



## Dialysis Facility Care Compare (DFCC) on Medicare.gov July 2023 Refresh Questions and Answers

### What is Dialysis Facility Care Compare (DFCC) on Medicare.gov?

[Dialysis Facility Care Compare on Medicare.gov](#), formerly known as Dialysis Facility Compare (DFC), is a website that allows patients and health centers to view and compare dialysis facility quality data. 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 is the July 2023 refresh?

The July 2023 refresh is part of a series of updates made to the data featured on DFCC. DFCC data is scheduled to be refreshed on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The previous refresh was in April 2023.

### What is changing in the July 2023 refresh?

With the July 2023 refresh, the following measures on DFCC will be updated with data from October 2021 through September 2022:

- 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 concentration 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 3 consecutive complete months as access for their regular hemodialysis treatments
- Measurement of nPCR for pediatric hemodialysis patients
- Patients who were on the kidney or kidney-pancreas transplant waiting list

### What is the process for refreshing and displaying updated data?

Using a series of quality measures, DFCC displays quality of care ratings for dialysis facilities and the care they provide. These ratings are comprised of individual measure scores for each facility, which facilities have had an opportunity to review during the preview period. If a facility had concerns with the data, the facility could raise these concerns with CMS in advance of the July 2023 refresh.

The Quality of Patient Care Star Ratings will not be updated during the July 2023 refresh. Star Ratings from October 2020 will continue to be visible on [Medicare.gov](#).

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