



## Care Compare Module Available in EQRS October 31, 2024

### October 30, 2024

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) November **Dialysis Facilities Care Compare (DFCC) preview period** begins **Friday, November 1, 2024** and ends on **November 15, 2024**.

Your facility or organization's DFCC Patient Lists and Preview Period Reports will be available for download in a new *Care Compare* module within the ESRD Quality Reporting System (EQRS). Users may access this module on **Thursday, October 31, 2024**. These reports will be available for download until the beginning of the January 2025 DFCC preview period.

To access your reports, you will need to first ensure access within EQRS:

- Complete the Healthcare Quality Information System (HCQIS) Access Roles and Profile (HARP) account registration process, if needed, by going to <https://harp.cms.gov/login/login>.
- Log in to the ESRD Quality Reporting System (EQRS) with your HARP account via <https://eqrs.cms.gov/globalapp/>.

Once logged in to EQRS you will need to request access to one of the new roles created to ensure access in the new *Care Compare* module.

- Individual facility viewers should request access to the new *Facility Care Compare Viewer* role.
- Large Dialysis Organization contacts should request access to the new *Corporate Care Compare Viewer* role.

Steps for requesting access are provided below.

### Access for Individual Facility Users Using the Facility Care Compare Viewer Role

#### Steps 1-4 (See *Figure 1*)

- 1) Select the *Request Access* tab on the left side of the screen.
- 2) Select **Facility** as your organizational category.
- 3) Select **Patient Registry** as your application.
- 4) Click the *Continue* button in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen.

*Figure 1. Request Access to Patient Registry*

The screenshot shows a web interface for requesting access. On the left is a sidebar with 'MANAGE ACCESS' (My access, Request access, Pending requests, Corporate user list) and 'PROFILE' (Profile information). The main area has a progress bar with three steps: 1. Organization Category, 2. Organization role, and 3. Review submit. Below the progress bar, there are three sections of radio button options: 'Select the organization category for which you are requesting a role to.' with options Facility (selected), Corporation, and Network; 'For CMS use only.' with options CMS and CMS Support; and 'Please select the application you are requesting role to.' with options Patient Registry (selected) and QIP. A 'Continue' button is at the bottom right.

**Steps 5-7 (See Figure 2)**

- 5) Select your organization in the *Search for Organization* box. You can search using **CCN**, **DBA name**, or **NPI number**.
- 6) In the *Role* box, select *Facility Care Compare Viewer*.
- 7) Click the **Submit Request** button in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen.

*Figure 2. Select Facility Care Compare Viewer Role*

This screenshot shows the search and role selection part of the interface. It includes a search box for organization (containing '012345, ABC Dialysis Facility') and a role selection dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Select a Role', 'Facility Administrator', 'Facility Care Compare Viewer' (highlighted with a red box), 'Facility Editor', and 'Facility Viewer'. There is an 'Add' button next to the search box and a 'Submit request' button at the bottom right, also highlighted with a red box. The progress bar at the top shows step 1 as 'Organization Category' and step 2 as 'Organization role'.

**Access for Large Dialysis Organization Contacts Using the Corporate Care Compare Viewer Role**

**Steps 1-4 (See Figure 3)**

- 1) Select the *Request Access* tab on the left side of the screen.
- 2) Select **Corporation** as your organizational category.

- 3) Select **Patient Registry** as your application.
- 4) Click the *Continue* button in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen.

Figure 3. Request Corporate Access to Patient Registry

#### Steps 5-7 (See Figure 4)

- 5) Select your organization in the *Search for Organization* box.
- 6) In the *Role* box, select **Corporate Care Compare Viewer**.
- 7) Click the *Submit Request* button in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen.

