

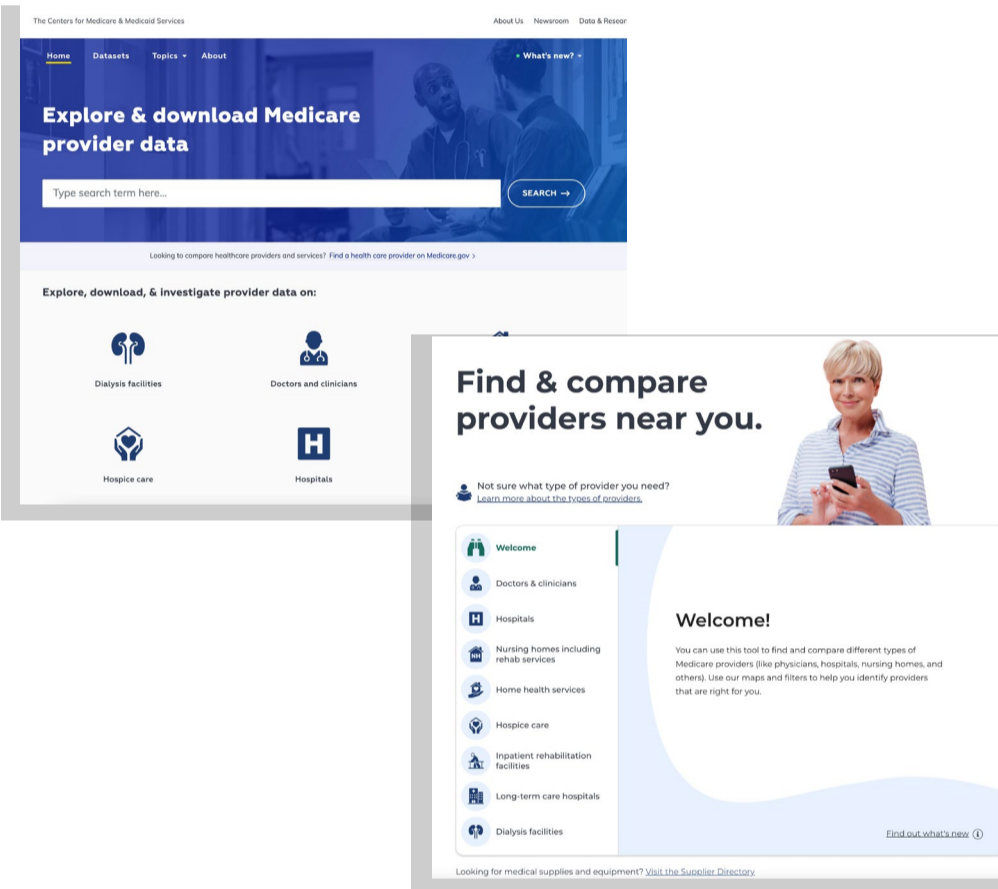
Background

In late 2020, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) launched a major redesign of eight existing healthcare compare tools available on Medicare.gov. The resulting two new tools are Care Compare and the Provider Data Catalog (PDC).

Care Compare provides a single user-friendly interface that beneficiaries can use to make informed decisions about healthcare providers based on quality of care, services provided, and other data. The PDC allows stakeholders to explore, download, and analyze provider data in detail. To explore data in more detail, refer to the tools below:

- [Care Compare](#)
- [PDC](#)

Since the launch of Care Compare and the PDC, there have been significant enhancements to the quality and provider data available to stakeholders. Below, we review these major enhancements by provider type.



New Quality Measures on Care Compare (2020–2023)*

Provider	New Quality Measures on Care Compare
Doctors and clinicians	<p>2020: Performance Year (PY) 2018 Quality Payment Program (QPP) performance data posted for clinicians, groups, and accountable care organizations (ACOs).</p> <p>2021: PY 2019 QPP performance data posted for clinicians, groups, and ACOs</p> <p>2022: PY 2020 QPP performance data posted for clinicians, groups, and ACOs</p>
Hospice care	<p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Hospice Visits in the Last Days of Life: Percentage of patients who received visits from a registered nurse or medical social worker on at least 2 of the final 3 days of their life ◦ Hospice Care Index score (0-10)
Home health services	<p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ How often a patient's functional abilities were assessed at admission and discharge and functional goals were included in their care plan ◦ How often patients experienced one or more falls with major injury
Hospitals	<p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Measure: Medication Continuation Following Inpatient Psychiatric Discharge ◦ Tobacco use treatment provided or offered at discharge (Veterans Health Administration [VHA] measure)

