

Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HHVBP) Model

HHVBP Newsletter – January 2023

The HHVBP Newsletter provides home health agencies (HHAs) with the latest information about the expanded HHVBP Model as well as important tools, news, and timely insights from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the HHVBP Model Technical Assistance (TA) Team. Please consider sharing this newsletter within your organization.

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HHVBP Model Highlights

Expanded HHVBP Model Performance Reports: An Overview

For the **expanded** HHVBP Model, the Internet Quality Improvement Evaluation System ([iQIES](#)) serves as the access site for **all expanded HHVBP Model** reports. For support with registration for iQIES, please contact the QIES/iQIES Service Center by phone at (800) 339-9313 or email at iqies@cms.hhs.gov.

Under the expanded HHVBP Model, HHAs receive adjustments to their Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) payments based on their performance against a set of quality measures (**Exhibit 1**), relative to their peers' performance. Performance on these quality measures in a specified year (performance year) impacts payment adjustments in a later year (payment year). For HHAs certified on or before December 31, 2021, the first performance year is calendar year (CY) 2023 and the first payment year is CY 2025.

Exhibit 1. 12 quality measures for the expanded HHVBP Model¹

Measure Category	Measures
OASIS-based	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discharged to Community 2. Improvement in Dyspnea (Dyspnea) 3. Improvement in Management of Oral Medications (Oral Medications) 4. Total Normalized Composite Change in Mobility (TNC Mobility) 5. Total Normalized Composite Change in Self-Care (TNC Self-Care)

Claims-based	6. Acute Care Hospitalizations During the First 60 Days of Home Health Use (ACH) 7. Emergency Department Use without Hospitalization During the First 60 Days of Home Health (ED Use)
HHCAPHS Survey-based	8. Care of Patients (Professional Care) 9. Communications between Providers and Patients (Communication) 10. Specific Care Issues (Team Discussion) 11. Overall Rating of Home Health Care (Overall Rating) 12. Willingness to Recommend the Agency (Willingness to Recommend)

¹ For more information, see the *Expanded HHVBP Model Guide – November 2022* and the *Expanded HHVBP Model Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)* available on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#).

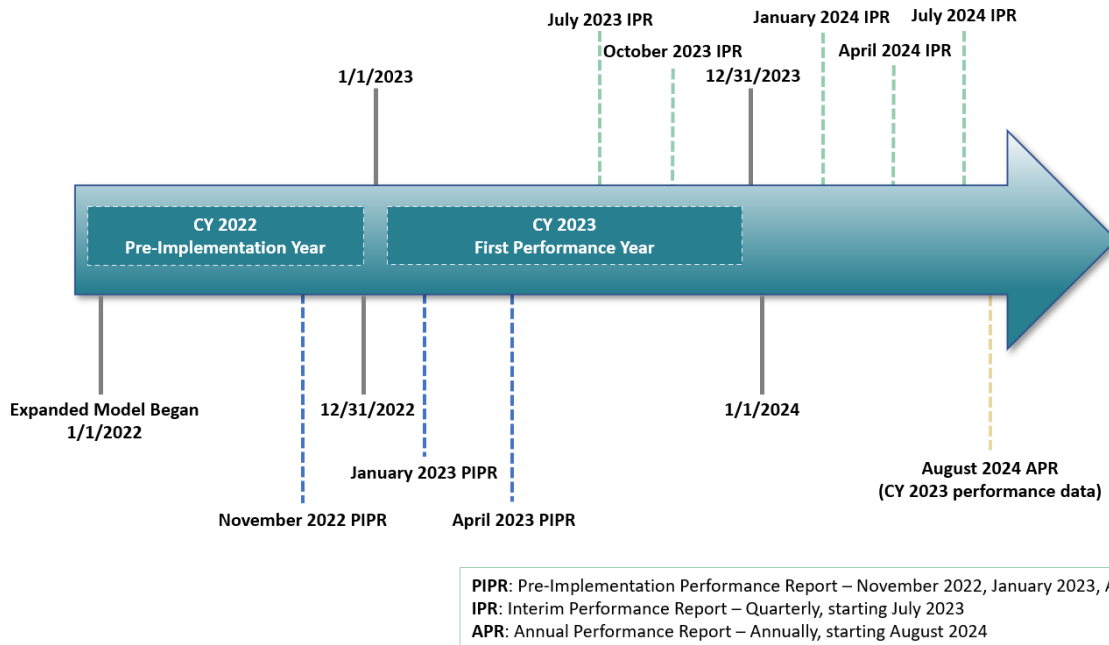
CMS provides HHAs with performance feedback reports so they can monitor performance on the 12 quality measures. The tracking and analysis of these data can inform Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) activities. **Exhibit 2** provides an overview of each performance feedback report for the expanded Model. **Exhibit 3** illustrates the timing of reports that contain HHA-specific data in context of the pre-implementation year (CY 2022) and the first performance year (CY 2023).

