

CMS Hospice Public Reporting Key Dates for Providers

CMS encourages providers to be familiar with the important dates outlined in the table below. Providers will need to submit all Hospice Item Set (HIS) modification or inactivation records prior to the “freeze date” for the modifications to be reflected in the corresponding Provider Preview Report and Hospice Compare refreshes.

The “freeze date” is always before the Hospice Provider Preview Report becomes available in the CASPER folder. Once you review your preview report, it is too late to modify the underlying HIS data included in the report and the corresponding Hospice Compare refresh. If a Hospice disagrees with their quality measure results (denominator or quality metric) contained within their Hospice Provider Preview Report, they will have an opportunity to request review of the calculations by CMS.

Inaccurate data related to provider submission errors will not be considered a reason for CMS review. CMS does not consider data to be “inaccurate” because a provider did not make necessary corrections to the data prior to a specific “freeze date”, as the measure score is accurate based on the data that was in our system at the time the quality measure was calculated. Procedures for Requesting CMS’ Review during Preview Period are outlined on the [Hospice Quality Public Reporting](#) webpage.

Hospice Compare Refresh Date	11/21/2017	2/20/2018	5/24/2018	8/TBD/2018
Hospice Compare Refresh Reflects Patient Stays Discharged for Quarters	Quarter 1 2016- Quarter 4 2016	Quarter 2 2016- Quarter 1 2017	Quarter 3 2016- Quarter 2 2017	Quarter 4 2016- Quarter 3 2017
<p style="text-align: center;">Freeze Date</p> <p><i>Hospice Providers to submit HIS Modification and Inactivation Records (all HIS records, including modifications/corrections and inactivation’s) to be reflected in the next Hospice Provider Preview Reports Hospice Compare Refresh</i></p> <p><i>(Records to be submitted and accepted into the QIES ASAP system by 11:59:59 p.m. E.D.T.)</i></p>	8/15/2017	11/15/2017	2/15/2018	5/15/2018
HIS Provider Preview Reports Available in CASPER Folder	8/29/2017	12/01/2017	03/01/2018	06/01/2018
<p>30-Day HIS Provider Preview Period</p> <p><i>Requests for CMS review of HIS data must be submitted by 11:59:59 p.m. PST on day 30 of the preview period</i></p>	8/29/2017- 9/28/2017	12/01/2017- 12/30/2017	03/01/2018- 03/30/2018	06/01/2018- 06/30/2018