

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
Adding Star Ratings to the Home Health Compare Website
Thursday, February 5, 2015
1:30pm – 3:00pm Eastern Time
Conference Call Only

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service will host a second Special Open Door Forum (SODF) call to allow consumers, home health agencies (HHAs), and other interested parties to give additional input and feedback on the planned addition of star ratings to Medicare.gov's Home Health Compare (HHC) web site.

This call follows up on our previous call one on this topic and will include:

- a summary of the comments received on the material presented at the earlier call and on other aspects of the methodology,
- a presentation of our revised methodology, and
- plans for next steps.

After the presentation, the phones will be opened for comments and questions. A link to the materials for this SODF, including a slide deck, a summary of the revised proposed HHC star rating methodology, and an updated "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) document will be available soon on the Home Health Quality Initiative Spotlight page at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/HomeHealthQualityInits/HHQISpotlight.html>

Comments about the star ratings system can be submitted by email after the call to the following address:
HHC_Star_Ratings_Helpdesk@cms.hhs.gov

Special Open Door Forum Participation Instructions:
Participant Dial-In Number: 1-800-837-1935
Conference ID #: 73412220

Note: TTY Communications Relay Services are available for the Hearing Impaired. For TTY services dial 7-1-1 or 1-800-855-2880. A Relay Communications Assistant will help.

After the call, transcript and audio recording of this SODF will be posted to the Special Open Door Forum website at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/OpenDoorForums/ODFSpecialODF.html>

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