

## CMS Hospice Public Reporting Key Dates for Providers

CMS encourages providers to be familiar with the important dates outlined in the tables below. Providers need to submit all Hospice Item Set (HIS) modification or inactivation records prior to the 4.5 month data correction deadline for public reporting for the modifications to be reflected in the corresponding HIS Provider Preview Report and public display, located on [Care Compare](#).

This means that providers have 4.5 months following the end of each calendar year (CY) quarter to review and correct their HIS records with target dates (which is the admission date for HIS-Admission records and discharge date for HIS-Discharge records) in that quarter for public reporting. After this 4.5 month data correction deadline has passed, HIS data from that calendar quarter will be permanently frozen for the purposes of public reporting. Updates made after the correction deadline will **not appear** in any subsequent Care Compare refresh. This policy is at the HIS record-level, meaning a patient's HIS-Admission and HIS-Discharge records may have different data correction deadlines.

However, due to the temporary exemption to the HQRP data submission requirements in responding to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, public reporting of hospices' data will freeze after the November 2020 refresh. This means that following the November 2020 refresh, the data publicly reported will be held constant through the November 2021 refresh. Further, no Provider Preview Reports will be issued for those refreshes that continue to display the constant or frozen data. For additional information on COVID-19 PHE data exemption, please see the Hospice COVID-19 Public Reporting Tip Sheet in the Downloads section of the [HQRP Requirements and Best Practices webpage](#).

## Care Compare Refresh Schedule and Preview Periods

Refresh Date	November 2020	February 2021	May 2021	August 2021	November 2021
Refresh Reflects Patient Stays Discharged for Quarters (HIS)	Quarter 1 2019- Quarter 4 2019	Freeze	Freeze	Freeze	Freeze
CAHPS Quarters included in Refresh (Dates refer to patients' dates of death)	Quarter 1 2018- Quarter 4 2019	Freeze	Freeze	Freeze	Freeze

<b>HIS and CAHPS: Month that provider preview reports are issued</b>	<b>September 2020</b>	<b>Not Released</b>	<b>Not Released</b>	<b>Not Released</b>	<b>Not Released</b>
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### Upcoming Data Correction Deadlines for Public Reporting

<b>Target Date of HIS Record</b>		<b>HIS Record Data Correction Deadline for Public Reporting (11:59:59 p.m. E.T.)</b>
Quarter 3, 2020	(07/1/20– 09/30/20)	February 15, 2021
Quarter 4, 2020	(10/1/20– 12/31/20)	May 15, 2021
Quarter 1, 2021	(01/1/21– 03/31/21)	August 15, 2021
Quarter 2, 2021	(04/1/21– 06/30/21)	November 2021

CMS encourages providers to review quality measure data early and often using their CASPER QM Reports and not wait until the 4.5 month data correction deadline for public reporting to submit any necessary HIS corrections. For more information on how providers can use their CASPER QM Reports to review data please see the CASPER QM Reports Fact Sheet in the **Downloads** section of the [HQRP Requirements and Best Practices](#) webpage.

### **CY 2021 CAHPS Hospice Survey Schedule Remains**

During CY 2021 the CAHPS Hospice Survey will continue data collection as normal. This means that deadlines for data submission to the CAHPS Hospice Survey data warehouse will occur on the second Wednesday of the month in February, May, August and November.

#### **CAHPS Hospice Survey Upcoming Data Submission Deadlines in CY 2021**

<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Dates of Deaths</b>	<b>Data Submission Deadline</b>
Q3 2020	July-September 2020	February 10, 2021
Q4 2020	October-December 2020	May 12, 2021
Q1 2021	January-March 2021	August 11, 2021
Q2 2021	April-June 2021	November 10, 2021