



## Home Health (HH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) Quick Reference Guide

The HH QRP creates Home Health Agency (HHA) quality reporting requirements, as mandated by Section 1895(b)(3)(B)(v)(II) of the Social Security Act (“the Act”) and the Medicare regulations at 42 C.F.R. §484.250(a).

HHAs must report on both the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) Home Health Care Survey data (HHCAHPS® Survey) and the Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) data. Additional data is gathered through Medicare claims. Information on measures required for the Home Health QRP can be found on the [CMS Home Health Quality Measures](#) webpage.

If the required quality data is not reported by each designated submission deadline, the HHA will be subject to a two (2) percentage point reduction in their Annual Payment Update (APU).

### Frequently Asked Questions

*Q: What are the data submission deadlines for OASIS data?*

OASIS data must be transmitted within 30 days of the assessment date. OASIS data submitted within 30 days of the assessment date is considered to have met the requirements for submitting quality data.

The comprehensive assessment must be updated and revised (including the administration of OASIS) no less frequently than one of the following:

- The last five days of every 60 days begin with the start of the care date, unless there is a beneficiary-elected transfer, significant change in condition, or discharge and return to the same HHA during the 60-day episode.
- The comprehensive assessment must be completed within 48 hours of returning home after discharge from inpatient facility, or within 48 hours of knowledge of qualifying stay in an inpatient facility. When the physician specifies the date that home care services must resume (a physician-ordered Resumption of Care date), the agency is expected to conduct the ROC (Resumption of Care) visit on that date.
- At discharge.

More information on OASIS submission deadlines can be found in the OASIS User Manual available in the Downloads section of the [OASIS User Manuals](#) webpage.

*Q: What are the data submission deadlines for HHCAHPS® survey data?*

HHCAHPS® Survey data must be reported for eligible patients monthly for four consecutive quarters. HHCAHPS® Survey vendors must submit HHCAHPS® data files on the third Thursday of January, April, July, and October. You can view a list of HHCAHPS® submission deadlines on the HHCAHPS® website, [homehealthcahps.org](https://homehealthcahps.org).

*Q: How do I verify my submissions?*

OASIS validation reports are available in the iQIES reporting application. Instructions for running these reports can be found on the [iQIES portal](#) or via the [iQIES References & Manuals](#) webpage.

HHCAHPS® Survey data submission reports are available under the tab “For HHAs” on the [homehealthcahps.org](https://homehealthcahps.org) website. HHAs are required to review the HHCAHPS® Survey data submission reports to confirm that their HHCAHPS® Survey data files have been entered successfully (and conversely, entered unsuccessfully) by their respective HHCAHPS® survey vendors. Additionally, under “For HHAs” home health agencies can check their quarterly HHCAHPS® preview reports for data that will be posted on [Care Compare](#). On the same website, we post the current [HHCAHPS Protocols and Guidelines Manual](#), which contains information about public reporting measures and the public reporting schedule.

*Q: How do I submit an HHCAHPS® exemption request?*

HHCAHPS® Survey participation for each Calendar Year Annual Payment Update (CY APU) runs for a 12-month period from April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. If 59 or fewer HHCAHPS®-eligible patients in the previous 12 months of April through March, then the HHA must complete an HHCAHPS® Survey Participation Exemption Request (PER) form by 11:59 pm on March 31 of the current CY APU period. The PER form is accessible in the “For HHAs” portal on the private side of the website <https://homehealthcahps.org>. The PER form is replaced annually to coincide with the data collection dates for the current CY APU period.

## Help Desk Assistance

[HHAPUreconsiderations@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:HHAPUreconsiderations@cms.hhs.gov) (APU/Reconsiderations Help Desk)

For reconsideration requests and follow-up questions after the facility has received a CMS determination of non-compliance letter or for extension/exception requests.

[homehealthqualityquestions@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:homehealthqualityquestions@cms.hhs.gov) (Home Health Quality Help Desk)

For questions about the QAO metric or the content of the QAO Historical Reports and submission of comments, questions, or suggestions about the Quality of Patient Care Star Ratings.

[HHCAHPS@RTI.org](mailto:HHCAHPS@RTI.org) or 1-866-354-0985 (HHCAHPS Technical Assistance Help Desk)

Answers to all questions about the HHCAHPS Survey.

[iqies@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:iqies@cms.hhs.gov) or 1-877-201-4721 (iQIES Help Desk)

For questions about OASIS submission report and other provider reports.

## Helpful Links

[Post-Acute Care \(PAC\) Listserv](#) – Sign up for the CMS PAC listserv to receive QRP updates.

[OASIS References, Manuals, and Q&As](#) – The QIES Technical Support Office (QTSO) provides several resources related to OASIS reporting, including news on report availability, manuals, training, and OASIS quarterly Questions and Answers.

[HHA Quality Reporting Requirements](#) – CMS resource containing information about quality measures, provider compliance, and methodology.

[HHCAHPS Survey Website, https://homehealthcahps.org](https://homehealthcahps.org) – The official website for the HHCAHPS Survey. Many references on the website are available to the public, though HHAs can log in securely to view their data and reports via the “For HHAs” tab.

[HHA Quality Reporting Training](#) – Links to past in-person and online training as well as information on upcoming training.

[iQIES Portal](#) – Links to resources related to OASIS reporting, including manuals and training.