

National Quality Forum
National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Home Health Care
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Highlighted cells indicate publicly reported measures

Endorsed Performance Measures	Risk	Type	Definition of Measure
Improvement in ambulation/locomotion	Y	OBQI	A patient improves if he/she is less severely ill, disabled, or dependent at discharge than at start (or resumption) of care (SOC/ROC).
Improvement in bathing	Y	OBQI	A patient improves if he/she is less severely ill, disabled, or dependent at discharge than at SOC/ROC.
Improvement in transferring	Y	OBQI	A patient improves if he/she is less severely ill, disabled, or dependent at discharge than at SOC/ROC.
Improvement in management of oral medications	Y	OBQI	A patient improves if he/she is less severely ill, disabled, or dependent at discharge than at SOC/ROC.
Improvement in pain interfering with activity	N	OBQI	A patient improves if he/she is less severely ill, disabled, or dependent at discharge than at SOC/ROC.
Improvement in status of surgical wounds	N	OBQI	A patient improves if he/she is less severely ill, disabled, or dependent at discharge than at SOC/ROC.
Improvement in dyspnea	Y	OBQI	A patient improves if he/she is less severely ill, disabled, or dependent at discharge than at SOC/ROC.
Improvement in urinary incontinence	Y	OBQI	A patient improves if he/she is less severely ill, disabled, or dependent at discharge than at SOC/ROC.
Acute care hospitalization	Y	OBQI	A patient improves if he/she is less severely ill, disabled, or dependent at discharge than at SOC/ROC.
Discharge to community	Y	OBQI	A patient improves if he/she is less severely ill, disabled, or dependent at discharge than at SOC/ROC.
Emergent care	Y	OBQI	A patient improves if he/she is less severely ill, disabled, or dependent at discharge than at SOC/ROC.

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Increase in number of pressure ulcers	N	OBQM	This measure requires the computation of two interim measures. PRESSURE1 represents the number of stageable pressure ulcers at SOC/ROC while PRESSURE2 represents the number of stageable pressure ulcers at DC.
Emergent care for wound infections, deteriorating wound status	N	OBQM	The patient received emergent care after SOC/ROC, and the emergent care reason was "wound infection, deteriorating wound status, new lesion/ulcer."
Emergent care for improper medication administration, medication side effects	N	OBQM	The patient received emergent care after SOC/ROC, and the emergent care reason was "improper medication administration, medication side effects, toxicity, anaphylaxis."
Emergent care for hypo/hyperglycemia	N	OBQM	The patient received emergent care after SOC/ROC, and the emergent care reason was "improper medication administration, medication side effects, toxicity, anaphylaxis."