Figure 4. Select Corporate Care Compare Viewer Role

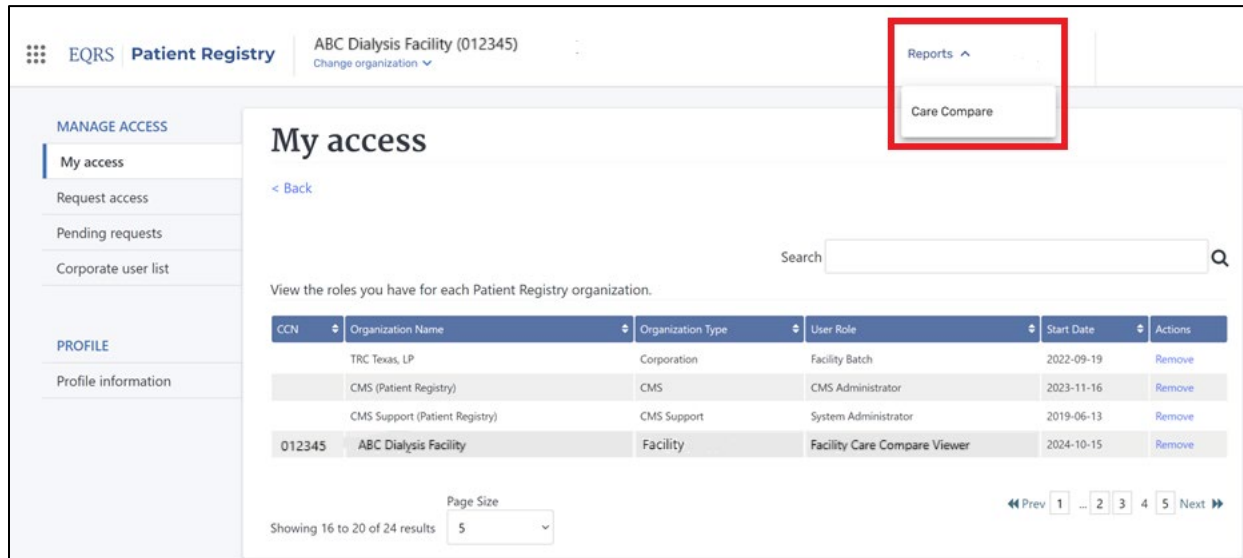
### Accessing Patient Lists and Reports

Once access has been granted, your facility or organization's DFCC Patient Lists and Preview Reports will be available for download on October 31, 2024. Files can be downloaded from

EQRS and exported as PDF or CSV files. To access your reports and patient lists, use the following process:

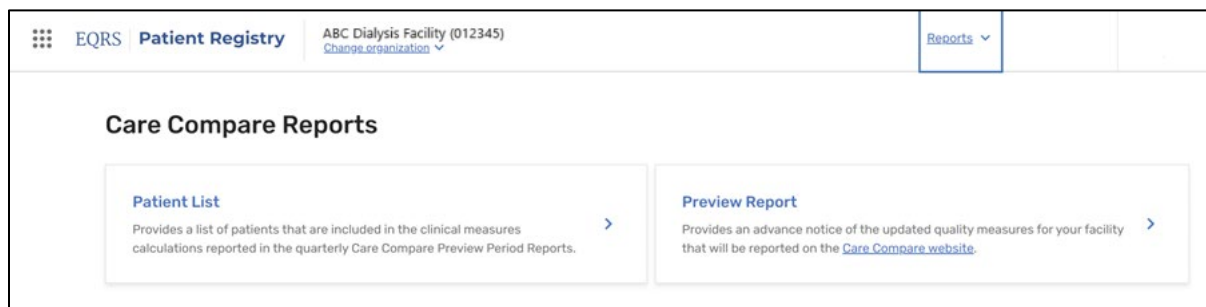
- 1) Log into EQRS <https://eqrs.cms.gov/globalapp/>
- 2) As shown in *Figure 5*, click on *Reports* and select **Care Compare** from the *Reports* menu.

*Figure 5. Select Care Compare from Reports Menu*



- 3) As shown in *Figure 6*, you will now be on the *Care Compare Reports* landing page with access to patient lists and preview reports.

*Figure 6. Care Compare Reports Viewer*



- 4) Review your patient list(s) and preview report(s).

4a) If you are a *Facility Care Compare Viewer* you can select the **Patient List** or **Preview Report** option to download whichever report you have selected. *Figure 7* illustrates the screen you will see when you select the **Patient List** option while *Figure 8* displays the screen you will see when you select the **Preview Report** option.

