

PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program

Support Contractor

PCHQR Program: Overview of Public Reporting

Questions and Answers

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Question: Can you clarify the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey "adjusted score"?

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) employs all survey responses in the development of the HCAHPS Star Ratings. The responses for each question are converted to a score, as described on slide 27. Prior to creating the 0-100 linear-scaled HCAHPS scores, CMS applies risk adjustment for the effects of factors such as patient mix, survey mode, and quarterly weighting. Please refer to the document Technical Notes for HCAHPS Star Ratings available at www.hcahpsonline.org for details.