

Quarterly Dialysis Facility Compare -- Preview Report for October 2019 Release

- **This Quarterly DFC Preview Report includes data specific to CCN(s): 502507**

- **Purpose of the Report**

This report provides you with advance notice of the updated quality measures for your facility that will be reported on the Dialysis Facility Compare (DFC) website (<https://www.medicare.gov/dialysisfacilitycompare/>).

- **Overview**

This report was created for all Medicare certified dialysis facilities that are operating according to DFC in July 2019. The measures included in the report are based primarily on Medicare-paid dialysis claims, CROWNWeb, and other data collected for CMS. This report contains eight tables that summarize the patient outcomes and treatment patterns for chronic dialysis patients. Unless otherwise specified, data refer to all dialysis patients combined (i.e., hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis, adult and pediatric). The measures reported in the Table "Quarterly Dialysis Facility Compare Preview", beginning on page 3, will be reported on the DFC website and available in the DFC downloadable databases at <https://data.medicare.gov> in October 2019.

Description of the methodology for all measures and the star rating in this report can be found in the *Guide to the Quarterly Dialysis Facility Compare Report* and the *Technical Notes on the Dialysis Facility Compare Quality of Patient Care Star Rating Methodology for the October 2018 Release*, both of which are available on the DialysisData website at www.dialysisdata.org.

- **What's New This Quarter**

The Table "Upcoming New Measures" has been removed. The measures that were previously included in this table (Standardized First Kidney Transplant Waitlist Ratio for Incident Dialysis Patients and Percentage of Prevalent Patients Waitlisted) are now reported in Table 1 and will be publicly reported on the DFC website.

All of the annual standardized ratio measures reported in Table 1 (Standardized Mortality Ratio, Standardized Hospitalization Ratio, Standardized Readmission Ratio, Standardized Transfusion Ratio, Standardized Fistula Rate, Standardized First Kidney Transplant Waitlist Ratio for Incident Dialysis Patients, and Percentage of Prevalent Patients Waitlisted) are updated this quarter, using data during 2015-2018 for SMR, 2015-2017 for SWR, and January 2018 - December 2018 for the other standardized measures.

The standardized infection ratio reported in Table 2 has been updated this quarter, using data during January 2018 - December 2018.

The quarterly measures in Table 3 (hemoglobin) and Table 4 (hypercalcemia, serum phosphorus concentrations, Kt/V, long-term catheter rate, and nPCR) have been updated by one quarter, using data during January 2018 - December 2018.

ICH CAHPS patient experience of care measures in Table 5 have been updated this quarter.

The DFC quality of patient care star rating has been updated this quarter.

• **How to Submit Comments**

This preview period will be held during **July 15, 2019 - August 15, 2019**. As part of a new process to encourage early requests of patient lists to allow sufficient time for facility review and inquiry during the preview period, patient list requests must now be made **within the first ten days** of the preview period. During the entire preview period, you may submit comments to CMS on the measures included in this report. Your comments will be shared with CMS but will not appear on the DFC website. Please visit the www.dialysisdata.org website, log on to view your report, and click on the **Comments & Inquiries** tab. If you have questions after the comment period is closed, please contact us directly at dialysisdata@umich.edu or 1-855-764-2885.

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Quarterly Dialysis Facility Compare Preview: The following table displays measures for this facility as they will appear on the DFC website. Please refer to Table 1 for more information on hospitalization (admissions and readmissions), deaths, transfusions, fistula rate, transplant waitlist ratio, or percentage of patients waitlisted, Table 2 for infection, Table 3 for hemoglobin, Table 4 for mineral and bone disorder, dialysis adequacy and nutritional status measures, and long-term catheter reported in CROWNWeb, Table 5 for patient experience of care, and Table 6 for the star rating calculation. The Quality of Patient Care Star Rating, Standardized Mortality, Hospitalization, Readmission, Transfusion, Waitlist, and Infection Rates/Ratios are updated annually in October; Patient Survey Results are updated semi-annually in April and October; all other measures are updated quarterly in January, April, July, and October. For a complete description of the methods used to calculate the statistics in this report, please see the *Guide to the Quarterly Dialysis Facility Compare Report*. The *Guide* is available on the Dialysis Data website at www.dialysisdata.org.

