

Dialysis Facility Care Compare on Medicare.gov (DFCC) April Release

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

<u>Dialysis Facility Care Compare on Medicare.gov, formerly known as Dialysis Facility Compare,</u> 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 measures will be updated in the April 2025 release?

With the April 2025 refresh, these measures were updated with data from July 2023 – June 2024:

- 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
- Hemoglobin management (Downloadable Data Only)
- Phosphorus concentrations in the blood (Downloadable Data Only)
- 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

Which individual measures and Star Ratings of ICH CAHPS Survey of Patients' Experiences were updated with this release?

- Kidney doctors' communication and caring
- Quality of dialysis center care and operations
- Providing information to patients
- Rating of kidney doctors
- Rating of dialysis center staff
- Rating of dialysis center

The Overall Star Rating of ICH CAHPS Survey of Patients' Experiences are also updated with this release.

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