

# Home Health Quality Initiative Quality Measures Archive

## 2016-2017

### Updates

#### July 25, 2017

Supplemental HH QRP materials described in the CY 2018 HH PPS Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) have been posted. The following documents can be found in the “Downloads” section:

- Proposed Measure Specifications and Standardized Data Elements for the CY 2018 HH PPS Notice of Proposed Rule Making
- OASIS 2019 Change Table for CY 2018 HH PPS NPRM
- Proposed OASIS Items for CY 2018 HH PPS NPRM

#### July 25, 2017

Updated technical documentation for OASIS-based measures is now available in the downloads section. The specifications provide detailed information on using OASIS-C2 to calculate process, outcome and potentially-avoidable event (PAE) measures in the Home Health Quality Reporting Program and Home Health Quality Initiative, as well as patient characteristics and risk factors. The revisions to the Process and Potentially Avoidable Event documentation include edits made for clarity. The Patient Characteristics Transformations Documentation updates include specifications for low BMI, Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD) or Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD), diabetes and mobility status at start or resumption of care.

#### March 23, 2017

##### Updated Pressure Ulcer Measure Specifications Available

Revised measure specifications for the application of “Percent of Residents or Patients with Pressure Ulcers that are New or Worsened” (NQF #0678) are available in the “Downloads” section. The specifications have been updated to clarify the unit of analysis is home health quality episodes.

#### March 01, 2017

The Public Comment Summary Report for the Home Health Functional Status Process Measure is now available in the “Downloads” section below. This cross-setting function quality measure is an application of the quality measure Percent of Long-Term Care Hospital Patients with an Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan that Addresses Function (NQF #2631). This process measure reports the percent of patients with a start of care/resumption of care and a discharge functional assessment and a treatment goal that addresses function. The treatment goal provides evidence that a care plan with a goal has been established for the patient.

#### February 24, 2017

Revised technical documentation for the OASIS-based measures, as well as updated copies of the process, outcome and potentially-avoidable event (PAE) measures tables, are now available in the “Downloads” section below. Both sets of materials include technical clarifications to the information first posted in December 2016, to better reflect the January 1, 2017 implementation of OASIS-C2 and other program changes.

#### January 23, 2017

Updated Technical Documentation for the following claims-based home health measures is now available on the [Quality Measures page](#).

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- Acute Care Hospitalization (ACH)
- Emergency Department (ED) Use without Hospitalization
- Rehospitalization during the First 30 Days of Home Health (Rehospitalization)
- ED Use without Hospital Readmission During the First 30 Days of Home Health (ED Use without Hospital Readmission)
- The updates accommodate ICD-10 changes.

### December 22, 2016

Technical Documentation for the OASIS-based measures, updated to reflect the January 1, 2017 implementation of OASIS-C2, is now available. The specifications provide detailed information on the modifications for using OASIS-C2 to calculate process, outcome and potentially-avoidable event measures in the Home Health Quality Reporting Program and Home Health Quality Initiative, as well as patient characteristics and risk factors.

### October 31, 2016

Specifications for the measures finalized in the HH QRP through the CY 2017 HH PPS Final Rule are now available. The specifications provide detailed information on the following proposed measures:

- Discharge to Community-Post Acute Care Home Health Quality Reporting Program,
- Potentially Preventable 30-Day Post Discharge Readmission Measure for Home Health Quality Reporting Program, and
- Drug Regimen Review Conducted with Follow-Up for Identified Issues-Post Acute Care Home Health Quality Reporting Program.
- Cross-Setting Pressure Ulcer Measure: Percent of Residents or Patients with Pressure Ulcers that are New or Worsened (revision to fix a typo in the calculation algorithm).
- Total Estimated Medicare Spending per Beneficiary - Post Acute Care Home Health Quality Reporting Program.

The OASIS Item Set specifications for the measures finalized in the CY 2017 CY HH PPS Final Rule are also available.

The specifications for the measures proposed can be found in the Downloads section.

### June 27, 2016

#### Comprehensive Review of Home Health Quality Measures

In 2015 and 2016, CMS undertook a comprehensive review of home health quality measures, including convening a technical expert panel (TEP) to review analysis of measure performance and scientific basis. A summary of the analysis and the TEP's feedback, as well as the measures to be removed from the Home Health Quality Initiative based on this review, as notified in the CY 2017 HH PPS Notice of Proposed Rule Making, are available in the Downloads section below.