

Comparison of OBQI Reports and Home Health Compare

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Differences Between OBQI Reports and Home Health Compare

- All measures presented on Home Health Compare are included in OBQI reports, but one is presented without risk adjustment for OBQI and with risk adjustment for Home Health Compare
- The presentation of home health agency outcome rates and national outcome rates differs

Risk Adjustment

- Ten measures are identical to those on the OBQI Risk-adjusted Outcome Report
- One measure, Improvement in Pain Interfering with Activity, appears on Home Health Compare with risk adjustment, although it is presented on the OBQI Descriptive Outcome Report, without risk adjustment

Presentation of outcome rates

- OBQI report:
 - Observed agency outcome rate is compared to a risk-adjusted national outcome rate (differs for each agency)
- Home Health Compare:
 - Risk-adjusted agency rate is compared to constant national and state outcome rates

OBQI Report Calculations

- Current rate =
Agency observed outcome rate
- Reference rate* =
National observed outcome rate +
(Agency predicted outcome rate -
National predicted outcome rate)

* as of 4/11/03

Home Health Compare

- Risk-adjusted agency outcome rate =
Agency observed outcome rate +
(National predicted outcome rate -
Agency predicted outcome rate)

More Information

- Instructions for converting OBQI report rates to Home Health Compare rates will be included with preview reports and posted for all home health agencies