

Corridor | Hospice Care Index Worksheet

CMS is expected to announce the Hospice Care Index with their FY2022 hospice proposed rule coming out in April. Is your agency ready? Know how your agency compares to national averages with this worksheet and check out the measures anticipated to be included in the Hospice Care Index.

POTENTIAL OIG/CMS SCRUTINY

DATA POINT

- Live discharges
- Average length of Hospice care, all patients
- Average length of stay among decedents

NATIONAL AVERAGE	OUTLIER AVERAGE	YOUR NUMBER
16.7%*	>43%**	
92.6 days*	>236 days**	
89.6*	>250 days**	

CURRENT NATIONAL AVERAGES BY QUALITY MEASURE***

DATA POINT

- Hospice and Palliative Care Treatment Preferences
- Beliefs & Values Addressed (if desired by the patient)
- Hospice and Palliative Care Pain Screening
- Hospice and Palliative Care Pain Assessment
- Hospice and Palliative Care Dyspnea Screening
- Hospice and Palliative Care Dyspnea Treatment
- Patient Treated with an Opioid Who Are Given a Bowel Regimen
- Hospice and Palliative Care Composite Process Measure
- Hospice Visits When Death Is Imminent, Measure 1
- Average Daily Census
- Provided Routine Home Care and other levels of care
- Provided Routine Home Care Only

NATIONAL AVERAGE	YOUR NUMBER
99.3	
97.6	
97.1	
92.6	
98.6	
96.8	
94.4	
88.7	
82.6	
68.5	
95.1	
4.90%	

*MedPac report 12/20

**Data falling above the 90th percentile nationally

***CMS Hospice Compare Nov 2020

ANTICIPATED NEW HOSPICE CARE INDEX MEASURES

Provision of Continuous Home Care (CHC) & General Inpatient (GIP)

Gaps in nursing visits greater than 7 days

Nurse minutes per Routine Home Care (RHC) day

Live discharges in the first 7 days of hospice

Live discharges on or after the 180th day of hospice

Burdensome transitions (Type 1), live discharges from hospice followed by hospitalization followed by hospice readmission

Burdensome transitions (Type 2), live discharges from hospice followed by hospitalization with the patient dying in the hospital

Skilled nurse visits on weekends

Per beneficiary spending

Receiving visits near death

Provided Routine Home Care and other levels of care

Provided Routine Home Care Only



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