

October 2023 Care Compare Release

Preview Period: July 27 through August 25, 2023

Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Program

Public Reporting Preview Quick Reference Guide

Preview User Interface Access

Preview Period

Preview data will be available to participating outpatient facilities via the Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) page on QualityNet at <https://hqr.cms.gov/hqrng/login> from **July 27 through August 25, 2023.**

Access Preview Data

1. Navigate to the HQR page: <https://hqr.cms.gov/hqrng/login>
2. Enter your Health Care Quality Information Systems Access Roles and Profile (HARP) User ID and Password. By logging in, you agree to the terms and conditions. Then, 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 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.

Preview Content

CMS will not use data that reflects services provided from January 1, 2020–June 30, 2020, (Q1 and Q2 2020) in its calculations for Medicare quality reporting. For more information, please refer to this [communication](#).

Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating

This was updated for the July 2023 Care Compare release. Please see the [Help Guide](#) for details.

Timely and Effective Care Measures Emergency Department Measures

- OP-18b, OP-18c, and OP-23 (Aggregate rates include Q1 2022 through Q4 2022 encounters.)
- OP-18b and OP-18c display the state and national average minutes for hospitals that fall in the Low, Medium, High, Very High, and Overall Emergency Department Volume categories.
- OP-18c measure data will only be included in the downloadable database.
- OP-22 (Data are based on encounters for Q1 2021 through Q4 2021.)
- COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel displays the most recent quarter (Q4 2022).

Cardiac Care Measures

OP-2, OP-3b (Aggregate rates include Q1 2022 through Q4 2022 encounters.)

Cataract Measure

OP-31 (voluntary submission) (Data are based on encounters for Q1 2021–Q4 2021.)

Endoscopy/Polyp Surveillance Measure

OP-29 (Data are based on encounters for Q1 2021 through Q4 2021.)

Unplanned Hospital Visits Measures Procedure-Specific Outcomes Measures

- OP-32 (Data are based on encounters for Q1 2019 through Q4 2019 and Q3 2020 through Q4 2021.)
- OP-35 ADM, OP-35 ED, OP-36 (Data are based on encounters for Q1 2021 through Q4 2021.)

Use of Medical Imaging Measures Imaging Efficiency Measures

OP-8, OP-10, OP-13, OP-39 (Aggregate rates include Q3 2021 through Q2 2022 Medicare claims data.)