

Section	Page Number	Text as it appears in HQR User Guide for Data Collection V1.1 – 9/5/12	Revisions to Text	Description of revision(s)
III	25	Hospices should make every effort to contact the patient sometime between 48 and 72 hours after the initial pain assessment to ask the measure follow-up question. At times it may not be possible to contact the patient within the 48–72-hour time frame (e.g., the patient is sleeping and the family caregiver asks that the hospice call back later). Therefore, the 48–72 hour time frame can be defined as 2–3 days. Given this time frame, hospices should ask patients the follow-up question by midnight of the third day. So, the follow-up question could be asked anytime on the third day (i.e., time frame for including patient response in the measure does not “close” at 3 pm of the third day, but extends to midnight of the third day).	Hospices should make every effort to contact the patient sometime between 48 and 72 hours after the initial pain assessment to ask the measure follow-up question. At times it may not be possible to contact the patient within 72 hours (e.g., the patient is sleeping and the family caregiver asks that the hospice call back later). Therefore, the endpoint for asking the follow-up question can be defined as 3 days. Given this time frame, hospices should ask patients the follow-up question by midnight of the third day.	Revised wording for clarity
III	25		For example, if a patient is asked the initial question on 11/6/12 at 2 pm, the follow-up question should <i>not</i> be asked prior to 2 pm on 11/8/12 (or 48 hours after the initial comfort question was asked). The hospice thus has from 2 pm on 11/8/12 until 11:59 pm on 11/9/12 (midnight of the third day) to ask the follow-up question.	Added example for further clarification of timing of follow-up question

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