

Your 2026 HHVBP Playbook: Staying Ahead of Value-Based Performance

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IPR	OASIS-based Measures	Claims-based Measures	HHCAHPS Survey-based Measures
January 2026	10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025	7/1/2023 – 6/30/2025 (DTC-PAC); 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025 (Potentially Preventable Hospitalization [PPH])	7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025
April 2026	1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025	10/1/2023 – 9/30/2025 (DTC-PAC); 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025 (PPH)	10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025
July 2026	4/1/2025 – 3/31/2026	1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025 (DTC-PAC); 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025 (PPH)	1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
October 2026	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026	4/1/2024 – 3/31/2026 (DTC-PAC and MSPB-PAC); 4/1/2025 – 3/31/2026 (PPH)	4/1/2025 – 3/31/2026
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July 2027 . .	4/1/2026 – 3/31/2027	1/1/2025 – 12/31/2026 (DTC-PAC and MSPB-PAC); 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026 (PPH)	1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026



2025 Annual Performance Report (2024 Data)

Performance Year CY 2024
 Maximum Payment Adjustment Percentage 5.000%
 Payment Adjustment Application Year CY 2026
 Your HHA's Final TPS-Adjusted Payment Percentage 0.070%

Annual Payment Adjustment Calculation

	(C1)	Step 1 (C2)	Step 2 (C3)	Step 3 (C4)	Step 4 (C5)	Step 5 (C6)	Step 6 (C7)	Step 7 (C8)
	Total Performance Score (TPS)	Prior Year Payment	Unadjusted Payment Amount 5% x (C2)	TPS-Adjusted Payment Amount (C1/100) x (C3)	Linear Exchange Function (LEF) Ratio Total (C3)/Total (C4)	Final TPS-Adjusted Payment Amount (C4) x (C5)	TPS-Adjusted Payment Percentage (C6)/(C2)	Final TPS-Adjusted Payment Percentage (C7) - 5%
Your HHA:	32.473	\$476,806	\$23,840	\$7,742	3.123	\$24,175	5.070%	0.070%
Your HHA's Cohort (all HHAs):	32.233	\$16,124,213,204	\$806,210,660	\$258,179,738	3.123	\$806,210,639	5.000%	-



HH Value-Based Purchasing TPS & Adjustment Payment %

State	Type	Average TPS	Median TPS	Average Adjusted Payment %	Median Adjusted Payment %
Florida 2023	Larger Volume	33.282	30.798	0.59%	0.31%
Florida 2024	Larger Volume	36.042	35.102	0.58%	0.48%



**TABLE 34--CY 2025 AND ~~PROPOSED~~ INDIVIDUAL MEASURE WEIGHTS AND
CATEGORY WEIGHTS FOR THE EXPANDED HHVBP MODEL**

Measure	CY 2025 Measure Weights		Proposed Measure Weights	
	Larger- Volume Cohort	Smaller- Volume Cohort	Larger- Volume Cohort	Smaller- Volume Cohort
Improvement in Dyspnea	6.00%	8.57%	7.00%	8.75%
Improvement in Management of Oral Medications	9.00%	12.86%	11.00%	13.75%
Discharge Function Score (DC Function)	20.00%	28.57%	15.00%	18.75%
Improvement in Bathing	-	-	3.50%	4.38%
Improvement in Upper Body Dressing	-	-	1.75%	2.19%
Improvement in Lower Body Dressing	-	-	1.75%	2.19%
Sum of OASIS-based Measures	35.00%	50.00%	40.00%	50.00%
Home Health within-stay Potentially Preventable Hospitalization (PPH)	26.00%	37.14%	15.00%	18.75%
Discharge to Community – Post Acute Care (DTC-PAC)	9.00%	12.86%	15.00%	18.75%
Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary- Post-Acute Care (MSPB-PAC)	-	-	10.00%	12.50%
Sum of Claims-based measures	35.00%	50.00%	40.00%	50.00%
Care of Patients	6.00%	0.00%	-	-
Communication Between Providers and Patients	6.00%	0.00%	-	-
Specific Care Issues	6.00%	0.00%	-	-
Overall Rating of Home Health Care	6.00%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%
Willingness to Recommend the Agency	6.00%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%
Sum of HHCAHPS Survey-based measures	30.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%
Sum of All Measures	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%



