



## Dialysis Facility Care Compare on Medicare.gov (DFCC) November 2022 Release Questions and Answers

### What is Dialysis Facility Care Compare on Medicare.gov (DFCC)?

[Dialysis Facility Care Compare on Medicare.gov, formerly known as Dialysis Facility Compare](#), is a website that allows patients and health centers to view and compare quality data about dialysis facilities. CMS also uses these data, organized into a series of measures, to create a star rating system that can help patients make educated decisions about where to get their dialysis treatments.

### What is the November 2022 release?

The November 2022 release is one of a series of updates made each year to the data featured on DFCC. New data will be refreshed on November 16, 2022. The prior refresh was in April 2022, for In-Center Hemodialysis Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (ICH CAHPS) data only.

### What is changing in the November 2022 release?

With the November 2022 release, patients and facilities can now see the latest data from dialysis facilities on Medicare.gov.

- Adult and child patients who had enough waste removed from their blood during hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis
- Adult patients who had too much calcium in their blood
- Frequency of patient death, hospital admission, or readmission
- Frequency of transfusions
- Hemoglobin management (Downloadable Data Only)
- Phosphorus concentrations in the blood (Downloadable Data Only)
- Prevention of bloodstream infections
- Adult patients who received treatment through an arteriovenous fistula
- Adult patients who had a catheter (tube) left in a vein for at least 3 consecutive complete months, for their regular hemodialysis treatments
- Measurement of nPCR for Pediatric Hemodialysis Patients
- Patients who were on the kidney or kidney-pancreas transplant waiting list
- Transplant waitlist within a year of dialysis initiation
- Individual measures and individual Star Ratings (Downloadable Data Only) of ICH CAHPS survey of patients' experiences
  - Kidney doctor's communication and caring
  - Dialysis center staff care and operations
  - Providing information to patients
  - Rating of kidney doctors
  - Rating of dialysis center staff
  - Rating of dialysis facility
- Overall Star Rating of ICH CAHPS survey of patients' experiences

### Who is affected by the refresh?

DFCC displays ratings of the quality of care provided by dialysis facilities based on a series of quality measures. Facilities have had their individual measure scores updated based on the latest data for a



number of these quality measures. Facilities had an opportunity to review the data and raise any concerns with CMS before the refresh goes live. The quality of Patient Care Star Ratings will not be updated during November 2022 Release. Star Ratings from October 2020 will continue to be visible on Medicare.gov.

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