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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [Care Compare tool on Medicare.gov](https://www.cms.gov/CareCompare) 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

Today, August 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
- Unplanned hospital visits
- 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)
- Prospective Payment System -Exempt Cancer Hospital (PCH) Quality Reporting Program
- Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) Quality Reporting Program

CMS will not update the Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmission (HWR) measure, Rate of Readmission After Discharge from Hospital (Hospital-Wide). CMS will suppress the HWR measure data for the July/August 2026 release. The HWR measure data will be updated and refreshed for the October/November 2026 release.

For the July 2026 public reporting update, CMS will display NA with Footnote 4 (Data suppressed by CMS for one or more quarters). Hospitals will receive an updated Hospital-Specific Report (HSR) during the October 2026 Preview Period.

CMS will not update the THA/TKA PRO-PM (Assessment response rate for hip/knee replacement patients) measure with the July/August 2026 release, as scheduled. Instead, CMS will suppress the THA/TKA PRO-PM measure data for the July/August 2026 release, and the measure data will be refreshed in a later release.

For the July/August 2026 public reporting update, CMS will display NA with Footnote 4 (Data suppressed by CMS for one or more quarters).

CMS added the following new measure on the Provider Data Catalog website:

- PCH-42; Percent of cancer patients who died during the reporting period and had patients' goals of care documented prior to death

CMS has retired the following measures:

- OP-8; Percentage of outpatients with low-back pain who had an MRI without trying recommended treatments (like physical therapy) first
- OP-13; Percentage of outpatients who got cardiac imaging stress tests before low-risk outpatient surgery

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.