

HQA and RHQDAPU Data to be Released on Hospital Compare

The September 2008 release of Hospital Compare will update existing quality of care data for providers participating in the Hospital Quality Alliance and/or the Reporting Hospital Quality Data for Annual Payment Update (RHQDAPU) program.

Hospital Compare will be updated to reflect:

- Children's Asthma Care Measures - rates based on discharges from 2nd quarter 2007 through 4th quarter 2007 submitted to The Joint Commission Clinical Process Measures
- Rates based on 1st quarter 2007 through 4th quarter 2007 discharge data accepted into the QIO Clinical Data Warehouse 30-Day Risk-Standardized Mortality Measures
- Rates based on administrative data from hospitalized, fee-for-service Medicare beneficiaries discharged from 3rd quarter 2006 through 2nd quarter 2007.

The 2008 updates include the addition of the pneumonia measure along with the display of hospitals' risk-standardized mortality rate, interval estimate, and number of cases included in the measure, in addition to the previously reported performance categories.

HCAHPS Patient Survey Measures rates based on hospital discharges from 1st quarter 2007 through 4th quarter 2007 Medicare Payment and Volume data will display data based on hospital discharges from fiscal year 2007 (4th quarter 2006 through 3rd quarter 2007).

RHQDAPU and/or HQA-pledged hospitals that have chosen to suppress the public reporting of their Clinical Process Measures, 30-Day Risk-Standardized Mortality Measures, or HCAHPS Measures for this reporting period will have only their name, address, phone number and several additional characteristics along with an explanatory footnote displayed in the appropriate section of the Hospital Compare website. At this time, information on the accreditation status for each hospital has been removed from the website.

If you have questions, notify your internal point of contact, who may contact the QualityNet Help Desk regarding performance measurement data. Questions regarding Children's Asthma Care Measures should be directed to the Joint Commission at oryxcore@jointcommission.org.