- Click the **Download** box to obtain your patient list or preview report.

Figure 7. Patient List Download Screen

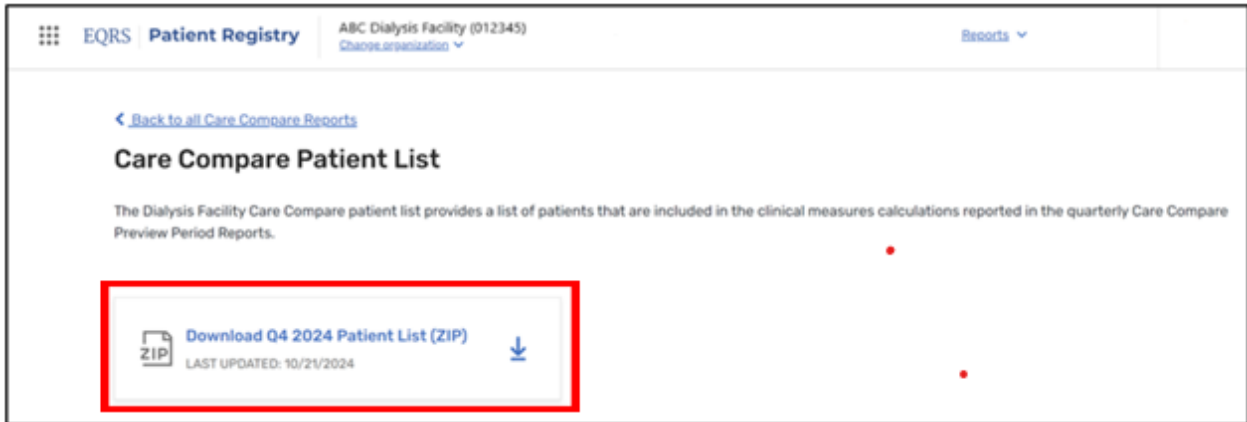
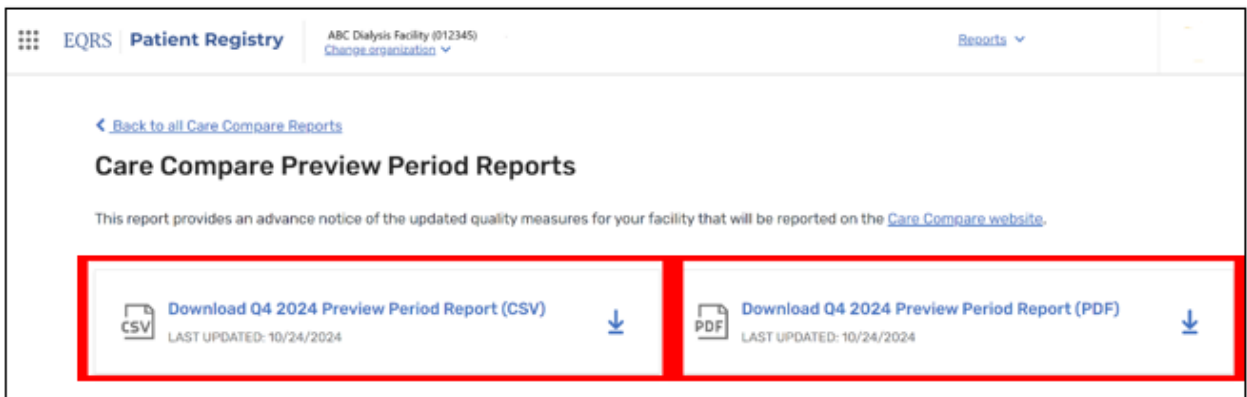


Figure 8. DFCC Preview Report Download Screen



4b) If you are a *Corporate Care Compare Viewer*, **Patient Lists** can be downloaded as zipped files, as shown in *Figure 9*.

- Click the **Patient List** box shown in *Figure 6* above to display the facilities for which you can obtain patient lists.
- Click the **Export** box in the top right corner to export zipped files for all of your facilities' patient lists.
- If you only want to view the patient lists for specific facilities, click the **Download ZIP** hyperlink next to each facility whose list you want to review.