Exhibit D-3. Measure Weighting – Performance Year CY 2026

Quality Measures	Within-category weight	Category Measure Weights			
		All Measures	No HHCAHPS	No Claims	No Claims or HHCAHPS
OASIS-based Measures					
Discharge Function Score (DC Function)	37.50%	15.00%	18.75%	25.00%	37.50%
Improvement in Dyspnea	17.50%	7.00%	8.75%	11.67%	17.50%
Improvement in Management of Oral Medications	27.50%	11.00%	13.75%	18.33%	27.50%
Improvement in Bathing	8.75%	3.50%	4.38%	5.83%	8.75%
Improvement in Upper Body Dressing	4.38%	1.75%	2.19%	2.92%	4.38%
Improvement in Lower Body Dressing	4.38%	1.75%	2.19%	2.92%	4.38%
Total for OASIS-based Measures	100.00%	40.00%	50.00%	66.67%	100.00%
Claims-based Measures					
Discharge to Community (DTC-PAC)	37.50%	15.00%	18.75%	0.00%	0.00%
Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary - Post-Acute Care (MSPB-PAC)	25.00%	10.00%	12.50%	0.00%	0.00%
Home Health Within-Stay Potentially Preventable Hospitalization (PPH)	37.50%	15.00%	18.75%	0.00%	0.00%
Total for Claims-based Measures	100.00%	40.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
HHCAHPS Survey-based Measures					
Overall Rating of Home Health Care	50.00%	10.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%
Willingness to Recommend the Agency	50.00%	10.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%
Total for HHCAHPS Survey-based Measures	100.00%	20.00%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%

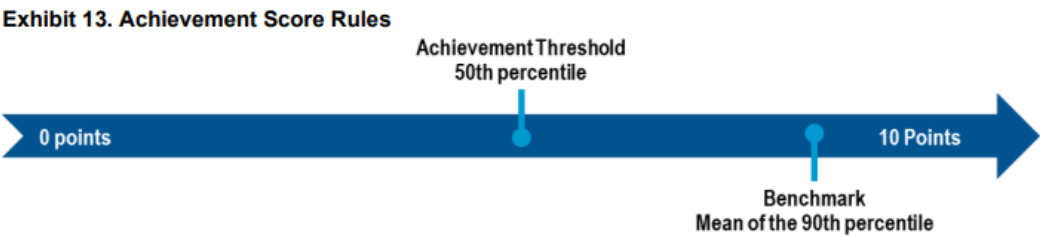


Achievement Points

Achievement Points						
Measure	Performance Year Data Period [a]	Your HHA's Performance Year Measure Value [b]	Your Cohort's Achievement Threshold [c]	Your Cohort's Benchmark [d]	Your HHA's Achievement Points [e]	Maximum Possible Achievement Points
OASIS-based Measures						
Discharge Function Score (DC Function)	03-31-2026	56.069	62.350	83.179	0.000	10.000
Improvement in Dyspnea	03-31-2026	78.968	89.672	99.422	0.000	10.000
Improvement in Management of Oral Medications	03-31-2026	80.540	85.175	98.746	0.000	10.000
Claims-based Measures						
Discharge to Community – Post Acute Care (DTC-PAC)	12-31-2025	69.002	85.161	95.089	0.000	10.000
Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations (PPH)	12-31-2025	17.044	10.003	6.302	0.000	10.000
HHCAHPS Survey-based Measures						
Care of Patients	12-31-2025	89.753	89.507	94.585	0.484	10.000
Communications Between Providers and Patients	12-31-2025	82.570	86.821	93.192	0.000	10.000
Specific Care Issues	12-31-2025	91.717	82.373	91.297	10.000	10.000
Overall Rating of Home Health Care	12-31-2025	84.183	86.328	94.687	0.000	10.000
Willingness to Recommend the Agency	12-31-2025	82.611	80.226	91.391	2.136	10.000



Achievement Threshold & Benchmark



Improvement Points

Improvement Points							
Measure	Performance Year Data Period [a]	Baseline Year Data Period [b]	Your HHA's Performance Year Measure Value [c]	Your HHA's Improvement Threshold [d]	Your Cohort's Benchmark [e]	Your HHA's Improvement Points [f]	Maximum Possible Improvement Points
OASIS-based Measures							
Discharge Function Score (DC Function)	03-31-2026	12-31-2023	56.069	52.860	83.179	0.953	9.000
Improvement in Dyspnea	03-31-2026	12-31-2023	78.968	75.708	99.422	1.237	9.000
Improvement in Management of Oral Medications	03-31-2026	12-31-2023	80.540	71.124	98.746	3.068	9.000
Claims-based Measures							
Discharge to Community – Post Acute Care (DTC-PAC)	12-31-2025	12-31-2023	69.002	74.788	95.089	0.000	9.000
Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations (PPH)	12-31-2025	12-31-2023	17.044	13.773	6.302	0.000	9.000
HHCAHPS Survey-based Measures							
Care of Patients	12-31-2025	12-31-2023	89.753	75.972	94.585	6.664	9.000
Communications Between Providers and Patients	12-31-2025	12-31-2023	82.570	73.326	93.192	4.188	9.000
Specific Care Issues	12-31-2025	12-31-2023	91.717	80.268	91.297	9.000	9.000
Overall Rating of Home Health Care	12-31-2025	12-31-2023	84.183	81.788	94.687	1.671	9.000
Willingness to Recommend the Agency	12-31-2025	12-31-2023	82.611	74.519	91.391	4.317	9.000



