# April 2026 Public Reporting Release
## Preview Period: February 19–March 20, 2026
### Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program Public Reporting Preview Quick Reference Guide

## Preview User Interface (UI) Access

### Preview Period

Preview data are available to participating inpatient hospitals via the Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) system page **February 19– March 20, 2026**, at https://hqr.cms.gov/hqrng/login.

### Access Preview Data

1. Navigate to the HQR system page: https://hqr.cms.gov/hqrng/login
2. Enter your Health Care Quality Information Systems Access Roles and Profile User ID and Password. By logging in, you agree to the terms and conditions. Select **Log In**.
3. You will see the **Two-Factor Authorization page**. Select **Text** or **Email.** Then, select **Next**.
4. Enter the code you received and select **Next**.
5. On the HQR system landing page, hover over *Lock Menu* on the left side.
6. Select **Program Reporting**.
7. From the drop-down menu, select **Public Reporting.**
8. The page will refresh, and the data will be available to preview.

### Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating

The Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating is being updated for this release. Please see Hospital Compare Overall Ratings Resources for details.

## Preview Content

### Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey

- Results reflect Quarter 3 2024–Quarter 2 2025 discharges.
- The individual questions from the HCAHPS composite measures will display in the downloadable data catalog on data.cms.gov.

### Timely and Effective Care Measures

- Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) displays 2024–2025 flu season data (Quarter 4 2024–Quarter 1 2025).
- SEP-1 measure results include Quarter 3 2024–Quarter 2 2025 data, and 3-hour and 6-hour bundle data are included in the downloadable data catalog on data.cms.gov.
- Electronic Clinical Quality Measures for Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)-1, VTE-2, Stroke (STK)-02, STK-03, STK-05, Hospital Harm (HH)-ORAE, HH-HYPER, HH-HYPO, and Safe Use of Opioids display data submitted via electronic health records for calendar year 2024. Malnutrition Care Score data are suppressed by CMS.

### Maternal Health

Results reflect Quarter 1 2024–Quarter 4 2024 discharges for Structural Measure (SM-7). Perinatal Care (PC)-02, PC-07a, and PC-07b data are suppressed by CMS.

### Complication and Deaths (Mortality)

- Hybrid Hospital-Wide Mortality measure rates reflect Quarter 3 2023-Quarter 2 2024 discharges.
- The 30-Day Mortality Rate measure rates reflect Quarter 3 2021–Quarter 2 2024 discharges.
- CMS Patient Safety Indicator measure results reflect Quarter 3 2022–Quarter 2 2024 discharges.
- Healthcare-associated Infection measure rates reflect Quarter 3 2024–Quarter 2 2025 events.
- Surgical complications rates reflect Quarter 2 2021–Quarter 1 2024 discharges.

### Unplanned Hospital Visits

- Condition-specific Readmission rates reflect Quarter 3 2021–Quarter 2 2024 discharges.
- Procedure-specific Readmission rates reflect Quarter 3 2021–Quarter 2 2024 discharges.
- Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmission measure rates reflect Quarter 3 2023–Quarter 2 2024 discharges.
- Excess Days in Acute Care measure results reflect Quarter 3 2021–Quarter 2 2024 discharges.

### Patient-Reported Outcome

Total Hip/Knee Arthroplasty inpatient assessment response rate is Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 2023.