Measure Name	This Facility
1 Quality of Patient Care Star Rating (January 2015-December 2018, Table 6)	★★★★★ Much Above Average
2 Quality of patient care tab	
Avoiding hospitalizations and deaths (Table 1)	
2.1 Frequency of patient death ¹ (2015-2018) Lower Confidence Limit (2.5%), Upper Confidence Limit (97.5%) Classification Category ²	13.4 (per 100 patient-years) 10.2, 17.3 Better than Expected
2.2 Frequency of hospital admission ¹ (2018) Lower Confidence Limit (2.5%), Upper Confidence Limit (97.5%) Classification Category ²	130.7 (per 100 patient-years) 89.2, 203.2 As Expected
2.3 Frequency of hospital readmission ¹ (2018, percentage of hospital discharges) Lower Confidence Limit (2.5%), Upper Confidence Limit (97.5%) Classification Category ²	23.0% 14.6% , 32.8% As Expected
Avoiding unnecessary transfusions (2018, Table 1)	
2.4 Rate of Transfusions ¹ Lower Confidence Limit (2.5%), Upper Confidence Limit (97.5%) Classification Category ²	2.8 (per 100 patient-years) 0.3, 37.7 As Expected
Transplant Waitlist (Table 1)	
2.5 Transplant waitlist within a year of dialysis initiation (2015-2017) Lower Confidence Limit (2.5%), Upper Confidence Limit (97.5%) Classification Category ⁴	0.70 0.14, 2.04 As Expected
2.6 Patients who were on the kidney or kidney-pancreas transplant waiting list ³ (2018) Lower Confidence Limit (2.5%), Upper Confidence Limit (97.5%) Classification Category	13.7% 5.5%, 30.5% As Expected
Preventing bloodstream infections (2018, Table 2)	
2.7 Preventing bloodstream infections: Standardized Infection Ratio Lower Confidence Limit (2.5%), Upper Confidence Limit (97.5%) Classification Category ²	1.32 0.70, 2.30 As Expected
Using the most effective access to the bloodstream³ (2018)	
2.8 Rate of fistula (Table 1) Lower Confidence Limit (2.5%), Upper Confidence Limit (97.5%) Classification Category ⁴	76.8% 62.7%, 89.8% As Expected
2.9 Adult patients who had a catheter (tube) left in a vein for at least three consecutive complete months, for the regular hemodialysis treatments (Table 4)	9%

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Quarterly Dialysis Facility Compare Preview (continued):

Measure Name	This Facility
Removing waste from blood and nutritional status³ (2018, Table 4)	
2.10 Adult patients who had enough waste removed from their blood during hemodialysis	98%
2.11 Adult patients who had enough waste removed from their blood during peritoneal dialysis	Not Available
2.12 Children who had enough waste removed from their blood during hemodialysis	Not Available
2.13 Children who had enough waste removed from their blood during peritoneal dialysis	Not Available
2.14 Children who had a monthly normalized protein catabolic rate (nPCR) measured during in-center hemodialysis	Not Available

Keeping a patient's bone mineral levels in balance³ (2018, Table 4)

2.15 Adult patients who had too much calcium in their blood	1%
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3 Survey of patients' experiences table⁵ (Spring 2018-Fall 2018, Table 5)	% of Always (Yes) Responses	Star Rating
3.1 Kidney doctors' communication and caring	79%	★★★★★
3.2 Dialysis center staff care and operations	65%	★★★☆☆
3.3 Providing information to patients	87%	★★★★★
3.4 Rating of kidney doctors	70%	★★★★☆
3.5 Rating of dialysis center staff	76%	★★★★★
3.6 Rating of dialysis facility	80%	★★★★☆
3.7 Overall star rating	n/a	★★★★☆

n/a = not applicable

[1] The facility rate was calculated by multiplying the facility ratio by the national rate. National rates for mortality, hospitalization, readmission, and transfusion are 22.1, 188.8, 26.8, 21.1, respectively. Calculation of rates using values in report may not equal actual rates shown due to rounding of values.

