

HOME HEALTH COMPARE UPDATE - JUNE 28, 2007

On 06/28/07, CMS completed the quarterly update to Home Health Compare reflecting the January 2006-December 2006 reporting period data. **For the first time ever since the 11/03/03 launch of Home Health Compare, the NYS average for emergent care has decreased to 24% from 25% in all previous quarters, while the national rate remained unchanged at 21%!** The New York State average is equal to or better than the national rate for five of the ten quality measures (Transferring, Oral Meds, Pain Management, Urinary Incontinence & Dyspnea). In addition to Emergent Care, the New York State average improved in comparison to the previous quarter for four quality measures (Oral Meds, Bathing, Urinary Incontinence & Dyspnea). The New York State average remained the same in comparison to the previous quarter for Ambulation, Transferring, Pain Management, Acute Care Hospitalization & Discharge to Community.

The following Home Health Compare Quarterly Update Comparison Grid provides detail on the quarterly comparison of the New York State average to the National average for the ten publicly reported quality measures.

**HOME HEALTH COMPARE
QUARTERLY UPDATE COMPARISON
NEW YORK STATE AVERAGE / NATIONAL AVERAGE**

QUALITY MEASURE	11/03/03 LAUNCH		03/29/07 UPDATE		06/28/07 UPDATE	
	NEW YORK STATE AVERAGE	NATIONAL AVERAGE	NEW YORK STATE AVERAGE	NATIONAL AVERAGE	NEW YORK STATE AVERAGE	NATIONAL AVERAGE
*Patients who get better at getting dressed	61%	62%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
*Patients who stay the same (don't get worse) at bathing	90%	91%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
*Patients who get better getting to & from the toilet	60%	60%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
*Patients who are confused less often	46%	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percentage of patients who get better at bathing	58%	57%	62%	63%	63%	64%
Percentage of patients who get better at walking or moving around	34%	34%	40%	41%	40%	41%
Percentage of patients who get better at getting in & out of bed	49%	49%	53%	53%	53%	53%
Percentage of patients who get better at taking their medicines correctly (by mouth)	38%	35%	43%	41%	44%	42%
Percentage of patients who have less pain when moving around	62%	57%	66%	63%	66%	63%
Percentage of patients who had to be admitted to the hospital	31%	28%	31%	28%	31%	28%
Percentage of patients who need urgent, unplanned medical care	25%	21%	25%	21%	24%	21%
Percentage of patients whose bladder control improves	---	---	55%	50%	56%	50%
Percentage of patients who are short of breath less often	---	---	63%	60%	64%	61%
Percentage of patients who stay at home after an episode of home health care ends	---	---	66%	68%	66%	68%

BOLDED QUALITY MEASURES WERE ADDED TO HOME HEALTH COMPARE BY CMS AS OF 09/01/05 UPDATE

*QUALITY MEASURE REMOVED FROM HOME HEALTH COMPARE BY CMS AS OF 09/01/05 UPDATE