Care Points

Care Points					
Measure	Sufficient Data for Measure Inclusion?	Your HHA's Achievement Points	Your HHA's Improvement Points	Your HHA's Care Points [a]	Your HHA's Percentile Ranking Within Your HHA's Cohort [b]
OASIS-based Measures					
Discharge Function Score (DC Function)	Yes	0.000	0.953	0.953	25-49
Improvement in Dyspnea	Yes	0.000	1.237	1.237	25-49
Improvement in Management of Oral Medications	Yes	0.000	3.068	3.068	25-49
Claims-based Measures					
Discharge to Community – Post Acute Care (DTC-PAC)	Yes	0.000	0.000	0.000	<25
Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations (PPH)	Yes	0.000	0.000	0.000	<25
HHCAHPS Survey-based Measures					
Care of Patients	Yes	0.484	6.664	6.664	≥75
Communications Between Providers and Patients	Yes	0.000	4.188	4.188	50-74
Specific Care Issues	Yes	10.000	9.000	10.000	≥75
Overall Rating of Home Health Care	Yes	0.000	1.671	1.671	25-49
Willingness to Recommend the Agency	Yes	2.136	4.317	4.317	50-74
Number of Measures Included	10		Summed Care Points:	32.098	50-74



Weighted Measures

Exhibit 17. Weighted Measure Points Formula

$$\left(\frac{\text{Care Points}}{\text{Maximum Possible Care Points}} \right) \times \text{Measure Weight} = \text{Weighted Measure Points}$$



Measure Scorecard				
Measure	Your HHA's Care Points	Maximum Possible Points	Measure Weight [a]	Your HHA's Weighted Measure Points [b]
OASIS-based Measures				
Discharge Function Score (DC Function)	0.953	10.000	20.000	1.906
Improvement in Dyspnea	1.237	10.000	6.000	0.742
Improvement in Management of Oral Medications	3.068	10.000	9.000	2.761
Sum of OASIS-based Measures	5.258	30.000	35.000	5.409
Claims-based Measures				
Discharge to Community – Post Acute Care (DTC-PAC)	0.000	10.000	9.000	0.000
Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations (PPH)	0.000	10.000	26.000	0.000
Sum of Claims-based Measures	0.000	20.000	35.000	0.000
HHCAHPS Survey-based Measures				
Care of Patients	6.664	10.000	6.000	3.998
Communications Between Providers and Patients	4.188	10.000	6.000	2.513
Specific Care Issues	10.000	10.000	6.000	6.000
Overall Rating of Home Health Care	1.671	10.000	6.000	1.003
Willingness to Recommend the Agency	4.317	10.000	6.000	2.590
Sum of HHCAHPS Survey-based Measures	26.840	50.000	30.000	16.104
Sum of All Measures	32.098	100.000	100.000	21.513
Total Performance Score (TPS)				
Number of Measures Included	10			
Your HHA's Summed Care Points	32.098			
Your HHA's Interim TPS	21.513			
Percentile Ranking within Your HHA's Cohort [c]	25-49			




Percentile Rankings

TPS Statistics for Your HHA's Cohort	
Number of HHAs in Your HHA's Cohort	6,821
25th Percentile	19.760
50th Percentile	32.213
75th Percentile	44.646
99th Percentile	75.739



Performance Summary

CY 2026 Measure Set: Performance Summary

Measure	Performance Year Data Period [b]	Your HHA's Performance Year Measure Value	Your HHA's Percentile Ranking Within Your HHA's Cohort [c]	Your HHA's Cohort Statistics [d]			
				25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile	99th Percentile
OASIS-based Measures							
Improvement in Bathing	03-31-2026	88.156	25-49	84.826	91.291	95.053	100.000
Improvement in Upper Body Dressing	03-31-2026	83.011	<25	84.831	90.637	94.548	100.000
Improvement in Lower Body Dressing	03-31-2026	80.364	<25	82.478	89.090	93.369	100.000
Claims-based Measures							
Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary - Post-Acute Care (MSPB-PAC)	12-31-2025	-	-	-	-	-	-



