

Home Health Compare Website Quick Start Guide*

Go to <http://www.medicare.gov>.

Step 1: Under Search Tools heading, select Home Health Compare.

Step 2: At Home Health Compare, below “Overview” select Begin Search for Home Health Agencies in Your Area. Or, scroll down until you find the Select a Geographic Area box. Choose a State from the drop-down list, and then select Next Step or <Enter> to go to the “Narrow Your Search” page

Step 3: To narrow your search you may choose

- State Search
- County Search
- Zip Code Search
- Home Health Agency Name Search

Choose an option from a drop-down box or fill in the Zip code/Home Health Agency Name Search, then select “Search by ...” or <Enter>.

New Feature with the National Initiative - option to sort agencies by the number of episodes for the area selected, from largest to smallest

Step 4: Choose one or more home health agencies from the list by selecting the check box to the left of the Home Health Agency name. Then select Next Step or press <Enter>. This will open the “Home Health Compare Quick Results” page.

Tip: You can also choose “Select All Home Health Agencies.” This marks all the boxes and opens the next page.

Step 5: To review a summary of each home health agency, scroll down the Quick Results page. For an overview of both agency characteristics and quality measures for a single home health care agency, select “View all information for this home health agency.” If you want to know more about a measure that is displayed, click on the link for that measure. To return to the Quick Results page, use your Web browser’s back button.

Step 6: To compare home health agencies, select “Quality Measures” at the top of the Quick Results page. A list of the 11 quality measures will be displayed. Select the measures you are interested in or “Select All.”

Information about why the measure(s) you selected is important is provided. Below that is a bar graph displaying the average for all the home health agencies in the nation, the average for all home health agencies in the selected state and the rate for each home health agency you selected. If there is no data for a measure for a specific agency, an explanation will be displayed (e.g., too small, less than 20 patients; not enough data, greater than 6 months of data needed).

Tip: To start a new search at any time, select New Search at the top or bottom of the screen. To return to the Home Page, select Home Health Compare Home.

* Source: QIO Intranet http://qionet.sdps.org/7thSOW/Task_2/pd/hhqi/7thSOW_hhqi.shtml