

Hospice QRP Announcements & Spotlight

June 17, 2022

CMS) and their contractor, Abt Associates, are recruiting additional Medicare-certified hospice providers to participate in a beta test of the draft hospice patient assessment instrument called Hospice Outcomes & Patient Evaluation (HOPE). Recruitment will continue until the desired number of participants is achieved. Training for this round of hospices is anticipated to occur mid-July 2022 with data collection slated to begin in August 2022 and continue through early fall 2022. The detailed recruitment announcement is available on CMS's [Hospice QRP Provider and Stakeholder Engagement webpage](#). Those interested in participating should email HOPETesting@abtassoc.com by June 30, 2022. The HOPE development work is conducted under CMS contract number 75FCMC18D0014 and task order number 75FCMC19F0001.

March 30, 2022

Important Updates on the Hospice Quality Reporting Program (HQRP)

Swingtech sends informational messages to hospices related to the Quality Reporting Program (QRP) on a quarterly basis. Their latest outreach communication can be found on the [HQRP Requirements and Best Practices](#) webpage. If you want to receive Swingtech's quarterly emails, add or update the email addresses to which these messages are sent by sending an email to QRPHelp@swingtech.com. Be sure to include your facility name and CMS Certification Number (CCN) along with any requested updates.

October 06, 2021

Hurricane Ida Memo Available

Although the Hospice Quality Reporting Program is not granting automatic extensions or exemptions related to Hurricane Ida, CMS recognizes that some providers may have been affected by Hurricane Ida. CMS does not want an extraordinary or extenuating circumstance to unduly increase provider burden, nor does CMS want to negatively impact a hospice provider's annual payment update (APU) and compliance with HQRP requirements during this time. In the FY 2018 Hospice Final Rule, CMS finalized the Exemption and Extension for Extraordinary Circumstances policy, (82 FR 36671). If you are a HQRP provider that has an extraordinary or extenuating circumstance due to Hurricane Ida, please refer to the Hospice QRP page below to find out about filing a timely extension or exemption request. For information about this Hurricane Ida disaster specific memo, please check the **Downloads** section here:

- [Extension and Exemption Requests | CMS](#)