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[Care Compare on Medicare.gov](#) reports information for over 4,000 Medicare-certified hospitals, including over 130 Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Centers and over 50 Department of Defense (DoD) military hospitals, across the country. The website provides information for patients and caregivers on hospital care delivery and encourages hospitals to improve the quality of their care by publicly displaying quality information.

Users can compare performance across many common conditions and the Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating summarizing data from existing measures on Care Compare for each hospital to easily compare 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. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) updates data for hospitals on the Care Compare website quarterly, though not all data are updated each quarter.

Data Updates

On January 27, 2021, CMS updated data for hospitals on the [Care Compare](#) and [Provider Data Catalog](#) websites.

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

- Timely and effective care
- Unplanned hospital visits
- Hospital Acquired Conditions Reduction Program (HACRP)
- Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (HVBP) Program
- Hospital Readmission Reduction Program (HRRP)
- Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program
- Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program
- Prospective Payment System-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program

CMS will also update data for the American College of Surgeons (ACS) National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (NSQIP).

Beginning in January, CMS will begin reporting data for the following measures:

For Medicare-certified hospitals

- HVBP-MORT-30-COPD: 30-day death rate for COPD patients

For inpatient psychiatric facilities

- MedCoPsy: Patients admitted to an inpatient psychiatric facility for major depressive disorder (MDD), schizophrenia, or bipolar disorder who filled at least one prescription in the timeframe between 2 days prior to discharge and 30 days after discharge

For DoD hospitals (already reported for Medicare-certified hospitals)

- OP-22: Percentage of patients who left the emergency department before being seen
- SEP-1: Percentage of patients who received appropriate care for severe sepsis and septic shock

For VA medical centers (already reported for Medicare-certified hospitals)

- OP-22: Percentage of patients who left the emergency department before being seen
- EDV-1: Emergency department volume based on the denominator for OP-22: patient left without being seen
- TOB-3: Patients who use tobacco and at discharge (1) received or refused a referral for outpatient counseling AND (2) received or refused a prescription for medications to help them quit or had a reason for not receiving medication

Beginning in January, CMS will no longer report the following measures that were removed with the [CY2019 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Final Rule](#) and [FY2019 Inpatient Prospective Payment System Final Rule](#):

- General Information
 - OP-12: Able to receive lab results electronically
 - OP-17: Able to track patients' lab results, tests, and referrals electronically between visits
- Timely and effective care
 - ED-2b: Average time patients spent in the emergency department, after the doctor decided to admit them as an inpatient before leaving the emergency department for their inpatient room
 - OP-30: Colonoscopy interval for patients with a history of adenomatous polyps – avoidance of inappropriate use
- PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital (PCH) Quality Reporting Program
 - PCH-14: Oncology: Radiation dose limits to normal tissues
 - PCH-16: Oncology: Pain intensity quantified
 - PCH-17: Prostate cancer: Combination androgen deprivation therapy for high or very high-risk prostate cancer patients
 - PCH-18: Prostate cancer: Avoidance of overuse of bone scan for staging low risk patients
- Hospital Value Based Program (HVBP)
 - HVBP-PC-01: Elective delivery prior to 39 completed weeks gestation

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](#).