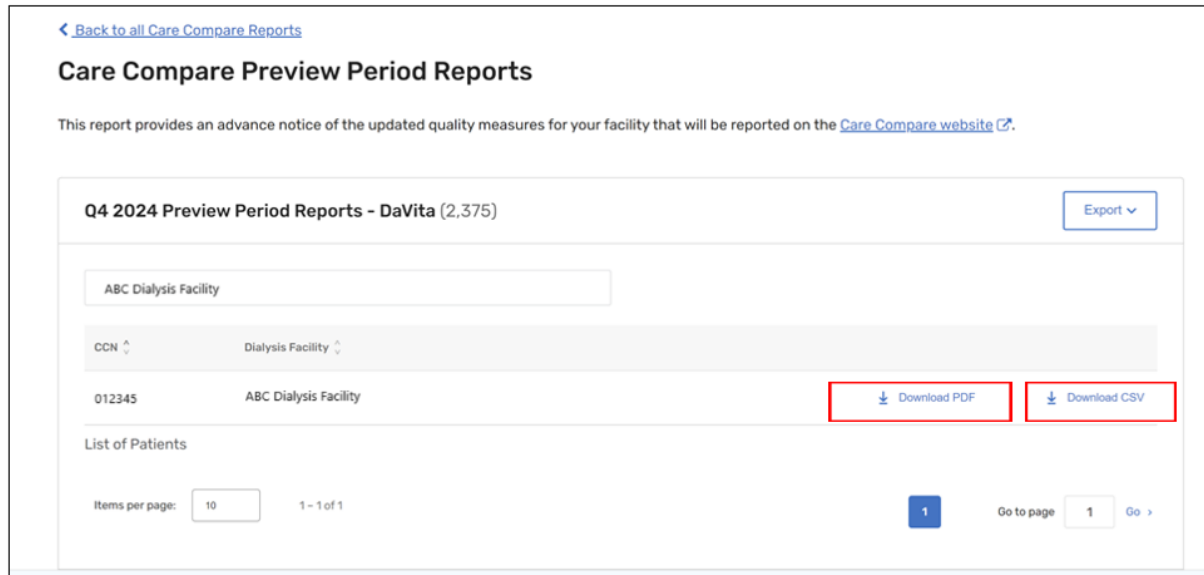
Figure 9. Corporate Care Compare Viewer – Download Patient Lists



4c) **Preview Period Reports** for *Corporate Care Compare Viewers* can be downloaded as PDF or CSV files.

- Click the **Preview Report** box shown in *Figure 6* above to display the facilities for which you can obtain preview reports.
- As shown in *Figure 10*, to download reports for individual facilities, click the **Download PDF** or **Download CSV** hyperlink to the right of the facility's name.

*Figure 10. Corporate Care Compare Viewer Preview Reports Download Screen*



- To export **Preview Period Reports** for all facilities in your purview, click the **Export** box in the top right corner (*Figure 11*). You can export all reports in either PDF or CSV formats by selecting one of the two available options.

*Figure 11. Export Preview Reports*

The screenshot shows a web interface for reporting. At the top, it displays "Q4 2024 Preview Period Reports - DaVita (2,375)". Below this is a search bar labeled "Search facility by name/CCN". At the bottom left, there are two dropdown menus: "CCN" and "Dialysis Facility". On the right side, there is an "Export" button with a dropdown arrow. This dropdown menu is highlighted with a red box and contains two options: "Export all reports as PDF (3)" and "Export all reports as CSV (2375)".

DFCC reports will be available in EQRS until November 15, 2025. During the two-week preview period, you may submit comments to CMS on the measures included in your preview report(s). Your comments will be shared with CMS but will not appear on the DFCC website. To submit your comments, please email [dialysisdata@umich.edu](mailto:dialysisdata@umich.edu). Any questions about the measures or your facility's results can also be directed to [dialysisdata@umich.edu](mailto:dialysisdata@umich.edu).

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