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COVID-19 IMPACTS on Compliance Rules and Fiscal Year Payment Impacts

Due to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), CMS has issued exemptions for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2020. These quarters will not be included in the Annual Payment Update. This means that even if you submit HIS and CAHPS® Hospice Survey data for Q1 and Q2 2020, we will not include any of that data for purposes of calculating whether you meet HQRP requirements impacting FY 2022 payments.

For more information, please see the <u>COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Tip Sheet (PDF)</u> and the CMS HQRP COVID-19 Public Reporting Tip Sheet (PDF).

The following table outlines the compliance criteria for the FY 2022 HQRP, which is impacted by the COVID-19 exemptions.

Compliance Criteria for the HQRP

Reporting Requirement	Sample for FY 2024 APU Determinations	Compliance Criteria
HIS	HIS records with a target date CY Data $1/1/22 - 12/31/22$	At least 90% of all HIS records must be submitted and accepted by Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (QIES) Assessment Submission & Processing (ASAP) within 30 days of the target date.
CAHPS®	Patient decedents CY Data 1/1/22 – 12/31/22*	Vendor submits data quarterly – each submission must be complete (have 3 months' worth of data) and must be submitted and accepted by the quarterly deadlines (second Wednesday of February, May, August, and November).