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CMS Star Ratings Overview (W1028)

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Course Curriculum

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) created the Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating, commonly referred to as "Star Rating," in 2016. The purpose of the ratings is to provide a simple consumer-friendly way for patients and their families to compare quality across hospitals. The Star Rating is a composite of hospital-reported and CMS-calculated measures included on Hospital Compare. This webinar will provide an overview of which measures are included, recent updates in the scoring methodology, and strategies for improving overall ratings.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, participants should be able to:

- Discuss the purpose of Star Ratings.
- List the measures included in Star Ratings.
- Describe how those measures are translated into a rating.
- Compare recent changes in rating methodology.
- Identify strategies for high performance on ratings.

Speaker Bio

Kimberly J. Rask, MD, PhD is chief data officer at Alliant Quality, providing analytic support to Medicare, Medicaid, ESRD and private health care program partners. Since 2008, she has provided clinical and analytic direction at Alliant for economic evaluations, patient safety initiatives including health care-associated infections, quality data reporting and community-based interventions. A general internist and health economist, Dr. Rask has published over 100 peer-reviewed publications and has been a research investigator on grants from federal, state, and foundation sources with a focus on health outcomes and underserved populations. She currently serves on a CDC national expert panel that reviews the evidence base for interventions to reduce cardiovascular disease. She also serves on the National Quality Forum, where she helps review rural health quality measures.

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