

Home Health Line Tool

2026 Regulatory Calendar

January
Jan. 1 — Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HHVBP) payment adjustments begin based on agency's 2024 results. Public reporting likely later in January.
Jan. 1 — CMS implements 1.3% aggregate payment cut for home health providers. (HHL 12/8/25)
Jan. 1 — Updated rule around face-to-face encounters allows community physicians or non-physician practitioners to perform the encounter even if they are not certifying the patient for home health.
Early January — Preview reports available in iQIES for April Care Compare update. HHVBP Interim Performance Reports available later in the month.
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, including one-time addition of COVID-19 vaccine measure.
Jan. 15 — Deadline for submitting third quarter 2025 data for the HHCAHPS survey.
February
Feb. 1 — Final Measures Under Consideration Recommendations Report published. CMS has proposed one HHQRP addition on Advance Care Planning.
Mid-February — Publicly reported quarterly hospice data is updated for HIS and CAHPS Hospice quality measures. (April 2024-March 2025)
March
Late March — FY2027 Hospice Payment Rate Update proposed rule released.
April
April 1 — OASIS-E2 begins. Updated instrument includes the removal of the COVID-19 question and a reworked transportation question, among other changes. (HHL 8/4/25)
April 1 — HHCAHPS survey updated with fewer questions that are easier to understand and more focused on home health stay. (HHL 12/8/25)
Early April — Preview reports available in iQIES for July Care Compare update. HHVBP Interim Performance Reports available later in the month.
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 16 — Deadline for submitting fourth quarter 2025 data for the HHCAHPS survey.
May
Mid-May — Publicly reported quarterly hospice data is updated for HIS and CAHPS Hospice quality measures. (July 2024-June 2025)
May 19-21 — DecisionHealth's 2026 Home Care Leadership Summit. (<i>See back</i>)
June
Late June — 2027 Home Health Prospective Payment System proposed rule released.
July
July — The FY2027 coding guidelines are expected to be released.
Early July — Preview reports available in iQIES for October Care Compare update. HHVBP Interim Performance Report available later in the month.
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 1 — Deadline for submitting first quarter 2026 data for the HHCAHPS survey.
Late July — The FY2027 Hospice Payment Rate Update final rule released. Changes generally effective Oct. 1.
August
August — HHVBP Annual Performance Report preview released in iQIES with payment adjustment determination for 2027.
Mid-August — Publicly reported quarterly hospice data is updated for HIS and CAHPS Hospice quality measures. (October 2024-September 2025)
October
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.
Early October — Preview report available in iQIES for January 2027 Care Compare update. HHVBP interim report available later in the month.
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. 15 — Deadline for submitting second quarter 2026 data for the HHCAHPS survey.
Late October — 2027 Home Health Prospective Payment System final rule released.
November
Mid-November — Full 2025 calendar year update of the publicly reported data from hospices, including the HIS, CAHPS and claims-based quality measures.
Late November — Final HHVBP Annual Performance Report released in iQIES with agency's payment adjustment for 2027.
December
Dec. 1 — 2026 Measures Under Consideration List published at mmshub.cms.gov .

Home Care Leadership SUMMIT

Orlando, Florida
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Orlando, FL 32819

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This Event Had Everyone Talking!

Every session was packed with value. The topics were timely, practical, and thoughtfully curated.

– Sandy Hilpre Alliguez, CFO, Valley Home Health Care Agency, Inc.

Everything that was discussed was relevant and informative. Everything that I need to know to move forward with confidence.

– Jonathan M. Usita, Sandalwood Skilled Nursing Health

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