

# Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HHVBP) Model

## HHVBP Newsletter – October 2022

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

#### ***Calendar Year (CY) 2022 Pre-Implementation Year Ending in December***

The pre-implementation year for the expanded HHVBP Model will end on December 31, 2022. ***The first performance year begins January 1, 2023.*** During CY 2023, HHAs will compete on a set of quality measures related to the care that they provide. Under the expanded HHVBP Model, CMS will apply a reduction or increase of up to 5% to an HHA’s Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) payments starting in CY 2025, based on their performance against a set of quality measures relative to peer performance in the same cohort starting in CY 2023.

2 MONTHS UNTIL



PERFORMANCE YEAR 1  
CY 2023 BEGINS

Prior to January 1, 2023, HHAs should visit the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#) to download and review resources designed to support HHAs with understanding the expectations for the expanded Model. Resources include information on quality measures, quality improvement, Total Performance Score (TPS) and payment adjustment, in addition to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), the Model Guide, and monthly newsletters. For questions about the expanded Model, please email the Expanded HHVBP Model Help Desk at [HHVBPquestions@lewin.com](mailto:HHVBPquestions@lewin.com).



## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### ***Recording Now Available! Encore Presentation - Navigating Performance Feedback Reports: Interim Performance Report (IPR) and Annual Performance Report (APR)***

On Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, the HHVBP TA Team hosted a live encore of the August 25<sup>th</sup> learning event: *Navigating Performance Feedback Reports: Interim Performance Report (IPR) and Annual Performance Report (APR)*. During this event, the TA Team, using the sample reports now available on [iQIES](#) (through November 4th) and available for download on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#), introduced the two (2) types of expanded HHVBP Model performance feedback reports: IPRs and APRs. Content included a review of the purpose, availability, timing, and location of the reports, followed by a walkthrough of each report type and the content on each tab in the reports.

Understanding important details for each report type and navigating the reports are essential skills for an HHA to accurately and efficiently track, trend, and identify report information to interpret their Total Performance Score and potential payment adjustments, and inform Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) initiatives.

An audio recording, slides, and the transcript of the live encore are available on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#), in addition to the materials from the first learning event on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The August 25<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup> events contain the same content though feature different Q&A sessions. The HHVBP TA Team encourages HHAs to view these on-demand resources and share with other HHA staff in preparation for the first performance year, CY 2023, of the expanded Model.



## Resource Spotlight

### ***September 2022 Edition of the FAQs***

The September 2022 edition of the Expanded HHVBP Model Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) is now available on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#). The FAQs assist HHAs in understanding common terms and essential elements in the expanded HHVBP Model.

### ***New Expanded HHVBP Model Resource Now Available – Quality Improvement Self-Assessment for HHAs***

The HHVBP TA Team is pleased to announce the availability of the *Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Program Self-Assessment* on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#) under the “Quality Improvement” section. This resource provides a brief, self-guided organizational development exercise based on a structured review of performance data and performance improvement activities. Through this self-assessment, teams can identify the strengths and limitations of their QAPI programs and identify opportunities for improvement in the expanded HHVBP Model quality measures.

## ***Where to Start? Foundational Learning Materials for the Expanded HHVBP Model***

Leading up to CY 2023, the HHVBP TA Team will spotlight different introductory resources to guide HHAs in preparing for the first performance year of the expanded HHVBP Model. CMS and the TA Team encourage HHA staff to review the following resources available on the [Expanded HHVBP Model webpage](#):

- **HHVBP Model Expansion 101 Live Event** – In February 2022, the HHVBP TA Team hosted a live learning event: HHVBP Model Expansion 101. The team shared essential information regarding the expanded HHVBP Model, including topics such as participation criteria, cohort assignment, quality measures, payment adjustment methodology, and performance feedback reports. The learning event concluded with a live Q&A session.
- **Expanded HHVBP Model Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** – Routinely updated, the FAQs assist HHAs in understanding common terms used in the expanded HHVBP Model and requirements under the [CY 2022 Home Health Prospective Payment System \(HH PPS\) final rule](#). The HHVBP TA team provides updates to the FAQs as needed and notifies HHAs that have signed up to receive communications when an updated version is available on the Expanded HHVBP Model webpage.
- **Expanded HHVBP Model Guide** – The Model Guide includes an overview of the expanded Model, information on eligibility and cohorts, quality measures used in the expanded Model, Total Performance Score (TPS) methodology and payment adjustment methodologies, and an overview of the performance feedback reports.

If you have questions about implementation of the expanded HHVBP Model, please email the HHVBP Help Desk at [HHVBPquestions@lewin.com](mailto:HHVBPquestions@lewin.com).

## **Contact Us**

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- For program questions about the expanded HHVBP Model, contact the **HHVBP Help Desk** at [HHVBPquestions@lewin.com](mailto:HHVBPquestions@lewin.com).
- 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](mailto: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 expansion, 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](mailto: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).