[2] If the facility SMR (SHR, SRR, STTrR, or SIR) is less than 1.00 and statistically significant (p<0.05), the classification is "Better than Expected". This classification is based on the measure ratio, not the rate. If the ratio is greater than 1.00 and statistically significant (p<0.05), the classification is "Worse than Expected". Otherwise, the classification is "As Expected" on DFC. Please note that the SMR is not reported on DFC if it is based on fewer than 3 expected deaths. Similarly, the SHR and STTrR are not reported if they are based on fewer than 5 or 10 patient years at risk, respectively. The SRR is not reported if the facility experienced fewer than 11 index discharges. The SIR is not reported if there are fewer than 12 months of reporting in NHSN and/or <= 131 eligible patient-months.

[3] Percentages based on fewer than 11 patients will be reported as "Not Available" on DFC.

[4] If the facility SFR (or SWR) is greater than national SFR (or SWR) and statistically significant (p<0.05), the classification is "Better than Expected". If the rate is less than national rate and statistically significant (p<0.05), the classification is "Worse than expected". The classification is "Not Available" if a facility has fewer than 11 eligible adult HD patients for SFR (fewer than 11 patients or less than 2 expected events for SWR). Otherwise, the classification is "As Expected" on DFC.

[5] Survey results based on 29 or fewer completed surveys over the two survey periods will be reported as "Not Available" on DFC.

TABLE 1: Mortality, Hospitalization, Readmission, and Transfusion Summaries for Medicare Dialysis Patients, Fistula Use, and Transplant Waitlist Summary for All Dialysis Patients¹

The mortality summaries reported in the first part of the table include all Medicare dialysis patients treated at your facility between 2015 and 2018. The hospital admissions and transfusions summaries include all Medicare dialysis patients treated at your facility in 2018. The hospital readmissions summaries include all Medicare-covered hospitalizations that ended in 2018 for all patients in your facility. The fistula use and transplant waitlist percent summaries include all dialysis patients treated at your facility in 2018. The transplant waitlist ratio includes all dialysis patients treated at your facility during 2015-2017. State and national averages are included to allow for comparisons. SMR, SHR, SRR, STrR, and SWR are updated annually in October; SFR and PPPW are updated quarterly in January, April, July, and October.

Measure Name	This Facility	Regional Averages ² , per Year	
		State	U.S.
Standardized Mortality Ratio (SMR)	2015-2018	2015-2018	2015-2018
1a Medicare patients (n=number) ³	509	71.3	71.0
1b Patient-years at risk (n)	384	46.7	43.0
1c Deaths (n) ³	59	9.9	9.5
1d Expected deaths (n) ³	97	10.5	9.5
1e Standardized Mortality Ratio ⁴	0.61	0.95	1.00
Lower Confidence Limit ⁵ (2.5%)	0.46	n/a	n/a
Upper Confidence Limit ⁵ (97.5%)	0.79	n/a	n/a
1f P-value ⁶	<0.01	n/a	n/a
1g Mortality Rate (per 100 patient-years) ⁷	13.4	n/a	22.1
Lower Confidence Limit ⁵ (2.5%)	10.2	n/a	n/a
Upper Confidence Limit ⁵ (97.5%)	17.3	n/a	n/a
Standardized Hospitalization Ratio (SHR): Admissions	2018	2018	2018
1h Medicare patients (n)	128	77.1	66.8
1i Patient-years at risk (n)	99	50.4	43.1
1j Total admissions (n)	130	85.5	80.4
1k Expected total admissions (n)	187.8	97.6	81.2
1l Standardized Hospitalization Ratio (Admissions) ⁴	0.69	0.88	1.00
Lower Confidence Limit ⁵ (2.5%)	0.47	n/a	n/a
Upper Confidence Limit ⁵ (97.5%)	1.08	n/a	n/a
1m P-value ⁶	0.107	n/a	n/a
1n Hospitalization Rate (per 100 patient-years) ⁷	130.7	n/a	188.8
Lower Confidence Limit ⁵ (2.5%)	89.2	n/a	n/a
Upper Confidence Limit ⁵ (97.5%)	203.2	n/a	n/a
Standardized Readmission Ratio (SRR)	2018	2018	2018
1o Index discharges (n)	125	74.6	72.8
1p Total readmissions (n)	30	20.5	19.9
1q Expected total readmissions (n)	34.9	21.9	20.4
1r Standardized Readmission Ratio ⁴	0.86	1.00	1.04
Lower Confidence Limit ⁵ (2.5%)	0.54	n/a	n/a
Upper Confidence Limit ⁵ (97.5%)	1.22	n/a	n/a
1s P-value ⁶	0.394	n/a	n/a
1t Readmission Rate (Percentage of hospital discharges) ⁷	23.0%	n/a	26.8%
Lower Confidence Limit ⁵ (2.5%)	14.6%	n/a	n/a
Upper Confidence Limit ⁵ (97.5%)	32.8%	n/a	n/a

