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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [Care Compare](#) website provides consumers with information on over 100 quality measures for over 4,000 hospitals nationwide, including Veterans Administration (VA) medical centers and Department of Defense (DoD) military hospitals.

With the , users can explore and download hospital data, as well as data on ambulatory surgical centers, inpatient psychiatric facilities, and some cancer hospitals. Publicly displaying quality information encourages hospitals and other health care facilities to make continued improvements in care.

CMS updates the data on Care Compare and the Provider Data Catalog websites quarterly, though not all data are updated each quarter.

### **Data Updates**

On January 31, 2024, CMS updated data for hospitals on the [Care Compare](#) and [Provider Data Catalog](#) websites.

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

- Complications & death
- Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) Model
- Healthcare associated infections (HAI)
- Hospital Acquired Condition Reduction Program (HACRP)
- Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program (HRRP)
- Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Program (HVBP)
- Maternal health
- Timely and effective care
- Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR)
- Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey (includes data on Medicare-certified hospitals, PCH hospitals, VA medical centers, and Department of Defense [DoD] hospitals)
- Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR)
- Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (OAS CAHPS) Survey for ambulatory surgical centers and hospital outpatient departments
- Prospective Payment System -Exempt Cancer Hospital (PCH) Quality Reporting Program

- Unplanned Hospital Visits

Beginning in January, CMS will begin reporting data for the following new measure and will only be provided on the Provider Data Catalog:

- ACS-19; Hospital Visits after General Surgery Procedures Performed
- PCH-36; Percentage of unplanned readmissions within 30 days of discharge from an eligible index admission for cancer patients.

CMS has not added any new measures for January 2024 public reporting on Care Compare.

As finalized in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Final Rule (CMS-1750-F), Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) adopted the Follow-up After Psychiatric Hospitalization (FAPH) measures, replacing the Follow-up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness (FUH):

- FUH-7 will be replaced with FAPH-7; Patients admitted to an inpatient psychiatric facility with a principal diagnosis of select mental illness or substance use disorders (SUD) that are followed by an outpatient visit for treatment of mental illness or SUD within 7 days
- FUH-30 will be replaced with FAPH-30; Patients admitted to an inpatient psychiatric facility with a principal diagnosis of select mental illness or substance use disorders (SUD) that are followed by an outpatient visit for treatment of mental illness or SUD within 30 days

Beginning in January, CMS will no longer publicly report the following Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) retired measure on Care Compare and the Provider Data Catalog:

- TR2; Patients whose follow-up care provider received a complete record of their inpatient psychiatric care and plans for follow-up within 24 hours of discharge

Beginning in January, CMS will no longer publicly report the following PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) retired measure on the Provider Data Catalog:

- PCH-15; Oncology: Plan of care for moderate to severe pain

### **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](#). Under Program please select: Hospital Care Compare Site Support and choose your specific Topic. This will get your inquiry directly to the Hospital Care Compare Site inbox.

For questions regarding Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings go to the [QualityNet Question and Answer Tool](#). Under Program please select: Overall Hospital Star Ratings and choose your specific Topic. This will get your inquiry directly to the Overall Star Ratings inbox.