



4.5 Month Data Correction Deadline for Public Reporting Fact Sheet

Overview

The CMS Hospice Provider Preview Reports allow hospices to review their quality measure scores before the data are publicly displayed on [the Compare tool on Medicare.gov](#). To ensure the Compare tool presents hospice quality information accurately and consistently, CMS established specific timeframes for reviewing and correcting publicly reported data. These time frames were outlined in the FY 2019 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements Final Rule (82 FR 38638-38640). To understand the Compare tool refresh schedule and preview periods CMS encourages providers to review the Hospice Public Reporting Key Dates table on the [HQRP Public Reporting: Key Dates for Providers](#) webpage.

On October 1, 2025, the Hospice Outcomes and Patient Evaluation (HOPE) tool replaced the Hospice Item Set (HIS) tool. According to the 2019 final rule, hospices have approximately 4.5 months following the end of each calendar year (CY) quarter to review and correct their HOPE records with target* dates in that quarter for the purposes of public reporting. For HOPE, target dates include the patient’s admission date, discharge date, or, for HOPE Update Visits (HUV), the date recorded in item Z0350 (“Date Assessment was Completed”).

Specifically, each data correction deadline occurs on the 15th of the CY month that is approximately 4.5 months after the end of each CY quarter, provided that day is not a weekend or holiday, in which case the deadline will advance to the next business day. The data correction deadline for HIS records with target dates of September 30, 2025, or earlier was on February 15, 2026.

Table 1 below summarizes the quarterly deadlines for HOPE records. Once the data correction deadline has passed, HOPE data from that CY quarter are permanent for the purposes of public reporting. Updates made after the correction deadline do not appear in any Compare tool refresh.

Table 1. Data Correction Deadlines for Each Quarter of HOPE

Quarter during which patients are admitted or discharged	Data Correction Deadline** for Records
Quarter 1 (Jan -March)	15-Aug
Quarter 2 (April-June)	15-Nov
Quarter 3 (July-September)	15-Feb of subsequent CY
Quarter 4 (October-December)	15-May of subsequent CY

Notes:

*** Target dates:**

- Admission= A0220- Admission Date
- Discharge = A0270-Discharge Date.
- HUV submissions = Z0350, Date Assessment was Completed

****Data Correction Deadline:** If the 15th falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the deadline moves to the next business day.