

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
QUALITY ALERT

Hospice Compare August 2019 Refresh

To: NHPCO Members
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The August 2019 quarterly Hospice Compare refresh of quality data is now available. It is based on Hospice Item Set (HIS) quality measure results from data collected Q4 2017-Q3 2018 and Hospice Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) Survey® results reported Q4 2016 – Q3 2018.

New Data Available in This Refresh

This refresh of Hospice Compare includes hospice provider performance scores on the Hospice Visits when Death is Imminent Measure 1 of the measure pair which assesses the percentage of patients who receive at least one visit from a registered nurse, physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant in the last three days of life.

Update Related Reporting Measure 2

CMS has decided not to publish Measure 2 at this time to allow further testing to determine if changes to the measure or how it would be displayed on Hospice Compare are needed.

Measure 2: Patients are excluded from the denominator if the patient did not expire in hospice care or the patient received any continuous home care, respite care, or general inpatient care in the last 7 days of life or had a length of stay of one day.

Additional testing will help ensure the measure's accuracy and reliability as an indicator of provider quality. CMS will not post data for this measure, including each hospice's performance as well as the national rate, while conducting more testing. The decision not to publicly report measure 2 at this time has no impact on other Hospice Quality Reporting Program (HQRP) measures.

Hospice providers are encourage to visit [Hospice Compare](#) and its data set to view individualized data.

Resources:

- [Public Reporting of the Hospice Visits when Death is Imminent Measure Pair](#) (3-day and 7-day Measures) Fact Sheet
- [Hospice Visits when Death is Imminent Measure 2 for the Hospice Quality Reporting Programs \(HQRP\) External Questions and Answers](#)

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