Exhibit 2. Overview of each performance report type for the expanded HHVBP Model

Report Type	Timing	Summary
Pre-Implementation Performance Report (PIPR)	November 2022 January 2023 April 2023	The PIPRs are available prior to the first Interim Performance Report (IPR) which will be available in July 2023 so that HHAs can review their <u>preliminary</u> performance data and familiarize themselves with expanded Model reports. The PIPRs provide insight into an HHA’s measure performance compared to other competing HHAs in their volume-based cohort.
Interim Performance Report (IPR)	Quarterly, beginning July 2023 ²	The quarterly IPR contains information on quality measure performance based on the <u>12 most recent months of data available</u> . The IPR provides feedback to HHAs about performance relative to quality measure achievement thresholds, benchmarks, and improvement thresholds. The IPR provides HHAs an ongoing opportunity to assess and track their performance relative to their own baseline performance and to HHAs in their respective cohort.
Annual Performance Report (APR)	Annually, beginning August 2024 ³	The content of the APR reflects quality measure <u>performance based on a full calendar year of performance data</u> . The purpose of the APR is to provide: (1) the HHA’s Total Performance Score (TPS) based on complete performance year data, (2) the adjusted payment percentage (APP) that will be applied in the corresponding payment year, if applicable and, (3) an explanation of how CMS determined the APP based on the HHA’s performance scores relative to the performance of other HHAs in its cohort.

^{2,3} Sample reports for the IPR and APR are available on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#) under “Model Reports.” These reports provide HHAs with the format for the IPR and APR and the type of data the reports contain. The sample reports do not contain HHA-specific data.

Exhibit 3. Timing of performance feedback reports for the Pre-Implementation Year & First Performance Year⁴



⁴ For more information on the timing and performance year data periods covered in these reports, see the *Expanded HHVBP Model Guide – November 2022* and the *Expanded HHVBP Model Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)* available on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#).



ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

January 2023 Pre-Implementation Performance Reports are Available on iQIES!

CMS issued the January 2023 Pre-Implementation Performance Report (PIPR) to competing HHAs via the Internet Quality Improvement Evaluation System ([iQIES](#)). The PIPRs provide HHAs with data on their quality measure performance used in the expanded HHVBP Model, with comparison to HHAs nationally within peer cohorts. Instructions on how to access the PIPRs are available below and on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#), under “Model Reports.” To assist HHAs with understanding the purpose, content, and use of the PIPRs, the HHVBP TA Team provided an on-demand video and downloadable resource, “*Introduction to the Pre-Implementation Performance Report (PIPR)*”, available on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#) under “Model Reports.”

For questions, please email the Expanded HHVBP Model Help Desk at HHVBPquestions@lewin.com.

Locating the PIPR in iQIES

1. Log into iQIES at <https://iqies.cms.gov/>.
2. Select the My Reports option from the Reports menu.
3. From the My Reports page, select the HHA Provider Preview Reports folder.
4. Select the HHVBP file to view the desired report. To quickly locate the most recently published report, select the down arrow adjacent to the Created Date label at the top of the table. This will order the reports in the folder from newest to oldest.

5. Select the file name link and the contents of the file will display.

ICYMI! *First Performance Year Quick Guide*

On **January 19, 2023**, the HHVBP TA Team hosted the live streaming event, “*First Performance Year Quick Guide*.” During this event, the TA Team provided HHAs with a review of what to expect in the first performance year of the expanded Model, including a timeline for expanded Model performance reports and strategic planning activities to consider. The event followed an SBAR (situation, background, assessment, and recommendation) format, leading to a recommendation that HHAs conduct a strategic review of quality performance and develop and implement an action plan to address identified opportunities for improvement.

The recording, slides, transcript, and downloadable resource are available on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#), under “Quality Improvement.”

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Resource Spotlight

Resources to Support HHAs with Understanding Model Reports

HHAs are encouraged to review the resources focused on the expanded Model performance feedback reports listed in **Exhibit 4** and available on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#) under “Model Reports.”

Exhibit 4. Expanded HHVBP Model – “Model Reports” Resources

Title	Resource Type
“Expanded HHVBP Model Reports – Access Instructions”	<i>Written Resource</i>
“Navigating Performance Feedback Reports: Interim Performance Report (IPR) and Annual Performance Report (APR)” (original and encore presentation feature different Q&A at the end)	<i>On-demand Recording, Slides, & Written Resource</i>
“Introduction to the Pre-Implementation Performance Report (PIPR)”	<i>On-demand Recording, Slides, & Written Resource</i>

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- For support with registration for the Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System ([iQIES](#)), please contact the **QIES/iQIES Service Center** by phone at **(800) 339-9313** or by email at iqies@cms.hhs.gov. You may also refer to the iQIES “*Onboarding Guide*” posted to QTSO for registration support: <https://qtso.cms.gov/software/iqies/reference-manuals>.

- To receive email updates about the expanded Model, please subscribe to the [Expanded HHVBP Model listserv](#). Enter your email address in the contact form, then select “Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HHVBP) Expanded Model” from the Innovations list.
- Please contact the **Home Health Quality Reporting Program (HH QRP) Help Desk** at homehealthqualityquestions@cms.hhs.gov for questions about the following: Home Health Quality, including Care Compare (excluding HHCAHPS), OASIS coding and OASIS documentation, quality reporting requirements & deadlines, data reported in quality reports, measure calculations, Quality of Patient Care Star Rating (excluding suppression requests), public reporting, risk adjustment, and Quality Assessment Only (QAO)/Pay for Reporting (P4P).

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