

Get Information About Quality Measures at <u>www.medicare.gov</u>



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Medicare wants to help you make your best decisions about health care. Information about quality of care is available at www.medicare.gov on the web. Data collected about the people who get health care from Medicare-certified nursing homes, home health agencies, and soon–hospitals–is converted into quality measures that give you another source of information about how well they care for their residents' or patients' medical records.



Visit www.medicare.gov to

- help you choose where to get your care or care for a loved one,
- provide you with information about the quality of care given by a facility or agency you or family members are already using,
- get you to talk to the staff about the quality of care, and
- give data to the facility or agency to help them with their quality improvement efforts.



Nursing Home Compare provides you with

- Detailed Information About the Facility
- Quality Measures
- Inspection Result Information
- Staff Information



Home Health Compare provides you with

- Detailed Information About Home Health Agencies
- Quality Measures



Hospital Compare

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Get Information on CMS Quality Initiatives at www.cms.hhs.gov/quality



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The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to improving the quality of health care for all Americans. Part of realizing this commitment is CMS's effort to empower consumers with quality of care information to make more informed decisions about their health care, and stimulate and support providers and clinicians to improve the quality of health care.



Visit <u>www.cms.hhs.gov/quality</u>. This web site is designed for health care professionals to learn more about our various quality initiatives:



Nursing Home Initiative. On November 12, 2002, CMS published quality measures for all Medicare and Medicaid-certified Nursing Homes.



Home Health Initiative. On May 1, CMS launched Phase 1 of the Home Health Quality Initiative with the publication of home health quality measures for eight states.



Hospital Initiative. CMS has several efforts in progress to provide hospital quality information to consumers and others and improve the care provided by the nation's hospitals.



Click on the links above to get the following:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Consumer Information (Nursing Home and Home Health Compare; coming soon, Hospital Compare)
- Data Methodologies
- Pilot Information
- Evaluation Reports
- Survey Information
- And More

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