



CMS's HOSPICE QUALITY REPORTING PROGRAM

Current Measures &
Future Directions

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Currently-Reported HQRP Quality Measures

Hospice Quality Measure	Data Source
Hospice and Palliative Care Composite Process Measure – Comprehensive Assessment at Admission	Hospice Item Set
The CAHPS® Hospice Survey's eight patient experience measures	CAHPS® Hospice Survey
Hospice Visits in the Last Days of Life	Medicare Claims
Hospice Care Index	Medicare Claims





Potential Future Directions

Concepts Discussed in Rulemaking and/or with Outside Experts

- Timely Follow-up for Pain/Non-Pain Symptom Impact {*symptom impact processes*}
- Timely Reduction of Pain/Non-Pain Symptom Impact {*symptom impact outcomes*}
- Medication Management
- Chaplain visits and services
- Addressing family distress & caregiver wellbeing
- Psychosocial assessment/plans
- Wound care
- Goal attainment/patient preferences





Conclusions and Key-Takeaways

- Hospice is unique, and so is its quality measurement
- CMS recently began collecting new hospice information
- More new evidence and measures will inform what drives quality, and will help patients, families, and hospices themselves

