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The Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Baseline Measures Reports are now **available** to review in the Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) Secure Portal. The Hospital VBP Baseline Measures Report allows hospitals to review their baseline period performance for all domains and measures included in the Hospital VBP Program in comparison to the achievement threshold and benchmark performance standards that are used to determine achievement and improvement points. Hospitals can access their report through the new Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) System.

### **Accessing the Baseline Measures Report**

**To access your hospital's FY 2023 Hospital VBP Program baseline data:**

1. Navigate to the HQR Secure Portal login page at <https://hqr.cms.gov/hqrng/login>.
2. Enter your Health Care Quality Information Systems (HCQIS) Access Roles and Profile (HARP) User ID and Password. Then, select **Login**.
3. You will be directed to the **Two-Factor Authorization page**. Select the device you would like to retrieve the verification code. Select **Continue**.
4. Once you receive the code, enter it. Select **Continue**.
5. Read the Terms and Conditions statement. Select **Accept** to proceed. You will be directed to the **HQR Landing Page**. If Cancel is selected, the program closes.
6. On the HQR Landing page, select **Program Reporting** from the left navigation menu to expand the menu options.
7. From the expanded Program Reporting drop-down menu, select **Performance Reports**.
8. Select **Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (HVBP)** from the Program selection menu.
9. Select **Baseline Measures** from the Report selection menu.
10. Select **2023** from the Fiscal Year selection menu.
11. Select your hospital from the Provider selection menu. Select **Display Results**.

To export the data displayed, select the **Export PDF** option available on the User Interface. The exported data will be available in a PDF format to save and print.

### **Resources**

Hospitals can refer to the [How to Read Your FY 2023 Baseline Measures Report](#) document on the *QualityNet* website for answers to questions related to the Fiscal Year 2023 Baseline Measures Report. To access *How to Read Your FY 2023 Baseline Measures Report*, select the **Hospitals – Inpatient** option. Then, select **Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (HVBP)** from the Hospital

Inpatient Quality Programs options. Select the **Resources** link on the menu bar and select **FY 2023** on the left navigation pane.

The [FY 2023 Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Quick Reference Guide](#) is also available on the *QualityNet* website. To access the quick reference guide, select the **Hospitals – Inpatient** option. Then, select **Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (HVBP)** from the Hospital Inpatient Quality Programs options. Select the **Resources** link on the menu bar and select **FY 2023** on the left navigation pane.

### Educational Webinar

On **Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 2 p.m. Eastern Time**, CMS will host *FY 2023 Baseline Measures Report Overview*. The educational webinar will provide an overview of the FY 2023 Hospital VBP Program Baseline Reports and discuss the report location on the HQR Secure Portal, domain and measure updates, performance standards and measurement periods, and Hospital VBP Program resources.

You may register for the webinar at:

[https://globalmeetwebinar.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1458489&tp\\_key=af29912043](https://globalmeetwebinar.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1458489&tp_key=af29912043). The presentation slides, recording, transcript, participant questions, and answers from subject-matter experts will be available after the presentation on the [VBP Archived Events page](#) of QualityReportingCenter.com.

### Technical Update for HAI Measures Performance Standards

CMS has issued a technical update regarding the Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) measures benchmark and achievement threshold (performance standards) calculated for the FY 2023 Hospital VBP Program. This technical update revises the [FY 2021 Inpatient Prospective Payment System \(IPPS\)/Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System \(LTCH PPS\) Final Rule](#) (85 FR 58856). CMS updated the FY 2023 performance standards for the HAI measures to correct a display error in the FY 2021 IPPS/LTCH PPS Final Rule.

### Updated HAI Measure Performance Standards for FY 2023

Measure	Benchmark	Achievement Threshold
Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)	0.000	0.650
Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infection (CLABSI)	0.000	0.589
Clostridium <i>difficile</i> Infection (CDI)	0.014	0.520
Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus <i>aureus</i> (MRSA)	0.000	0.726
Surgical Site Infection – Colon Surgery (SSI – Colon Surgery)	0.000	0.717

Surgical Site Infection – Abdominal Hysterectomy (SSI – Abdominal Hysterectomy)	0.000	0.738
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The updated *FY 2023 Hospital VBP Program Guide* is now available on the Hospital VBP Program [Resources](#) page of [QualityNet](#).

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