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TABLE 1: Mortality, Hospitalization, Readmission, and Transfusion Summaries for Medicare Dialysis Patients, Fistula Use, and Transplant Waitlist Summary for All Dialysis Patients¹ (continued)

Measure Name		This Facility	Regional Averages ² , per Year	
			State	U.S.
Standardized Transfusion Ratio (STrR)		2018	2018	2018
1u	Adult Medicare Patients (n)	101	65.1	57.0
1v	Patient-years at risk (n)	70	39.1	33.7
1w	Total transfusions (n)	2	6.3	7.0
1x	Expected total transfusions (n)	15.0	8.1	7.0
1y	Standardized Transfusion Ratio ⁴	0.13	0.77	1.01
	Lower Confidence Limit ⁵ (2.5%)	0.01	n/a	n/a
	Upper Confidence Limit ⁵ (97.5%)	1.78	n/a	n/a
1z	P-value ⁶	0.137	n/a	n/a
1aa	Transfusion Rate (per 100 patient-years) ⁷	2.8	n/a	21.1
	Lower Confidence Limit ⁵ (2.5%)	0.3	n/a	n/a
	Upper Confidence Limit ⁵ (97.5%)	37.7	n/a	n/a
Standardized Fistula Rate (SFR)		2018	2018	2018
1ab	Eligible adult HD patients (n)	145	89.7	81.2
1ac	Patient-months at risk (n)	1393	764.9	701.2
1ad	Total fistula-months (n)	1087	537.4	444.6
1ae	P-value ⁶	0.056	n/a	n/a
1af	Standardized Fistula Rate ⁴	76.8%	70.4%	63.1%
	Lower Confidence Limit ⁵ (2.5%)	62.7%	n/a	n/a
	Upper Confidence Limit ⁵ (97.5%)	89.8%	n/a	n/a
Standardized First Kidney Transplant Waitlist Ratio for Incident Dialysis Patients (SWR)		2015-2017	2015-2017	2015-2017
1ag	Eligible patients (n=number) ³	57	12.0	10.9
1ah	Patient-years at risk (n)	51	10.8	9.7
1ai	Transplant waitlist events or receipt of a living-donor transplant (n) ³	3	1.0	1.0
1aj	Expected number of transplant waitlist or living-donor transplant events (n) ³	4.3	1.1	1.0
1ak	P-value ⁶	0.754	n/a	n/a
1al	Standardized Waitlist Ratio ⁴	0.70	0.84	1.00
	Lower Confidence Limit ⁵ (2.5%)	0.14	n/a	n/a
	Upper Confidence Limit ⁵ (97.5%)	2.04	n/a	n/a
Percentage of Prevalent Patients Waitlisted (PPPW)		2018	2018	2018
1am	Eligible patients (n)	100	82.9	70.6
1an	Patient-months at risk (n)	932	692.5	593.5
1ao	Total waitlisted months (n)	117	107.0	113.9
1ap	P-value ⁶	0.475	n/a	n/a
1aq	Percentage of prevalent patients waitlisted ⁴	13.7%	14.7%	18.7%
	Lower Confidence Limit ⁵ (2.5%)	5.5%	n/a	n/a
	Upper Confidence Limit ⁵ (97.5%)	30.5%	n/a	n/a

n/a = not applicable

[1] See *Guide, Section V*.

[2] Values are shown for the average facility, annualized.

