

How to Update LTCH Descriptive Data

Quality data on [Long-Term Care Hospital Compare](#) is updated on a quarterly basis. The data displayed on LTCH Compare includes provider descriptive information, such as address, telephone number, and ownership.

Verify Descriptive Data is Accurate

It is important for facilities to review their Preview Reports to verify that provider descriptive data is accurate. Preview Reports reflect the quality measure data and facility/provider information that will be posted to LTCH Compare in the following quarter. Preview Reports are available in the 'My Reports' folder in iQIES during the 30-day preview windows prior to each quarterly LTCH Compare refresh.

Below are the steps to guide LTCHs on how to verify and update descriptive data.

If inaccurate or outdated descriptive data is included on the Preview Report or on LTCH Compare, LTCHs need to update the information on Form 855a through the PECOS system. PECOS can be reached here: <https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do#headingLv1>. If you need assistance, contact your Medicare Administrative Contractor.

Changes to descriptive data must be updated and uploaded to the national database via PECOS in order for the Compare site to be updated.

Please note: Updates to descriptive provider information do not happen in real-time and may take up to 6-months to appear on LTCH Compare