

The Least You Need to Know: CMS has published an update for the Hospice Quality Reporting Manual, as well as a number of additional tools and resources to support hospices with quality reporting. CMS recently updated the quality measures for hospice, which now include measures based on HIS, CAHPS, as well as two claims-based measures. Hospice Fundamentals recently provided a Tool of the Trade to assist agencies in finding their updated Quality Measure reports in iQIES. These resources will aid in analyzing these reports.

What are the Updates?

CMS has updated the Hospice Quality Reporting Manual to include the claims based measures of Hospice Visits in Last Days of Life, HVLDL, and the Hospice Care Index, or HCI. CMS also released FAQs and training on these quality updates. Please see the links below to access each of these resources.

Actions of a Prudent Hospice™

ONE. Ensure your agency stays up to date with all CMS resources. Please access and download all the resources shared with the links noted here.

TWO. Attend the CMS training by “registering” for the recording.

THREE. Share the information with your hospice team and incorporate data into QAPI program as appropriate for your hospice.

FOUR. BONUS: CMS also just updated the Hospice Chapter 9 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual to incorporate the changes related to Election and Election Addendums. Please download and ensure your agency has the most updated version at: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r11056bp.pdf>

For More Information

Updated HQRP Manual: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/hqrp-qm-users-manual-v100oct2021.pdf>

Updated Measure Fact Sheet: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/current-measuresoct2021.pdf>

CMS FAQs for HQRP: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/questionsandanswersclaims-basedmeasuresoctober2021.pdf>

CMS Recording of October 2021 Training: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1724865880977037071>

Chapter 9 Updates: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r11056bp.pdf>

