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Subject: Review your FY 2027 HAC Reduction Program HSRs

Review your hospital's Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program results by October 9, 2026, before CMS applies payment reductions and publicly reports the results.

The Scoring Calculations Review and Correction period will begin September 10, 2026, and end October 9, 2026. During the Scoring Calculations Review and Correction period, hospitals can review their Hospital-Specific Reports (HSRs), available through the [Hospital Quality Reporting \(HQR\) system](#), and submit questions about their calculations.

Submit all questions about your hospital's calculations through the [QualityNet Question and Answer Tool](#) by **11:59 p.m. PT on October 9, 2026**. More information about the Scoring Calculations Review and Correction period process is available in the HSR user guide, available within the HQR system and on the [HAC Reduction Program Reports](#) page on QualityNet.

Hospitals should not include personally identifiable information (PII) or protected health information (PHI) in their inquiry. When referring to the contents of the HSR, use the ID Number.

The HAC Reduction Program HSR contains hospital-level payment reduction status and measure performance data displayed on the *Measure detail dashboard* of the [HQR system](#), as well as a downloadable comma-separated values (CSV) file with your hospital's patient-level data. Hospital-level performance data is also available in a downloadable Portable Document Format (PDF) file or CSV file. The report has an accompanying user guide with information about the contents of the HSR.

The following measures are included in the HAC Reduction Program report:

Measure
One claims-based composite measure of patient safety
CMS Patient Safety and Adverse Events Composite (CMS PSI 90)
Five chart-abstracted or laboratory-identified healthcare-associated infection measures submitted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network
Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI)
Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)
Colon and Abdominal Hysterectomy Surgical Site Infection (SSI)
Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) bacteremia
<i>Clostridium difficile</i> Infection (CDI)

Additional information

On September 17, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET), CMS will host an educational webinar, *Overview of the FY 2027 HAC Reduction Program and Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program*. You may register for the webinar using this [link](#).