



# **PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting Program**

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## **Support Contractor**

### **Development and Selection of Quality Metrics for the PCHQR Program**

#### **Questions and Answers**

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**Question 1:**

**I understand that the HCAHPS data will become available to the public in December. Will they be on the PPS link section or on search hospitals like non PPS exempt hospitals?**

*There is a lot of discussion taking place regarding the best way to optimize Hospital Compare, which is the searchable function, and how to include specialty institutions, such as the PCHs, IPFs, and others. There is no final decision at this time. The current plan is to have one data table that contains the Cancer-Specific Treatment measures, one data table that contains the Oncology Care Measures, and one data table that contains the HCAHPS data. This is necessary, especially for the HCAHPS data because of the different domains in the HCAHPS data. These tables would be available under the PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital link on Hospital Compare. However, once again, this is a work in progress, and we will communicate with you as more details become available.*