[3] Sum of 4 years (SMR) or 3 years (SWR) used for calculations; should not be compared to regional averages.

[4] Calculated as a ratio of observed deaths (or admissions/readmissions/transfusions/transplants waitlisted) to expected deaths (or admissions/readmissions/transfusions/transplants waitlisted) (1c to 1d for deaths, 1j to 1k for admissions, 1p to 1q for readmissions, 1w to 1x for transfusions, 1ai to 1aj for waitlist), an adjusted rate of fistula use, or an adjusted percentage of patients waitlisted. Not shown if there are fewer than 3 expected deaths for SMR, fewer than 5 or 10 patient-years at risk for SHR or STrR, fewer than 11 index discharges for SRR, fewer than 11 eligible adult HD patients for SFR, fewer than 2 expected waitlisted events or fewer than 11 eligible patients for SWR, or fewer than 11 eligible patients for PPPW, respectively.

[5] The confidence interval range represents uncertainty in the value of the SMR, SHR, SRR, STrR, SFR, SWR, and PPPW due to random variation.

[6] A p-value less than 0.05 indicates that the difference between the observed and expected deaths (or admissions/readmissions/transfusions/transplants waitlisted), the difference between the fistula rate for your facility and the overall national fistula rate, or the difference between the percentage of prevalent patients waitlisted for your facility and the overall national percentage (PPPW) is probably real and is not due to random chance alone. A p-value greater than or equal to 0.05 indicates that the difference could plausibly be due to random chance.

[7] The facility rate was calculated by multiplying the facility ratio by the national rate. National rates for mortality, hospitalization, readmission, and transfusion are 22.1, 188.8, 26.8, 21.1, respectively. Calculation of rates using values in report may not equal actual rates shown due to rounding of values.

TABLE 2: Facility Bloodstream Infection Summary for Hemodialysis Patients based on National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) (January-December 2018)¹

This table displays bloodstream infection information for dialysis facilities as collected from the National Healthcare Safety Network. The measure is updated annually in October.

Measure Name		This Facility
Standardized Infection Ratio (SIR)		2018
2a	Eligible patient-months (n=number)	1434
2b	Observed bloodstream infections (n)	11
2c	Predicted bloodstream infections (n)	8.3
2d	Standardized Infection Ratio ²	1.32
	Lower Confidence Limit ³ (2.5%)	0.70
	Upper Confidence Limit ³ (97.5%)	2.30

n/a = not applicable.

[1] See *Guide, Section VI*.

[2] Calculated as a ratio of observed infections to expected infections (2b to 2c for infections); not shown if there are fewer than 12 months of reporting in NHSN and/or <= 131 eligible patient-months.

[3] The confidence interval range represents uncertainty in the value of the SIR due to random variation.

TABLE 3: Facility Hemoglobin for Medicare Dialysis Patients based on Medicare Dialysis Claims (January - December 2018)¹

Anemia management is reported by quarter and for a one-year period. One-year state and national averages are included to allow for comparisons. The quarterly values are provided in order to allow for you to evaluate facility time trends and will not appear on DFC. This measure is based on all Medicare dialysis claims reported under the CCN(s) included in this report and are updated on DFC quarterly in January, April, July, and October.

Measure Name	This Facility					Regional Averages ²	
	Q1 Jan'18--Mar'18	Q2 Apr'18--Jun'18	Q3 Jul'18--Sep'18	Q4 Oct'18--Dec'18	Q1-Q4 Jan'18--Dec'18	State Jan'18--Dec'18	U.S. Jan'18--Dec'18
Hemoglobin³							
3a Eligible patients (n=number)	99	94	95	93	95	45.2	37.8
3b Hemoglobin < 10g/dL (% of 3a)	10.1	16.0	18.9	11.8	7.4	13.8	18.5
3c Hemoglobin > 12g/dL (% of 3a)	2.0	2.1	1.1	2.2	0.0	0.2	0.2

[1] See *Guide, Section VII*.

[2] Values are shown for the average facility. Measure values will be missing if there are no eligible patients/patient-months.

[3] Among patients with at least 1 eligible claim/quarter and 4 eligible claims/year: eligible claims include ESA-treated dialysis patients with ESRD for 90+ days at this facility.

