

Hospice Quality Reporting Program Forum

FY2022 Rulemaking Update



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Welcome and Introductions



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HQRP Forum Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Summary of FY 2022 Final Rule
- Discussion

Acronyms/ Abbreviations

- **Act** means the Social Security Act
- **APU:** Annual Payment Update
- **CAA:** Consolidated Appropriations Act
- **CAHPS:** Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
- **CMS:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- **CY:** Calendar Year
- **FY:** Fiscal Year
- **HCI:** Hospice Care Index
- **HIS:** Hospice Item Set
- **HQRP:** Hospice Quality Reporting Program
- **HVLDL:** Hospice Visits in Last Days of Life
- **HVWDII:** Hospice Visits When Death Is Imminent
- **PAC:** Post Acute Care
- **PHE:** Public Health Emergency
- **QM:** Quality Measure
- **QRP:** Quality Reporting Program
- **RN:** Registered Nurse

FY 2022 Hospice Final Rule - Publication

- The FY 2022 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update, Hospice Conditions of Participation Updates, Hospice and Home Health Quality Reporting Program Requirements Final Rule was displayed on July 29, 2021 and published on August 4, 2021.
- Access the Final Rule at: www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Hospice-Center.html.

FY 2022 Hospice Final Rule - Highlights

FY 2022 QMs for HQRP = 4 QMs:

- NQF #3235 – HIS Comprehensive Assessment Measure
- HCI
- HVLDL
- CAHPS Hospice Survey

Statutory Change – CAA of 2021

- The APU Penalty increases to 4% beginning in FY 2024 (impacts CY 2022 quality data submitted).

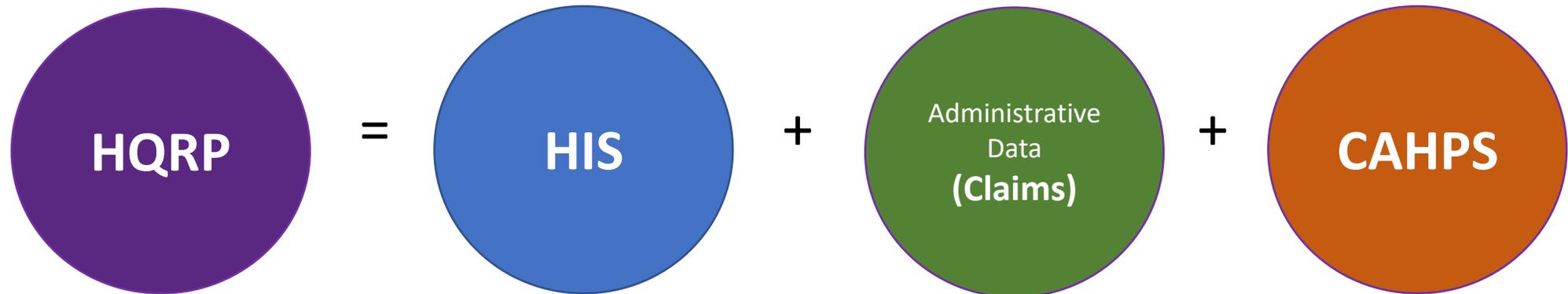
Public Reporting – HQRP

- February 2022 Hospice refresh on Care Compare using fewer quarters of data.
- HCI and HVLDL start on Care Compare no sooner than May 2022.
- CAHPS Star Ratings begins no sooner than FY 2022.

Public Reporting – Home Health QRP

- January 2022 Home Health refresh using fewer quarters of data.

FY 2022 HQRP Requirements



NQF #3235 – HIS Comprehensive Assessment Measure



- NQF #3235 is a composite measure that captures seven different process measures:
 1. Patients Treated with an Opioid who are Given a Bowel Regimen
 2. Pain Screening
 3. Pain Assessment
 4. Dyspnea Treatment
 5. Dyspnea Screening
 6. Treatment Preferences
 7. Beliefs/Values Addressed (if desired by the patient)
- NQF #3235 is interdisciplinary, holistic, and aligns with consumer expectations for hospice.
- Because NQF #3235 is broadly applicable and already publicly reported, there is no need to separately report the seven HIS process measures individually.

New Claims-Based Measure, the Hospice Care Index

Claims
Data

- Add new claims-based QM, HCI, to HQRP.
 - It captures care across the entire hospice stay using 10 indicators.
- Publicly report the HCI no earlier than May 2022.
- Revise confidential QM report and provider preview reports to include claims-based measure scores that will be available soon in support of public comments.

