



## **Dialysis Facility Care Compare (DFCC) on Medicare.gov April Release**

### **What is Dialysis Facility Care Compare (DFCC) on Medicare.gov?**

[DFCC on Medicare.gov](https://www.cms.gov/dialysis), formerly known as Dialysis Facility Compare, is a website that allows patients and health centers to view and compare quality data about dialysis facilities. CMS also uses these data, organized into a series of measures, to create a star rating system that can help patients make educated decisions about where to get their dialysis treatments.

### **What measures will be updated in the April 2024 release?**

With the April 2024 refresh, these measures were updated with data from July 2022 – June 2023:

- Adult and pediatric patients who had enough waste removed from their blood during hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis
- Adult patients who had too much calcium in their blood
- Hemoglobin management (Downloadable Data Only)
- Phosphorus concentrations in the blood (Downloadable Data Only)
- Adult patients who received treatment through an arteriovenous fistula
- Adult patients who had a catheter (tube) left in a vein for at least 3 consecutive complete months, for their regular hemodialysis treatments
- Measurement of nPCR for Pediatric Hemodialysis Patients
- Patients who were on the kidney or kidney-pancreas transplant waiting list

### **Was the COVID-19 Healthcare Personnel Vaccination measure updated with this release?**

The COVID-19 Healthcare Personnel Vaccination measure was updated for some facilities with this release; however, for a subset of facilities, CMS determined that the data for this release was not accurate and the data was replaced by a footnote (Medicare determined that the percentage reported was not accurate). This measure will be updated again with the July release.

### **Which individual measures and Star Ratings of ICH CAHPS Survey of Patients' Experiences were updated with this release?**

- Kidney doctors' communication and caring
- Quality of dialysis center care and operations
- Providing information to patients
- Rating of kidney doctors
- Rating of dialysis center staff
- Rating of dialysis center

The Overall Star Rating of ICH CAHPS Survey of Patients' Experiences were also updated.

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