

Home Health Line Tool

2025 Regulatory Calendar

January
January — Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HHVBP) payment adjustments begin based on 2023 results. Public reporting begins.
Jan. 1 — OASIS-E1 instrument implemented. Includes new COVID-19 vaccine question. Agencies can voluntarily submit OASIS data for all payors. (HHL 11/25/24)
Jan. 1 — Agencies are required to have an acceptance-to-service policy as part of the Conditions of Participation. (HHL 11/18/24)
Early January — Home health preview reports available for April Care Compare update.
Mid-January — CMS' quarterly OASIS Q&As are released.
Mid-January — Publicly reported Care Compare ratings are updated with OASIS data and HHCAHPS survey results. Adds Discharge Function Score.
Jan. 16 — Deadline for submitting third quarter 2024 data for the HHCAHPS survey.
February
Feb. 1 — Final Measures Under Consideration Recommendations Report published. CMS has proposed several changes to HHCAHPS measures. (HHL 12/16/24)
Mid-February — Publicly reported quarterly hospice data is updated for HIS and CHAPS Hospice quality measures.
March
Late March — The FY2026 Hospice Payment Rate Update proposed rule released.
April
April — HHVBP Interim Performance Report released, with complete 2024 data on OASIS measures.
Early April — Home health preview reports available for July Care Compare update.
Mid-April — CMS' quarterly OASIS Q&As are released.
Mid-April — Publicly reported Care Compare ratings are updated with OASIS data and HHCAHPS survey results.
April 17 — Deadline for submitting fourth quarter 2024 data for the HHCAHPS survey.
May
Mid-May — Publicly reported quarterly hospice data is updated for HIS and CHAPS Hospice quality measures.
June
Late June — 2026 Home Health Prospective Payment System proposed rule released.
July
July — HHVBP Interim Performance Report released, with complete 2024 data on claims-based and HHCAHPS measures.
July — The FY2026 coding guidelines are expected to be released.
July 1 — Agencies are required to submit OASIS assessments for all patients, regardless of payor.
Early July — Home health preview reports available for October Care Compare update.
Mid-July — CMS' quarterly OASIS Q&As are released.
Mid-July — Publicly reported Care Compare ratings are updated with OASIS data and HHCAHPS survey results.
July 17 — Deadline for submitting first quarter 2025 data for the HHCAHPS survey.
Late July — The FY2026 Hospice Payment Rate Update final rule released.
August
August — HHVBP Annual Performance Report released with payment adjustment information for 2026.
Mid-August — Publicly reported quarterly hospice data is updated for HIS and CHAPS Hospice quality measures.
October
October — HHVBP Interim Performance Report released.
Oct. 1 — New or revised ICD-10 codes are expected to take effect.
Oct. 1 — Hospice payment year begins, with wage index updates taking effect. Providers will also begin using the HOPE instrument in place of the Hospice Item Set.
Early October — Preview report available for January 2026 Care Compare update.
Mid-October — CMS' quarterly OASIS Q&As are released.
Mid-October — Publicly reported Care Compare ratings are updated with OASIS data and HHCAHPS survey results, as well as annual claims-based data updates.
Oct. 16 — Deadline for submitting second quarter 2025 data for the HHCAHPS survey.
Late October — 2026 Home Health Prospective Payment System final rule released.
November
Mid-November — Full calendar year update of the publicly reported data from hospices, including the HIS, CAHPS and claims-based quality measures.
December
Dec. 1 — 2025 Measures Under Consideration List published at mmsub.cms.gov .