

Expanded HHVBP Model

Instructions for Accessing the Achievement Thresholds and Benchmarks in iQIES

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The achievement thresholds and benchmarks for each quality measure in the expanded HHVBP Model are now available on the Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES) portal: <https://iqies.cms.gov/>. The achievement thresholds and benchmarks were calculated by cohort using quality measure data for the Model baseline year, which is calendar year (CY) 2019 for the CY 2023 performance year/CY 2025 payment year.

More information about the achievement thresholds, benchmarks, and cohorts is available in the *Expanded HHVBP Model Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)* on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#).

- **Achievement threshold:** The median (50th percentile) of Medicare-certified HHAs' performance scores on each quality measure during the designated Model baseline year (CY 2019), calculated separately for the larger- and smaller-volume cohorts. CMS uses the achievement threshold for calculating the achievement score.
- **Benchmark:** The mean of the top decile (90th percentile) of all HHAs' performance scores on the specified quality measure during the baseline year, also calculated separately for the larger- and smaller-volume cohorts. CMS uses the benchmark for calculating both the achievement score and the improvement score.
- **Cohorts:** Determined prospectively, based on each HHA's unique beneficiary count in the prior calendar year (CY) as defined below:
 - Smaller-volume cohort: the group of competing HHAs that had fewer than sixty (60) unique beneficiaries in the calendar year prior to the performance year.
 - Larger-volume cohort: the group of competing HHAs that had sixty (60) or more unique beneficiaries in the calendar year prior to the performance year.

Access to iQIES

For support with registration for [iQIES](#), please contact the QIES/iQIES Service Center by phone at (800) 339-9313 or email iqies@cms.hhs.gov. You may also refer to the iQIES Onboarding Guide posted to the QIES Technical Support Office (QTSO): <https://qtso.cms.gov/software/iqies/reference-manuals>.

Locating the May 2022 HHVBP achievement thresholds and benchmarks file in iQIES

1. Log into iQIES at <https://iqies.cms.gov/>.
2. Select the "My Reports" option from the Reports menu.
3. From the "My Reports" page, locate the "HHA Provider Preview Reports" folder.
 - a. **NOTE:** The folders and reports on the My Reports page are listed in alphabetic order so users may need to utilize the page forward functionality at the bottom of the webpage to advance to the page where the "HHA Provider Preview Reports" folder is located. Alternatively, users may change the default number of rows that display on the webpage from 10 to a larger number to view the larger list of items.

4. Select the “*HHA Provider Preview Reports*” link to open the folder.
5. Locate the HHVBP file with the following file name: 'HHVBP_CCN_CY2023ATBM_2022_05.pdf'. To quickly locate this file, select the down arrow adjacent to the “*Created Date*” label at the top of the table. This will order the reports in the folder from newest to oldest.
6. Select the file name link and the contents of the file will display.

Help Desk information

Should you experience difficulty locating the HHVBP file, please contact the iQIES Help desk staff by email at iQIES@cms.hhs.gov or by phone at (800) 339-9313.

For questions about the achievement thresholds, benchmarks, and cohorts, and use in the expanded HHVBP Model, please contact the HHVBP Help Desk staff by email at HHVBPquestions@lewin.com.

****Please include your name, agency name, and the CCN when contacting the help desks.***