



## Care Compare on Medicare.gov Data Update (January Refresh)

### What is Care Compare on Medicare.gov?

Care Compare [on Medicare.gov \(Medicare.gov/care-compare\)](https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare), is a website that allows patients and health centers to view and compare quality data about dialysis facilities. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) also uses these data, organized into a series of measures, to create a star rating system that can help patients make educated decisions about where to get their dialysis treatments.

### What data will be updated in the January 2024 refresh?

The following clinical care quality measures on the [Medicare.gov/care-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare) website have been updated with data from April 2022-March 2023:

- Adult and pediatric patients who had enough waste removed from their blood during hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis
- Adult patients who had too much calcium in their blood
- Hemoglobin management (downloadable data only)
- Phosphorus concentrations in the blood (downloadable data only)
- Adult patients who received treatment through an arteriovenous fistula
- Adult patients who had a catheter (tube) left in a vein for at least three consecutive complete months, for their regular hemodialysis treatments
- Measurement of normalized Protein Catabolic Rate (nPCR) for pediatric hemodialysis patients
- Patients who were on the kidney or kidney-pancreas transplant waiting list
- COVID-19 healthcare personnel (HCP) vaccination

Additionally, CMS updated data on the Care Compare on Medicare.gov website ([Medicare.gov/care-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare)), and on the [Provider Data Catalog](#) website for the following ESRD QIP measures:

#### Care Coordination

- Standardized Readmission Ratio (SRR)
- Standardized Hospitalization Ratio (SHR)
- Percentage of Prevalent Patients Waitlisted (PPPW)

#### Clinical Care

- Kt/V Dialysis Adequacy (comprehensive)
- Vascular Access Type:
  - Standardized Fistula Rate (SFR)
  - Long-term Catheter Rate
- Standardized Transfusion Ratio (STrR)

#### Safety

- National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Bloodstream Infection (BSI) in Hemodialysis Patients

#### Reporting

- Clinical Depression Screening and Follow-Up



- Hypercalcemia
- Ultrafiltration Rate (UFR)
- NHSN Dialysis Event Reporting
- Medication Reconciliation (MedRec)
- COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among HCP

**What new measure is being added to Care Compare on Medicare.gov in the January 2024 refresh?**

One new measure is being added to Care Compare on Medicare.gov for the January 2024 refresh:

- COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among HCP

Additionally, the payment year (PY) 2024 End Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program (ESRD QIP) datasets have been added to [the Provider Data Catalog](#) and are now available for download.

**What is the COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among HCP measure?**

The COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among HCP measure assesses the proportion of a dialysis facility's healthcare workforce that is vaccinated against COVID-19. CMS believes it is important to incentivize and track HCP vaccination in dialysis facilities through quality measurement to protect healthcare workers, patients, and caregivers, and to help sustain the ability of hospitals to continue serving their communities.