

# How to: Measure HVLDL & Track HCI

## HVLDL Hospice Visits Last Days of Life (Claims Based Measure)

Deceased Patient Name/MRN:			
RN or SW on date of Death?	YES	NO	N/A
RN or SW on date of Death -1?	YES	NO	N/A
RN or SW on date of Death -2?	YES	NO	N/A
<b>HVLDL Measure:</b> Visits on two of the three days above?	YES	NO	N/A

CMS defines HVLDL as: "proportion of patients who received visits from a RN or a medical social worker (non-telephonically) on at least two of the last three days of life"

To calculate your hospice's HVLDL, you must divide the number of Yes responses in line four by number of deceased patients during that timeframe.

## HCI The Hospice Care Index (A Composite of Claims Based Information)

Deceased / Discharged Patient Name/MRN:			
Was CHC or GIP used during patient stay?	YES	NO	N/A
Were there nursing visits at least every seven days throughout stay?	YES	NO	N/A
Was the patient discharged alive within 7 days of admission?	YES	NO	N/A
Was the patient discharged alive on or after day 180?	YES	NO	N/A
Was the patient discharged, and had a hospital stay and readmission within 2 days?	YES	NO	N/A
Was there a nurse and/or a MSW visit in last three days of life?	YES	NO	N/A

Hospice will not be able to calculate how they "measure up" in most HCI items, without having the rest of the industry to compare themselves to. Many of the items are looking at where the hospice's data falls within all of the hospices reported- and looking to see, for instance, if you are in the "top 10%" or part of the greater norm.

Hospices will have a glance at these scores through CMS eyes, with the benchmarks, in their CASPER reports this fall. Meanwhile, it may still benefit your hospice to reflect on our current norms, and identify if there are areas that you feel may be improved through the QAPI process. This tool can be a quick audit to provide feedback on the HCI items, and data should be captured with each deceased or live discharge (DC or revocation). Complete the patient identifier, and yes/no/NA for each index measure.