TABLE 4: Facility Dialysis Adequacy, Nutritional Status, Long Term Catheter Use, and Mineral and Bone Disorder for Dialysis Patients based on CROWNWeb (January - December 2018)¹

Hypercalcemia, serum phosphorus concentrations, Kt/V, long term catheter, and nPCR are reported by quarter and for a one-year period. One-year state and national averages are included to allow for comparisons. The quarterly measures are provided in order to allow you to evaluate facility time trends and will not appear on DFC. These measures are based on CROWNWeb data and are updated on DFC quarterly in January, April, July, and October.

Measure Name	This Facility					Regional Averages ²	
	Q1 Jan'18--Mar'18	Q2 Apr'18--Jun'18	Q3 Jul'18--Sep'18	Q4 Oct'18--Dec'18	Q1-Q4 Jan'18--Dec'18	State Jan'18--Dec'18	U.S. Jan'18--Dec'18
Hypercalcemia							
4a Eligible adult patients (n=number)	123	122	123	121	141	96.0	83.9
4b Eligible adult patient-months (n) ³	351	347	354	339	1391	830.2	736.0
4c Average uncorrected serum or plasma calcium >10.2 mg/dL ⁸	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.2	0.9	1.4	2.0
Serum Phosphorus Concentrations							
4d Eligible adult patients (n)	126	125	125	125	147	100.8	88.3
4e Eligible adult patient-months (n) ³	364	355	362	346	1427	864.4	757.2
4f Serum phosphorus categories (% , sums to 100%)							
<3.5 mg/dL	4.9	5.4	5.8	4.0	5.0	6.9	8.5
3.5-4.5 mg/dL	18.1	19.7	17.4	20.8	19.0	22.2	25.0
4.6-5.5 mg/dL	26.6	23.7	26.5	22.8	24.9	29.1	30.9
5.6-7.0 mg/dL	29.1	32.1	31.2	33.2	31.4	24.3	21.9
>7.0 mg/dL	21.2	19.2	19.1	19.1	19.6	17.5	13.7
Kt/V⁴							
4g Eligible adult hemodialysis (HD) patients (n) ⁵	119	118	119	117	137	80.5	73.9
4h Eligible adult HD patient-months (n) ^{3,5}	339	334	342	327	1342	685.2	640.2
4i Eligible patient-months with Kt/V missing or out of range (n)	0	0	1	5	6	6.8	9.6
4j Adult HD: Kt/V >=1.2 (% of 4h)	99.1	97.3	97.1	96.6	97.5	97.0	96.5
4k Eligible adult peritoneal dialysis (PD) patients (n)	0	0	0	0	0	18.1	21.2
4l Eligible adult PD patient-months (n) ³	.	.	.	.	.	135.8	167.9
4m Eligible patient-months with Kt/V missing or out of range (n)	.	.	.	.	.	3.1	6.5
4n Adult PD: Kt/V >=1.7 (% of 4l) ⁶	.	.	.	.	.	92.1	91.4
4o Eligible HD pediatric patients (n) ⁵	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
4p Eligible HD pediatric patient-months (n) ^{3,5}	.	.	.	.	.	n/a	n/a
4q Eligible patient-months with Kt/V missing or out of range (n)	.	.	.	.	.	n/a	n/a
4r Pediatric HD: Kt/V >=1.2 (% of 4p)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4s Eligible PD pediatric patients (n)	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
4t Eligible PD pediatric patient-months (n) ³	.	.	.	.	.	n/a	n/a
4u Eligible patient-months with Kt/V missing or out of range (n)	n/a	n/a
4v Pediatric PD: Kt/V >=1.8 (% of 4t) ⁷

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TABLE 4: Facility Dialysis Adequacy, Nutritional Status, Long Term Catheter Use, and Mineral and Bone Disorder for Dialysis Patients based on CROWNWeb (January - December 2018)¹ (continued)

