



HOSPICE QUALITY INITIATIVES UPDATE

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) quality initiatives for hospice have been a whirlwind of activities with the implementation of the Hospice Item Set and the CAHPS survey. A timeliness submission threshold has now been implemented and public reporting of quality measure data is on the horizon. Hospices must comply with the changing requirements all while continuing to meet the Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement requirements that are specified in the Medicare Conditions of Participation. This webinar will provide an update on the CMS initiatives and specify resources that are available to support hospices' quality improvement efforts.

Objectives:

1. Describe the CMS quality initiatives for hospice

- a. Hospice Item Set elements, reporting timelines, and timely submission thresholds
- b. CAHPS survey administration and proposed composite measures
- c. Proposed timeline for public reporting of quality measure data
- d. 5-star rating plans (similar to home health agencies)
- e. PEPPER Report elements
- f. Medicare Conditions of Participation QAPI requirements

2. Outline CMS resources available to support quality improvement efforts

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