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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [Care Compare tool on Medicare.gov](#) 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.

The Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating summarizes data from existing publicly reported measures for each hospital to allow users to easily compare hospitals. Patients and caregivers can also compare hospitals' performance for many common conditions.

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. Publicly displaying quality information encourages hospitals and other healthcare facilities to make continued improvements in care.

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

Data Updates

Today, May 13, 2026, CMS has updated data for hospitals on the public reporting websites.

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

- Complications & death
- Timely and effective care
- Use of Medical Imaging
- Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR)
- Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey (includes data on Medicare-certified hospitals, VA medical centers, and Department of Defense [DoD] hospitals)
- Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (OAS CAHPS)
- Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating
- Prospective Payment System -Exempt Cancer Hospital (PCH) Quality Reporting Program
- Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) Quality Reporting Program

CMS has not added or retired any measures in April 2026.

More Information

For more information on the Care Compare tool, 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 ensure your inquiry is sent directly to the Overall Star Ratings inbox.