Measure Name	This Facility					Regional Averages ²	
	Q1 Jan'18--Mar'18	Q2 Apr'18--Jun'18	Q3 Jul'18--Sep'18	Q4 Oct'18--Dec'18	Q1-Q4 Jan'18--Dec'18	State Jan'18--Dec'18	U.S. Jan'18--Dec'18
Long Term Catheter Rate							
4w Eligible adult HD Patients (n)	123	122	121	125	145	89.7	81.2
4x Patient-months at risk (n) ³	352	346	351	344	1393	764.9	701.2
4y Long-Term Catheter Rate ⁸	9.7	7.8	8.5	10.8	9.2	11.9	12.8
nPCR							
4z Eligible pediatric in-center HD patients	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
4aa Eligible pediatric in-center HD patient-months ³	.	.	.	.	.	n/a	n/a
4ab Percentage of pediatric in-center hemodialysis patient-months with documented monthly nPCR measurements	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

[1] See *Guide, Section VIII*.

[2] Counts are shown for the average facility. Counts will be missing if there are no eligible patients/patient-months.

[3] Patients may be counted up to 12 times per year.

[4] Missing or out of range Kt/V values are supplemented with Medicare dialysis claims.

[5] HD Kt/V summaries are restricted to patients who dialyze thrice weekly.

[6] Adult PD Adequacy uses the most recent value over a 4-month look-back period.

[7] Pediatric PD Adequacy uses the most recent value over a 6-month look-back period.

[8] Missing values are included in the numerator.

TABLE 5: Patient Experience of Care based on ICH CAHPS (April 20, 2018 – July 13, 2018 and October 19, 2018 – January 11, 2019)¹

ICH CAHPS survey results are reported for three composite measures and three global items. Linearized score and star rating for each composite measure and an overall star rating have been added. The data include the two most recent semi-annual surveys. State and National averages are included to allow for comparisons. These measures are updated semi-annually in April and October.

Measure Name	This Facility	Regional Statistics ²	
		State	U.S.
ICH CAHPS ³	Spring-Fall 2018	Spring-Fall 2018	Spring-Fall 2018
5a Number of Completed Surveys	65	3,030	201,368
5b Response Rate (%)	37	34	32
Composite Measures³			
5c Percent of Patients reporting- Kidney doctors' communication and caring			
Always	79	75	68
Sometimes	14	13	14
Never	7	12	18
Linearized Score	90	87	81
Star Rating	★★★★★	n/a	n/a
5d Percent of Patients reporting- Dialysis center staff care and operations			
Always	65	67	63
Sometimes	17	19	19
Never	18	14	18
Linearized Score	81	83	80
Star Rating	★★★☆☆	n/a	n/a
5e Percent of Patients reporting- Providing information to patients			
Yes	87	84	80
No	13	16	20
Linearized Score	87	84	80
Star Rating	★★★★★	n/a	n/a
Global Items³			
5f Percent of Patients- Rating of kidney doctors			
Most favorable	70	70	60
Middle favorable	28	22	27
Least favorable	2	8	13
Linearized Score	91	89	85
Star Rating	★★★★☆	n/a	n/a
5g Percent of Patients- Rating of dialysis center staff			
Most favorable	76	70	63
Middle favorable	20	22	26
Least favorable	4	8	11
Linearized Score	91	89	86
Star Rating	★★★★★	n/a	n/a

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TABLE 5: Patient Experience of Care based on ICH CAHPS (April 20, 2018 – July 13, 2018 and October 19, 2018 – January 11, 2019)¹ (continued)

Measure Name	This Facility	Regional Statistics ²	
		State	U.S.
Global Items ³	Spring-Fall 2018	Spring-Fall 2018	Spring-Fall 2018
5h Percent of Patients- Rating of dialysis facility			
Most favorable	80	75	68
Middle favorable	17	17	21
Least favorable	3	8	11
Linearized Score	93	90	87
Star Rating	★★★★☆	n/a	n/a
5i Overall Star Rating	★★★★☆	n/a	n/a

n/a = not applicable

[1] See *Guide, Section IX*.

[2] Values are shown for the average facility except for Number of Completed Surveys which is a total value.

[3] Not shown if there are 29 or fewer completed surveys over the two survey periods.

