

# Patient Safety Structural Measure Overview

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# Objectives

We will provide a brief overview of the CMS Patient Safety Structural Measure (PSSM):

- Review the Five Domains within the PSSM
- Discuss the expected release date in the NHSN application
- Define the reporting timeframe and scoring

# Background - Patient Safety Structural Measure

- Attestation-based measure
- Framed around five priority domains
- Impacts hospitals participating in the CMS Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program and the Prospective Payment System (PPS)-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program
- **Reporting timeframe: April 1 – May 15, 2026**
- **Measurement period: January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025**

# Priority Domains

***Domain 1: Leadership Commitment to Eliminating Preventable Harm***

***Domain 2: Strategic Planning and Organizational Policy***

***Domain 3: Culture of Safety and Learning Health System***

***Domain 4: Accountability and Transparency***

***Domain 5: Patient and Family Engagement***

# Reporting Specification

- Each domain includes five (5) attestation statements that require response
- Hospitals must attest to whether it engaged in each statement within each domain
  - If a hospital can attest “Yes” at **any time during** the reporting period, it satisfies the requirement for the statement
- If a hospital can attest “Yes” to all statements within a domain, it fully satisfies that domain
  - Hospitals are **not** able to receive partial points for a domain



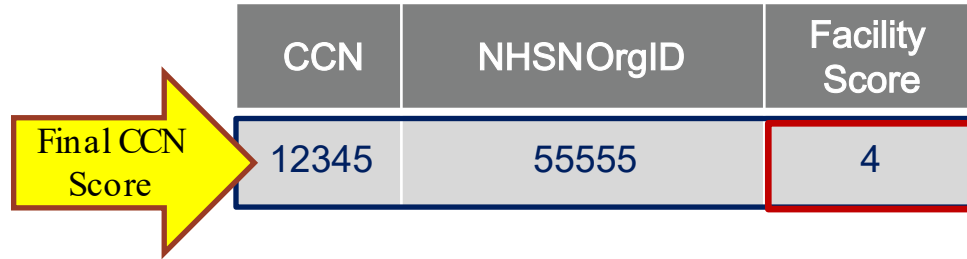
# Reporting Specification

## Multiple Hospitals (Multiple NHSN OrgIDs) Share a Single CCN

- If a hospital is comprised of **more than one acute care facility under one CCN, all facilities** sharing the same CCN **will need to satisfy domain criteria for a positive (i.e., “Yes”) attestation.**
- If multiple NHSN OrgIDs under a shared CCN report different score values for the PSSM, **CMS will apply the lowest facility score of the NHSN OrgIDs to the CCN.**

CCN – Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Center (CMS) Certification Number  
NHSN OrgID – Organization Identification Numbers

## Scoring Example: single facility (one NHSN OrgID) under a single CCN



CCN	NHSN OrgID	Facility Score
12345	55555	4

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# Scoring for multiple hospitals (multiple NHSN OrgIDs) share a single CCN

- Each individual facility must complete the PSSM
- Each facility's PSSM is scored separately
- Final PSSM score for a CCN is based on the lowest score reported by a member facility

## Scoring Example: multiple hospitals (multiple NHSN OrgIDs) share a single CCN

CCN	NHSNOrgID	Facility Score
12345	11111	5
12345	22222	3
12345	33333	4
12345	11111, 22222, 33333	3

Lowest Score

Final CCN Score

The diagram illustrates the process of determining the final CCN score for a group of hospitals sharing a single CCN. A table lists three hospitals with the same CCN (12345) but different NHSN OrgIDs (11111, 22222, 33333) and their respective Facility Scores (5, 3, 4). A yellow arrow labeled 'Lowest Score' points to the score of 3 for OrgID 22222. Another yellow arrow labeled 'Final CCN Score' points to the final score of 3 in the summary row, which is also circled in red.

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## Knowledge Check #2

Hospital A and Hospital B reports to NHSN under a single CCN. Hospital A earns 5 points, and Hospital B earns 3 points, the score for the CCN is 3. Is this true or false?

- A. TRUE
- B. FALSE

# Resources

- Specifications, Attestation Guide, and Quick Reference Guide  
<https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/iqr/measures#tab2>
- FY 2025 IPPS/LTCH PPS Final Rule 89 FR 69455 through 69488  
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/28/2024-17021/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-and-the-childrens-health-insurance-program-hospital-inpatient>

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