

### PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program

Inpatient Value, Incentives, and Quality Reporting (VIQR)
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# PCHQR Program: Overview of the End-of-Life Measures

#### **Question and Answer Summary Document**

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## Question 1: On slide 53, the red box at the bottom shows only PCH-32. Should it show PCH-32 through PCH-35?

The report will show four rows for each measure. This slide shows only one measure. In the report you will see a row for Acute Hematology, Non-Acute Hematology, Solid Tumor, and Overall, for each individual measure.

## Question 2: When will the End-of-Life (EOL) confidential reports become available?

The EOL reports are still under development; however, we anticipate the reports to become available in January 2022. Please ensure that you are signed up to receive PCHQR Program Listserve notifications, as this is the method CMS will use to communicate updates regarding delivery of the reports. If you are not signed up to receive these notifications, you can do so by visiting the <a href="QualityNet">QualityNet</a> website and selecting the Subscribe to E-mail Updates on the homepage. Then, follow the steps to register your e-mail address to receive program communications.

#### Question 3: When will CMS publicly report EOL measure data?

At this time, CMS has not confirmed plans for the public reporting of data from the EOL measures. For the PCHQR Program, the final rule must specify any plans to publicly report data. CMS will communicate any plans regarding the public display of EOL measure data to all stakeholders in a final rule publication.