferences (NQF #1641), beliefs and values addressed (if desired by the patient) (NQF #1647), pain screening (NQF #1634), pain assessment (NQF #1637), dyspnea screening (NQF #1639), dyspnea treatment (NQF #1638), and patients treated with an opioid who are given a bowel regimen (NQF #1617).

What is the source of this publicly reported data?

The Hospice Comprehensive Assessment Measure is calculated using existing HIS data items from HIS V2.000.0. There are no new or additional data collection or submission requirements related to this measure.

II. Summary of Findings

Hospice Measure Name	National Rate of Quality Measure Performance*
Hospice and Palliative Care Composite Quality Measure – Comprehensive Assessment at Admission (NQF #3235)	84%

**Based on patient stays discharged between Q2 2017 and Q1 2018.*

The performance data show the national rate on this measure is 84%. This means that hospices across the country reported that, on average, for 84% percent of patient stays, the hospice

completed all seven of the care processes (represented by each of the seven HIS QMs), for which their patients were eligible.

III. Resources Available to Providers

Where can I find more information about the Hospice Comprehensive Assessment Measure?

- Providers should visit the Hospice Quality Reporting Program (HQRP) [Current Measures](#) webpage for more information about the Hospice Comprehensive Assessment Measure.
- Providers should visit the HQRP [Public Reporting](#) webpage for more information about Hospice Compare.
- To view the data, please visit the [Hospice Compare](#) website.

Help Desks

For questions about the Hospice Comprehensive Assessment Measure and Hospice Compare, please contact the Hospice Quality Help Desk at HospiceQualityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov.