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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [Care Compare](#) website provides consumers with information on over 100 quality measures for over 4,000 hospitals nationwide, including Veterans Administration (VA) medical centers and Department of Defense (DoD) military hospitals.

The Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating summarizes data from existing measures on Care Compare for each hospital to allow users to easily compare hospitals. Patients and caregivers can also compare hospitals' performance for many common conditions.

As finalized in the Calendar Year 2021 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System Final Rule (CMS 1736-P), Veterans Health Administration (VHA) hospitals reporting data for measures included in Overall Star Ratings are included in the calculations alongside non-VHA hospitals and are eligible to receive their own Star Ratings in July 2023. Previously, while VHA data was included with all other hospitals at the measure level, they were not eligible to receive Star Ratings and were excluded from all Star Rating calculations.

With the [Provider Data Catalog](#), users can explore and download hospital data, as well as data on ambulatory surgical centers, inpatient psychiatric facilities, and some cancer hospitals. Publicly displaying quality information encourages hospitals and other health care facilities to make continued improvements in care.

CMS updates the data on Care Compare and the Provider Data Catalog websites quarterly, though not all data are updated each quarter.

Data Updates

On July 26, 2023, CMS has updated data for hospitals on the [Care Compare](#) and [Provider Data Catalog](#) websites.

CMS updated data for the following measures, measure groups, quality reporting programs and payment programs:

- Complications & death
- Healthcare associated infections (HAI)
- Maternal health
- Payment and value of care
- Promoting interoperability
- Timely and effective care
- Unplanned hospital visits
- Use of Medical Imaging
- Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR)
- Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey (includes data on Medicare-certified hospitals, VA medical centers, and Department of Defense [DoD] hospitals)

- Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR)
- Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (OAS CAHPS) Survey for ambulatory surgical centers and hospital outpatient departments
- Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating
- Prospective Payment System -Exempt Cancer Hospital (PCH) Quality Reporting Program

CMS has not added any new measures or retired measures for July 2023 public reporting.

More Information and Compare Websites

For more information on Care Compare, please visit: <https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/>

For more information on the Provider Data Catalog, please visit: <https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/topics/hospitals>

For general questions regarding Hospital Public Reporting go to the [QualityNet Question and Answer Tool](#). Under Program please select: Hospital Care Compare Site Support and choose your specific Topic. This will get your inquiry directly to the Hospital Care Compare Site inbox.

For questions regarding Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings go to the [QualityNet Question and Answer Tool](#). Under Program please select: Overall Hospital Star Ratings and choose your specific Topic. This will get your inquiry directly to the Overall Star Ratings inbox.