STAY ON TARGET
Focus on the Hospice Comprehensive Assessment Measure

The Hospice Comprehensive Assessment Measure is one measure based on the seven Hospice Item Set (HIS) measures and shows variability. This measure helps to ensure all hospice patients receive a holistic comprehensive assessment at admission, although it does not replace a comprehensive assessment.

To meet the target, you must complete all 7 HIS measures for each patient.

**Comprehensive Assessment Measure**

- Pain assessment received within 1 day of screening, if screening is positive for pain
- Dyspnea screening during the initial nursing assessment
- Pain screening during the initial nursing assessment
- Patients treated with an opioid who are given a bowel regimen
- Treatment preferences
- Beliefs values addressed (if desired by the patient)

**How does meeting this target benefit you?**

- May avoid one of the top deficiencies cited in hospice care
- Supports the plan of care by determining a patient’s pain and symptom management needs
- Uses existing HIS items and requires no additional data collection
- Promotes compliance and appropriate, patient-centered care

For more information about the HQRP, please see the HQRP website at: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Hospice-Quality-Reporting/index.html