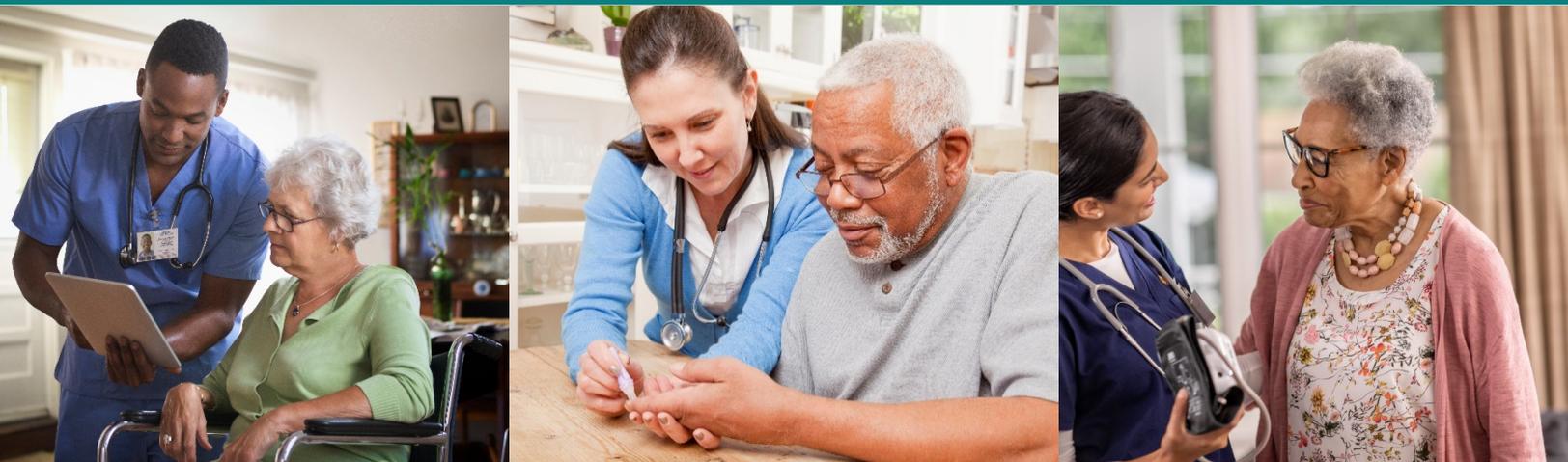


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EXPANDED HOME HEALTH VALUE-BASED PURCHASING (HHVBP) MODEL

Introduction to the Pre-Implementation Performance Report (PIPR)



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Overview of the Pre-Implementation Performance Report (PIPR)

As the expanded HHVBP Model moves into calendar year (CY) 2023, the first performance year for the expanded HHVBP Model, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is making **Pre-Implementation Performance Reports (PIPRs)** available to all home health agencies (HHAs) that are active in Internet Quality Improvement Evaluation System (iQIES). PIPRs will be the first reports made available to HHAs in the expanded HHVBP Model that contain HHA-specific performance information. The PIPRs provide HHAs with a current snapshot of their performance data on the expanded HHVBP Model quality measures, with comparison to their respective volume-based cohort.

All competing home health agencies can access their expanded HHVBP Model Pre-Implementation Report through the [Internet Quality Improvement Evaluation System \(iQIES\)](#). Instructions on how to download reports from iQIES are available on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#) under “Model Reports”.

PIPRs are Excel workbooks that contain an HHA’s specific performance results on the 12 quality measures used in the expanded HHVBP Model. PIPRs show HHAs how their performance compares to other HHAs in the assigned volume-based cohort, including statistics describing the distribution of performance scores. PIPRs are designed to drive quality improvement and to complement other quality data resources and reports provided through iQIES. Additionally, the CY 2023 Home Health (HH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) final rule amended the Model baseline year from CY 2019 to CY 2022 starting in the CY 2023 performance year to enable CMS to measure competing HHAs performance on benchmarks and achievement thresholds that are more current. The PIPRs provide a preview of where your agency falls in regard to the new baseline year, in advance of the release of the first Interim Performance Reports (IPRs) in July 2023.

PIPRs will only be published during the transition from the pre-implementation to implementation periods, and prior to the first Interim Performance Report (IPR). Each PIPR will include the most recent quality measures data available. The data period covered vary by measure category due to the varying data availability for OASIS-based, claims-based measures, and HHCAHPS Survey-based measures. Three (3) PIPRs will be published covering the data periods listed in **Exhibit 1**.

