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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.

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

On November 12, 2026, CMS updated data for hospitals on the public reporting websites.

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

- Healthcare associated infections (HAI)
- Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmission (HWR)
- Timely and effective care
- Patient Safety Indicators
- 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)
- Prospective Payment System- Exempt Cancer Hospital (PCH) Quality Reporting Program
- Inpatient Quality Reporting Program- electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs), Maternal health, birthing friendly
- Outpatient Quality Reporting Program- electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs)
- Promoting Interoperability

- Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) Quality Reporting Program

CMS has added the following Inpatient Quality Program measures:

- ISCMR; Thirty-day Risk-Standardized Death Rate among Surgical Inpatients with Complications
- HH-PI; Hospital Harm – Pressure Injury
- HH-AKI; Hospital Harm - Acute Kidney Injury
- IP-ExRad; Excessive Radiation Dose or Inadequate Image Quality for Diagnostic Computed Tomography (CT) in Adults
- PSSM; Patient Safety Structural Measure
- AFH; Age Friendly Hospital Measure

CMS has added the following PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program measures:

- PCH-43; Patient Safety Structural Measure

CMS retired the following measure from public reporting in October 2026:

- PSI 04; Death rate among surgical inpatients with serious treatable complications

CMS will not update the THA/TKA PRO-PM (Assessment response rate for hip/knee replacement patients) measure with the October/November 2026 release. Instead, CMS will suppress the THA/TKA PRO-PM measure data for the October/November 2026 release, and the measure data will be refreshed in the January 2027 release.
For the October/November 2026 public reporting update, CMS will display NA with Footnote 4 (Data suppressed by CMS for one or more quarters).

CMS will not update the PCH-30 (Risk standardized admission rate for patients receiving outpatient chemotherapy) and PCH-31(Risk standardized ED visit rate for patients receiving outpatient chemotherapy) measures with the October/November 2026 release. Instead, CMS will suppress the PCH-30 and PCH-31 measure data for the October/November 2026 release, and the measure data will be refreshed in the January 2027 release.
For the October/November 2026 public reporting update, CMS will display NA with Footnote 4 (Data suppressed by CMS for one or more quarters).

CMS will not publicly report the national compare values and confidence intervals due to issues identified for the Mortality, Readmission, EDAC and Hybrid measures.
Following the release of Hospital-Specific Reports (HSR) and measure details in July 2026, issues were identified affecting certain hospital measure results, including publicly reported national compare values and confidence intervals data that have been publicly reported. Due to these issues, publicly reported national compare values and confidence intervals will be suppressed on both the July 2026 and October 2026 Public Reporting Preview Reports in CMS' Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) System.
CMS will display 'Not Applicable' for impacted measures. Individual hospital measure rates were not impacted.
The values for these data measures will continue to be suppressed until the release of the FY 2028 HSRs and the July 2027 Public Reporting Preview Report and release.

More Information and Compare Websites

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 into 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.