

## **HOSPITAL COMPARE SATELLITE BROADCAST**

On Thursday, March 10, 2005, from 1:00-2:30 pm EDT, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host the Hospital Compare Satellite Broadcast via satellite and webcast. During the broadcast, CMS along with other Hospital Quality Alliance members will provide information on the upcoming national launch and rollout of the Hospital Compare consumer-oriented website and describe the strong collaborations and partnerships that have made this initiative successful. The broadcast will feature a preview of the Hospital Compare website, information on the marketing strategy for the national rollout, and a live question and answer session. The primary audiences for this broadcast include hospitals and Quality Improvement Organizations.

### **Registration and Viewing instructions:**

Individual and Site registration is available today. For individual and site registration and viewing instructions, go to <http://cms.internetstreaming.com>. You will be sent to the CMS Survey and Certification Online Course Delivery System. Please register by clicking on to the new user area in the middle of the page. Once you complete registration, please return to the homepage. Logon as a Current User (left side of the webpage). You can then view the list of offerings. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Live and Upcoming Broadcasts", find the Hospital Compare Satellite Broadcast in the list, and click on Register. Then, at the end of the first sentence, click on "Click here". Please select between webcast or satellite, and (if satellite) choose a downlink site. Then, you should receive confirmation of registration.

### **Webcast Information:**

This program will have a live Webcast and will be available for viewing up to 6 months following March 10 at <http://cms.internetstreaming.com>

### **Satellite Technical Specifications:**

This broadcast will be available on C and Ku Digicipher bands.

The C-Band Satellite Coordinates are:

Satellite: IA 5

Orbit Location: 97 west

Transponder: 13

Frequency: 3960 MHz

Polarity: VD

Audio: 6.20/6.80

### **Videoconferencing for the Regional Offices and QIOs:**

The Regional Offices should dial-in to the CMS bridge in order to receive the broadcast via videoconference. For QIOs participating via videoconference, CMS will dial out to them 15 minutes prior to the start of the broadcast.

### **CMS Cable for Regional Offices:**

The satellite broadcast will also be available for viewing to the Regional Offices on Cable Channel 30.

### **Handouts:**

Handouts for this broadcast will be available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/quality/hospital/> and <http://cms.internetstreaming.com>.

**Videotapes:**

Videotaped copies of this program can be obtained from the National technical Information Services (NTIS) 2 weeks following the transmission of this broadcast at <http://www.ntis.gov>