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## Care Compare and Provider Data Catalog April 2023 Data Refresh for Hospitals

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.

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 April 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 and deaths
- Healthcare associated infections
- Maternal health
- Timely and effective care
- Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program
- Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey (includes data on Medicare-certified hospitals, VA medical centers, and DoD hospitals)
- Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program
- Prospective Payment System-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program

CMS updated the following measures data in an off-cycle release:

- READM-30-IPF: Patients readmitted to any hospital within 30 days of discharge from the inpatient psychiatric facility.  
CMS identified an error in the calculation of the 30-Day All-Cause Unplanned Readmission Following Psychiatric Hospitalization in an Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF Readmission) measure for fiscal year (FY) 2023 public reporting. The measurement period

is July 1, 2019–December 31, 2019, and July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021.

As a result of CMS’s commitment to data accuracy, the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program provided inpatient psychiatric facilities (IPFs) with corrected FY 2023 IPF-Specific Reports (ISRs) for the IPF Readmission measure, which CMS calculated by using administrative claims data.

- **OP-13: Percentage of outpatients who got cardiac imaging stress tests before low-risk outpatient surgery**  
CMS delayed implementation of the 30-day look-forward period for an exclusion in the technical specifications for OP-13 (Cardiac Imaging for Preoperative Risk Assessment for Non-Cardiac, Low-Risk Surgery). While this look-forward period for emergency department (ED) imaging was described in public facing materials as implemented for 2020 public reporting, it was not applied to the measure results until 2022 (and instead only excluded imaging on the same day or one day following an ED encounter).

To ensure consistent interpretation of the OP-13 specifications, CMS re-released the OP-13 FSR, containing claims data from the July 01, 2020–June 30, 2021 measurement period; the results are contained in this FSR and were publicly reported in April 2023 on Care Compare. Performance data for OP-13, to be reported as part of the 2023 public reporting period, are not contained in this FSR, but will be released on Care Compare in summer 2023.

CMS intends to release the Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings in July 2023 release. Measure data from the January 2023 release and the rereleased OP-13 measure data in the April 2023 release will be used for the calculations. July 2023 release will include the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) hospitals measure data along with subsection (d) hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals.

### **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.