

Home Health Quality Measures Revised September 2005

The National Quality Forum (NQF) announced the endorsement of a set of Home Health Performance Measures in February 2005. The voluntary consensus standards comprise a standardized set of performance measures for adult users of home health care services. CMS took the NQF-endorsement into consideration when the *Home Health Compare* website was revised in September 2005. The new quality measures and consumer language are shown below. The consumer language below explains the OASIS measures in plain language and accompanies the quality measures on *Home Health Compare* at www.medicare.gov.

OASIS Outcome Measure	Consumer Language
Improvement in Ambulation/Locomotion	Patients who get better at walking or moving around
Improvement in Bathing	Patients who get better at bathing
Improvement in Transferring	Patients who get better at getting in and out of bed
Improvement in Management of Oral Medications	Patients who get better at taking their medicines correctly (by mouth)
Improvement in Pain Interfering with Activity	Patients who have less pain when moving around
Improvement in Dyspnea	Patients who are short of breath less often
Improvement in Urinary Incontinence	Patients whose bladder control improves
Acute Care Hospitalization	Patients who had to be admitted to the hospital
Discharge to Community	Patients who stay at home after an episode of home health care ends
Emergent Care	Patients who need urgent, unplanned medical care