Provider	New Quality Measures on Care Compare
Hospitals (cont.)	<p>2021 (cont.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Percentage of patients who left the emergency department before being seen (VHA and Department of Defense [DoD] measure) ◦ Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock: Management bundle measure (DoD measure) ◦ Rate of complications for hip/knee replacement patients (VHA measure) ◦ Rate of readmission after hip/knee replacement (VHA measure) ◦ Clostridium difficile (C. diff) intestinal infections (DoD measure) <p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Percentage of patients who had an advanced breast screening on the same day or within 45 days of their initial mammogram or digital breast tomosynthesis study ◦ Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock: Management Bundle measure (VHA measure) ◦ Whether a hospital participated in a state or national program aimed at improving maternal and child health ◦ Healthcare personnel COVID-19 vaccination measure for IPFQR ◦ Healthcare personnel COVID-19 vaccination measure for Inpatient Quality Reporting and VHA ◦ Healthcare personnel COVID-19 vaccination measure for Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting ◦ Healthcare personnel COVID-19 vaccination measure for Outpatient Quality Reporting ◦ Median admit decision time to emergency department departure time for admitted patients ◦ Appropriate follow-up interval for normal colonoscopy in average-risk patients (VHA measure)
Inpatient rehabilitation facilities	<p>2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Change in patients' ability to care for themselves ◦ Change in patients' ability to move around ◦ Percentage of patients who are at or above an expected ability to care for themselves at discharge ◦ Percentage of patients who are at or above an expected ability to move around at discharge ◦ Percentage of patients whose medications were reviewed and who received follow-up care when medication issues were identified ◦ Changes in Skin Integrity Post-Acute Care: Pressure Ulcer/Injury (replaced "Rate of pressure ulcers that are new or worsened") <p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Healthcare personnel COVID-19 vaccination measure
Long-term care hospitals	<p>2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Change in ability to move around for patients admitted on a ventilator ◦ Percentage of patients whose medications were reviewed and who received follow-up care when medication issues were identified ◦ Changes in Skin Integrity Post-Acute Care: Pressure Ulcer/Injury (replaced "Rate of pressure ulcers that are new or worsened") <p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Compliance with Spontaneous Breathing Trial by Day 2 of the Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Stay ◦ Ventilator Liberation Rate ◦ Healthcare personnel COVID-19 vaccination measure
Nursing homes including rehab services	<p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ COVID-19 vaccination rate for staff and COVID-19 vaccination rate for residents <p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Total number of nurse staff hours per resident on the weekend ◦ Registered Nurse hours per resident per day on the weekend ◦ Total nursing staff turnover ◦ Registered Nurse turnover ◦ Number of administrators who have left the nursing home ◦ COVID-19 staff vaccination boosters (percentage of fully vaccinated healthcare personnel who received a vaccine booster) and COVID-19 resident vaccination boosters (percentage of fully vaccinated residents who received a vaccine booster) ◦ Skilled nursing facility (SNF) healthcare-associated infections: Percentage of infections patients got during their SNF stay that resulted in hospitalization ◦ Percentage of SNF healthcare personnel who completed COVID-19 primary vaccination series

*The Dialysis facilities provider type did not add any new measures since the launch of Care Compare

Data Enhancements on Care Compare (2020–2023)

Provider	Data Enhancements
Doctors and clinicians	<p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Information-blocking indicator on group and clinician profile pages: A caution symbol appears if a clinician or group attested to knowingly limiting patients' access to their own electronic health information or restricting the electronic exchange of information with their patients' other clinicians. ◦ Merit-Based Incentive Payment System facility-based clinician indicator: This indicator is used for groups that primarily work in a hospital and chose to receive the performance scores of that hospital. ◦ American Board of Medical Specialties board certification added to clinician profile pages. <p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Affiliations: Lists affiliations the provider has with hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, hospices, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, LTCHs, and dialysis facilities. <p>2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Telehealth indicator: Added a new filter and indicator for doctors and clinicians that provide telehealth services.
Hospice care	<p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Added state-level Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) measures. ◦ Added new star rating field for "Family caregiver survey rating." The Family Caregiver Survey asks family members or friends about the patient's hospice care and whether they would recommend that hospice to someone else. <p>Family caregiver survey rating:</p> <p>★★★★☆</p>
Hospital	<p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Added "Maternal health" section with new performance measures aimed at improving maternal and child health. <p>Maternal health</p> <p>These measures aim to improve maternal health. By providing care to pregnant individuals that follows best practices that advance health care quality, safety, and...</p> <p>Read more</p> <p>Find out why these measures are important</p> <p>Get more information about the data</p> <p>Get current data collection period</p>
Nursing homes including rehab services	<p>2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Added a new subsection under "Psychiatric unit services" called "Healthcare personnel vaccination" that contains a new measure, "Percentage of healthcare personnel who completed COVID-19 primary vaccination series (psychiatric services)."
Nursing homes including rehab services	<p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Added state and national averages for fire safety and emergency preparedness. ◦ Updated nursing home ownership information on provider details page to make it more prominent and to add new flag for ownership change in the last 12 months. <p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Added link to detailed nursing home ownership information on the Ownership popup modal. <p>2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Health/fire safety inspection citations under dispute: To be more transparent, Care Compare now displays citations under informal dispute.

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Inpatient rehabilitation facilities	<p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Added a new subsection for COVID-19 called "COVID-19 healthcare personnel vaccination." <p>COVID-19 healthcare personnel vaccination</p> <p>The percent of IRF healthcare personnel who completed COVID-19 primary vaccination series.</p> <p>View Vaccination Rates</p>
LTCHs	<p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Added a new subsection for COVID-19 called "COVID-19 healthcare personnel vaccination."
Other	<p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Updated Care Compare landing page design. The new layout includes a simplified search where users can select providers from the left-hand menu.

Enhancements to PDC

Ongoing

- Continual improvements to dataset search feature.
- PDC also includes additional quality measures and data that are not available on Care Compare.

2021

- Updated "What's New page" to list all data refreshes and improvements.

2022

- Added links to external archive websites at the bottom of each Topic Archive Data page.

Conclusion

Since the launch of [Care Compare](#) and [PDC](#), CMS has added valuable new performance data such as COVID-19 vaccination measures, family caregiver star ratings, detailed ownership and staffing data, and other information that allows patients to make more-informed decisions when choosing their health care providers.

Although this poster highlights new measures and other data enhancements, we encourage stakeholders to further explore the data available on both tools for themselves. In future years, CMS will continue expanding the data and adding new features to Care Compare and PDC. Stakeholders can stay informed of the latest updates by simply clicking "Find out what's new" on the Care Compare landing page.

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