

# Home Health QRP Spotlight and Announcements – Archives

**July 18, 2024**

## **Care Compare Quarterly Refresh – July 2024**

The July 2024 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 \(HH Rider\)](#).

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## **NOW AVAILABLE IN iQIES - Preview Reports and Star Rating Preview Reports for the October 2024 Refresh**

For this refresh, Home Health (HH) Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) and HH QRP claims-based measures have been updated. All OASIS and claims-based measures are now based on the standard number of quarters.

The October 2024 Star Rating Preview Reports now include the addition of the number of episodes in the numerator for each measure score, in addition to the number of episodes in the denominator.

The October 2024 refresh also includes the removal of two claims-based measures from public reporting:

- Acute Care Hospitalization During the First 60 days of Home Health (ACH)
- Emergency Department (ED) Use without Hospitalization During the First 60 Days of Home Health

Due to the removal of the ACH measure from public reporting, the October 2024 refresh also contains an update to the Home Health Quality of Patient Care Star Ratings. The Home Health Within-Stay Potentially Preventable Hospitalization (PPH) measure will replace the ACH measure in the Quality of Patient Care Star Ratings calculations. For more information, see the download section of [HH QRP Star Ratings](#) webpage.

**November 3, 2023**

The calendar year 2024 Home Health (HH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Final Rule was published on November 02, 2023. The following are the Home Health Quality Reporting Program

(QRP) proposals that have been finalized: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized the addition of two quality measures to the HH QRP: the COVID-19 Vaccine: Percent of Patients/Residents Who Are Up to Date and the Discharge Function measures; the removal of two Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS)-based data elements: M0110-Episode Timing and M2200-Therapy Need; the codification of the previously finalized 90 percent OASIS data completion threshold policy in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR); and the public reporting of four measures: Transfer of Health (TOH) Information to the Provider-Post-Acute Care (PAC), TOH Information to the Patient-PAC, HH QRP COVID-19 Vaccine: Percent of Patients/Residents Who Are Up to Date, and the Discharge Function measures. CMS also summarized feedback on its request for information on future HH QRP measure concepts and an update on health equity in the HH QRP. The rule can be accessed at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2023-24455/medicare-program-calendar-year-2024-home-health-prospective-payment-system-rate-update-quality>.