New Claims-Based Measure, the Hospice Care Index



Hospice Visits in the Last Days of Life

Claims
Data

- HVLDL is a claims-based measure assessing hospice staff visits to patients at the end of life. HVLDL measures whether patients received in-person visits by RN or Medical Social Worker in at least two (2) of the last three (3) days of life.
- HVLDL is the re-specified measure for the HIS-based HVWDII.
- Hospices *no longer need to collect HIS data from Section O* originally associated with the HVWDII measures.
- CMS will begin publicly reporting HVLDL no sooner than May 2022.
- Once CMS starts publicly reporting HVLDL, we will stop publicly reporting HVWDII.

New Law that Impacts Hospice

[Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 \(CAA\), \(Pub. L. 116 260\).](#)

- Since FY 2014, hospices that fail to report quality data have their market basket percentage increase reduced by 2 percentage points.
- Section 1814(i)(5)(A)(i) of the Act was amended by section 407(b) of Division CC, Title IV of the CAA.

CAA 2021 updates 42 CFR 418.306

- 42 CFR §418.306 was revised to reflect this statutory change:
 - Beginning in FY 2024 and for each subsequent year, the Secretary shall reduce the market basket update by **4 percentage points** for any hospice that does not comply with the quality data submission requirements for that FY.
 - Any reduction of the percentage change will apply only to the fiscal year involved and not for a subsequent fiscal year.

Public Display of Quality Measures & Other Hospice Data

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February 2022 Care Compare Refresh

Impacted by Data Collection and Reporting During a PHE

- Report HIS measures using three (3) quarters of data in February 2022 (Q3 2020, Q4 2020, and Q1 2021).
- Report HQRP CAHPS measures using the most recent eight (8) quarters of CAHPS Hospice Survey data, excluding Q1 and Q2 2020.
- Rationale:
 - Provide consumers with more relevant quality data and allow hospices to demonstrate more recent performance.
 - Testing results indicate we can publicly report, as the since the data meets standards.

Quality Measures to be Displayed on Compare Tool that meet the FY 2022 HQRP Requirements

Hospice Item Set	
NQF#	Short name
3235	Hospice and Palliative Care Composite Process Measure—HIS Comprehensive Assessment Measure at Admission
Claims-based Measures (Public Reporting begins no sooner than May 2022)	
	HVLDL
	HCI
CAHPS Hospice Survey	
2651	CAHPS Hospice Survey – single measure

Calculating and Publicly Reporting Claims-Based Measures for HQRP

- Update HQRP claims-based measures annually, in alignment with most PAC claims-based measures.
- Extract claims data for calculating measures at least 90 days after the last discharge date to balance timeliness and completeness of data.
- Give providers opportunity to preview claims measures in Preview Reports.
- Calculate claims-based measures based on eight (8) quarters of data.
 - Multiple years of data can help include more and small hospices in public reporting.

Public Reporting of Claims-Based Measures

- **If HCl and HVLDL are released in May 2022**, measure reporting period will include:
 - Q1 2021, Q2 2021, Q3 2021,
 - Q3 2020, Q4 2020,
 - Q2 2019, Q3 2019, and Q4 2019.
- Exclude claims data from Q1 2020 and Q2 2020, in accordance with past guidance.

CAHPS® Hospice Survey Participation Requirements and Star Ratings

- CMS will calculate Star Ratings for the CAHPS Hospice Survey for public reporting on Care Compare in FY 2022.
- Star ratings benefit the public in that they can be easier for some to understand than absolute measure scores, and they make comparisons between hospices more straightforward.

Home Health January 2022 Refresh

Impacted by Data Collection and Reporting During a PHE

- Due to COVID-19 PHE exceptions granted March 27, 2020, report fewer quarters of data for January 2022 – July 2024 refresh cycle.
- Resume public reporting with three (3) quarters of data for January 2022 refresh.
- Release required preview report in October 2021 for January 2022 refresh.

Resources

- Access the Final Rule at: www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Hospice-Center.html
- Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021: <https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr133/BILLS-116hr133enr.pdf>
- For recent news and updates, refer to the Spotlight and Announcement page: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Hospice-Quality-Reporting/Spotlight>
- For the latest Hospice quality reporting information, subscribe to the PAC QRP listserv: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USCMS_12265
- For HQRP Quarterly Updates: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Hospice-Quality-Reporting/HQRP-Requirements-and-Best-Practices>
- For information about the COVID-19 PHE and impacts to HQRP please see:
 - [HQRP COVID-19 PHE Tip Sheet](#)
 - [HQRP COVID-19 Public Reporting Tip Sheet](#)

Discussion Questions

- You can ask questions in various ways, including:
 - **Phone** – Enter your audio pin and use the hand-raising icon to enable us to unmute your line.
 - **Computer Mic and Speakers** – Enable your microphone and use the hand-raising icon to enable us to unmute your line.
 - **Chat** – Type your question into the “Questions” box.
- CMS will answer questions as time permits.