Final Achievement Thresholds 2022

Final Achievement Thresholds and Benchmarks

Measure	Data Period [b] (12-Month End Date)	Achievement Threshold [c]		Benchmark [c]	
		Smaller-volume Cohort	Larger-volume Cohort	Smaller-volume Cohort	Larger-volume Cohort
OASIS-based Measures					
Discharged to Community	12-31-2022	66.012	72.652	88.914	84.249
Improvement in Dyspnea	12-31-2022	74.818	86.305	99.991	98.512
Improvement in Management of Oral Medications	12-31-2022	68.978	80.990	99.409	97.899
Total Normalized Composite (TNC) Change in Mobility	12-31-2022	0.605	0.744	0.987	1.011
Total Normalized Composite (TNC) Change in Self-Care	12-31-2022	1.726	2.123	2.773	2.733
Claims-based Measures					
Acute Care Hospitalizations	12-31-2022	12.011	13.907	4.869	7.773
Emergency Department Use Without Hospitalization	12-31-2022	8.327	11.782	1.245	4.689
HHCAHPS Survey-based Measures					
Care of Patients	12-31-2022	-	89.254	-	94.448
Communications Between Providers and Patients	12-31-2022	-	86.626	-	93.036
Specific Care Issues	12-31-2022	-	82.048	-	91.198
Overall Rating of Home Health Care	12-31-2022	-	85.941	-	94.337
Willingness to Recommend the Agency	12-31-2022	-	79.986	-	91.202



Final Achievement Thresholds 2023

CY 2026 Measure Set: Achievement Thresholds and Benchmarks

Measure	Data Period [b]	Achievement Threshold [c]		Benchmark [c]	
		Smaller-volume Cohort	Larger-volume Cohort	Smaller-volume Cohort	Larger-volume Cohort
OASIS-based Measures					
Discharge Function Score (DC Function)	12-31-2023	51.355	62.350	91.426	83.179
Improvement in Dyspnea	12-31-2023	83.260	89.672	100.000	99.422
Improvement in Management of Oral Medications	12-31-2023	73.666	85.175	99.997	98.746
Improvement in Bathing	12-31-2023	81.771	89.627	100.000	99.259
Improvement in Upper Body Dressing	12-31-2023	82.613	88.966	100.000	98.570
Improvement in Lower Body Dressing	12-31-2023	78.871	87.389	99.859	98.207
Claims-based Measures					
Discharge to Community – Post Acute Care (DTC-PAC)	12-31-2023	75.665	85.161	93.536	95.089
Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary - Post-Acute Care (MSPB-PAC)	12-31-2023	0.912	0.987	0.653	0.784
Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations (PPH)	12-31-2023	10.066	10.003	7.565	6.302
HHCAHPS Survey-based Measures					
Overall Rating of Home Health Care	12-31-2023	-	86.328	-	94.687
Willingness to Recommend the Agency	12-31-2023	-	80.226	-	91.391



M1800 Items Added 2026

Data Sources - This QM is calculated using data from OASIS:

- M1810 Upper Body Dressing
 - M1700 Cognitive Functioning
 - M1710 When Confused
 - M1720 When Anxious
 - M2420 Discharge Disposition
 - M0100 Reason for Assessment

Data Sources - This QM is calculated using data from OASIS:

- M1820 Lower Body Dressing
 - M1700 Cognitive Functioning
 - M1710 When Confused
 - M1720 When Anxious
 - M2420 Discharge Disposition
 - M0100 Reason for Assessment



M1800 Items Added 2026

Data Sources - This QM is calculated using data from OASIS:

- M1830 Bathing
 - M1700 Cognitive Functioning
 - M1710 When Confused
 - M1720 When Anxious
 - M2420 Discharge Disposition
 - M0100 Reason for Assessment



Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary

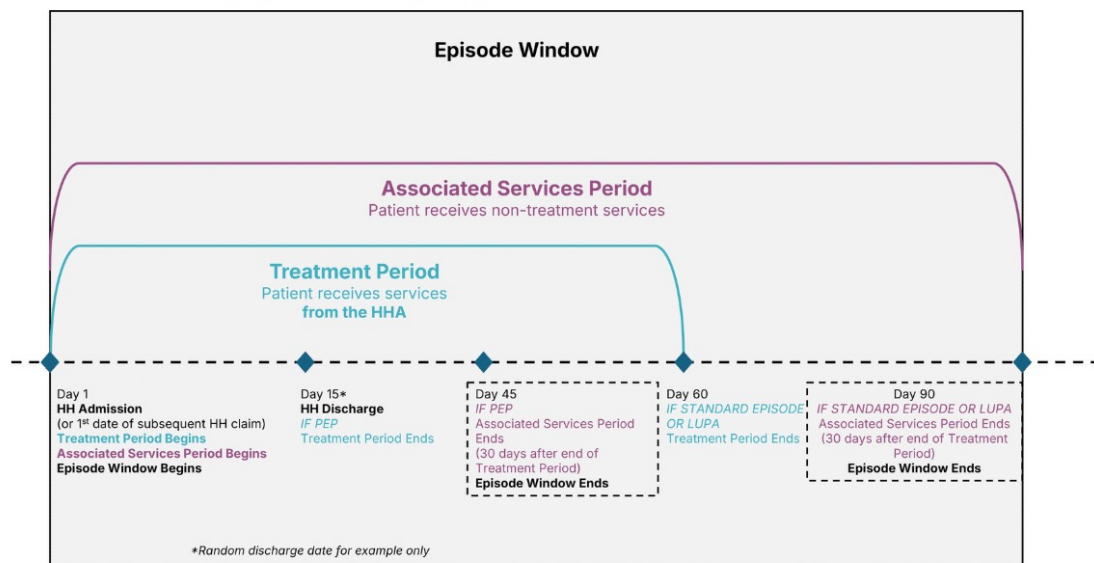
The MSPB-PAC measure evaluates HH resource use relative to the resource use of the national median of all HH providers. Specifically, the measure assesses the Medicare spending performed by the HHA and other health care providers during an MSPB-PAC episode.

MSPB-PAC measure encourages improved coordination of care by holding HHAs accountable for Medicare resource use within an “episode of care” (episode). This episode includes the period when a patient is directly under an HHA’s care, as well as an associated services period, which ends 30 days after the last day of the episode’s treatment period that may reflect and be influenced by the services the agency provided. Evaluating resource use within an episode creates a continuum of accountability.

$$\frac{\text{MSPB-PAC Amount}_j}{\text{National Median MSPB-PAC Amount}}$$



MSPB-PAC Example of Components



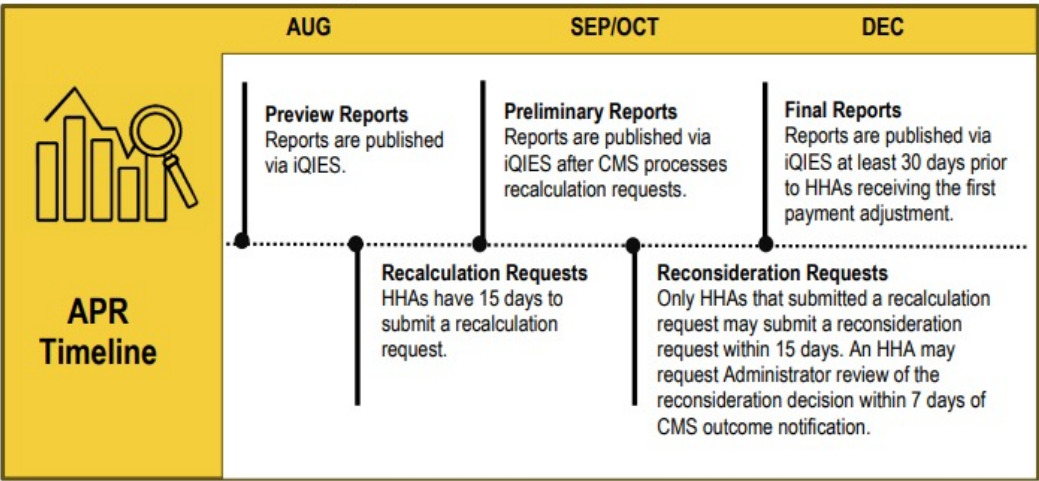
Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary

- An MSPB-PAC measure result of < 1 indicates that the agency's resource use is less than that of the national median for HHAs during the performance period.
- The following services are **excluded** from the episode from both the treatment and associated services period:
 - Planned hospital admissions
 - Routine management of certain preexisting chronic conditions (e.g., dialysis for end-stage renal disease, enzyme treatments for genetic conditions, treatment for preexisting cancers, and treatment for organ transplants)
 - Some routine screening and health care maintenance (e.g., colonoscopy and mammograms)
 - Immune modulating medications (e.g., immunosuppressants for organ transplant or rheumatoid arthritis)



Annual Report

Exhibit 22. APR Versions and Appeals Process Timeline





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