Exhibit 1. Pre-Implementation Performance Report (PIPR) Data Periods

PIPR Release Date	Data Period	
	OASIS-based Measures	Claims-based Measures HHCAHPS Survey-based Measure Components
November 2022	July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022	April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022
January 2023	Oct. 1, 2021 to Sep. 30, 2022	July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022
April 2023	Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2022	Oct. 1, 2021 to Sep. 30, 2022

CMS anticipates making the first Interim Performance Report (IPR) available in July 2023 and the first Annual Performance Report (APR) available in August 2024. More information on the performance data time periods for these reports can be found in *Section 8: Performance Feedback Reports - Overview of the [Expanded HHVBP Model Guide](#)*.

PIPR Contents

The PIPR will contain the following tabs of information:

- **Overview tab:** describes the content of the report and the time periods used for each measure category.
- **Measure Performance tab:** shows your HHA's measure performance compared to HHAs competing in your cohort.
- **TNC Change Reference tab:** shows your HHA's performance on individual Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) items composing the Total Normalized Composite (TNC) change measures.

Frequently Asked Questions about the PIPRs

1. How are the PIPRs different from the Interim Performance Reports (IPRs) and Annual Performance Reports (APRs)?

The PIPRs are similar in layout, terminology use, and content compared to IPRs and APRs. However, while IPRs provide a detailed report of an HHA's measure-specific improvement, achievement, and corresponding Total Performance Score (TPS) performance, the PIPRs are limited to presenting measure performance values based on the most current data available and the HHA's cohort's performance. PIPRs will only be available for November 2022, January 2023, and April 2023, whereas the IPRs will be available each quarter beginning with the July 2023 IPR.

2. How is an HHA's cohort in the PIPR determined?

An HHA's cohort in the PIPR is determined by the HHA's unique beneficiary count in CY 2021. If the HHA's cohort shows "N/A" (Not Available), this indicates that the HHA could not be assigned to a cohort for this report and cohort information presented in this report is based on the larger-volume cohort, which most HHAs fall into. Updates to the cohort assignment will appear in future reports as applicable. Please refer to the "*Expanded HHVBP Model Guide*" on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#) for additional information.

3. Will the PIPR include our HHA's achievement thresholds and benchmarks?

PIPRs do not include the achievement thresholds and benchmarks for the first performance year. However, *preliminary* achievement thresholds and benchmarks are provided. The 50th percentile (median) measure value for HHAs within the respective cohort is the preliminary achievement threshold for each measure. The mean of the 90th percentile measure value for HHAs in the respective cohort is the preliminary benchmark.

4. How can HHAs use the PIPRs to inform quality improvement efforts and future performance in the expanded HHVBP Model?

While the PIPRs will not directly inform the calculation of the Total Performance Score (TPS), the reports will provide HHAs with insight on their performance on the expanded HHVBP Model quality measures. The goal of providing HHAs with this preliminary data is to give an indication of where you should focus quality improvement efforts to furnish better care to beneficiaries, improve the agency's TPS, and earn a positive payment adjustment within the Model.

The percentile rankings from the Measure Performance tab in the PIPR can provide a preliminary indication of an HHA's prospects for future payment adjustment. The basis for payment adjustment is overall

performance, across all three measure categories, compared to other HHAs competing in your cohort. Sustained low performance (in the lowest or second lowest) quartile will negatively impact an HHA's TPS and likelihood of earning a positive payment adjustment. Similarly, sustained high performance, in the top two quartiles, will positively impact an HHA's TPS and likelihood of earning a positive payment adjustment.

5. Can our HHA submit a recalculation request for the PIPR?

PIPRs will not be subject to recalculation or reconsideration requests because the data are not used to calculate the CY 2025 payment adjustment. Recalculation requests are only available for each quarterly preliminary Interim Performance Report (IPR) and for the preview Annual Performance Report (APR) via instructions provided by CMS and in the Model Guide, available on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#).

Additional Information

An overview of the PIPR contents and use is available on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#). HHAs can access their PIPRs through the [Internet Quality Improvement Evaluation System \(iQIES\)](#). Step-by-step instructions for accessing the expanded HHVBP Model reports are available on the Expanded HHVBP Model webpage in a downloadable resource called "*Expanded HHVBP Model Reports – Access Instructions*." For assistance with accessing reports in iQIES, please email iQIES@cms.hhs.gov or phone 1 (800) 339-9313. Additional information is also located on the [iQIES Help webpage](#).

Additional resources about the expanded HHVBP Model are available on the [Expanded HHVBP Model](#) webpage. Questions can be sent to the HHVBP Help Desk at HHVBPquestions@lewin.com.