TABLE 6: Quality of Patient Care Star Rating Calculation¹

This star rating is based on the measures reported in the QDFC-Preview Report for the October 2019 Release and is updated annually each October on DFC. The time period for SMR in this table is January 2015-December 2018; all other measures are January-December 2018. Further description of the methodology can be found in *Section X* of the *Guide to the Quarterly Dialysis Facility Compare Report*.

Calculation Definition	This Facility
6a Standardized Outcomes Domain Score (average of 6c, 6e, 6g, and 6i) ²	1.11
6b Standardized Mortality Ratio (SMR) ³	0.61
6c Measure Score: SMR ⁴	1.60
6d Standardized Hospitalization Ratio (Admissions) (SHR) ³	0.69
6e Measure Score: SHR ⁴	1.06
6f Standardized Readmission Ratio (SRR) ³	0.86
6g Measure Score: SRR ⁴	0.29
6h Standardized Transfusion Ratio (STrR) ³	0.13
6i Measure Score: STTr ⁴	1.48
6j Other Outcomes 1 Domain Score ⁵ (average of 6l and 6n) ²	0.90
6k Standardized Fistula Rate (SFR) ⁶	76.76
6l Measure Score: SFR ⁴	1.30
6m Long Term Catheter Rate ⁶	9.19
6n Measure Score: Catheter ⁴	0.49
6o Other Outcomes 2 Domain Score (average of 6u and 6w) ²	0.62
6p Adult HD: Percentage of patients with Kt/V \geq 1.2 ⁶	97.54%
6q Adult PD: Percentage of patients with Kt/V \geq 1.7 ⁶	Not Available
6r Pediatric HD: Percentage of patients with Kt/V \geq 1.2 ⁶	Not Available
6s Pediatric PD: Percentage of patients with Kt/V \geq 1.8 ⁶	Not Available
6t Overall: Percentage of patients with Kt/V \geq specified threshold ⁷	97.54%
6u Measure Score: Kt/V ⁴	0.64
6v Percentage of patients with uncorrected serum or plasma calcium $>$ 10.2 mg/dL ⁶	0.93%
6w Measure Score: Hypercalcemia ⁴	0.61
6x Final score (average of 6a, 6j, 6o) ^{8,9}	0.8760
6y Quality of Patient Care Star Rating	★★★★★

[1] See *Guide, Section X*.

[2] The Domain Score is the average of the measure scores within that domain. If there is at least one measure in the domain, the missing measures in that domain are imputed with the average of the measure score to limit the non-missing measures from being too influential. If all measures in a domain are missing, then the domain score is not calculated.

[3] Calculated as a ratio of observed deaths (or admissions/readmissions/transfusions) to expected deaths (or admissions/readmissions/transfusions); not included in star rating calculation if there are fewer than 3 expected deaths for mortality, fewer than 5 or 10 patient-years at risk for admissions or transfusions, or fewer than 11 index discharges for readmissions, respectively.

[4] If a measure is Not Available, its measure score will be imputed with the average of the measure score to limit the non-missing measures from being too influential in calculation of the domain score.

[5] Facilities that serve only PD patients will not have any measures in this domain since their patients do not have fistulas or catheters. For these facilities, this domain was not included in the star rating calculation.

[6] Percentages based on 10 or fewer patients are shown in this table but will be reported as 'Not Available' on DFC.

[7] For improved ability to compare Kt/V in facilities with different types of patients in terms of modality or pediatric status, the adult and pediatric HD and PD Kt/V measurements were pooled into one measure. The percentage of patients that achieve Kt/V greater than the specified thresholds for each of the four respective patient types (adult PD patients, adult HD patients, pediatric HD patients, and pediatric PD patients) was weighted based on the number of patient-months of data available. If the overall Kt/V percentage is based on 10 or fewer patients, then it is reported as 'Not Available' in this table.

[8] Final score is the average of the 3 domain scores. If all measures in a given domain are missing, then there is no final score and no star rating computed with the exception of PD only facilities, PD only facilities are not eligible for Other Outcomes Domain 1 (SFR and catheter), therefore, they are only scored on the Standardized Outcomes Domain and Other Outcomes 2 Domain if they have at least one measure value in each of these two domains.

[9] The final score value has been truncated for display purposes.