

## NEWS & NOTES FROM NPO



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As the kids are going back to school, we have some great educational opportunities for YOU, too!

### Medicare Compare Websites Available for You & Your Patients

Medicare has been utilizing data available to it, via many different data sources, to provide user-friendly websites for you and your patients. These websites list many types of data with very easy to understand explanations as to why a person would be interested in that data. The websites allow the user to choose up to three facilities/agencies to compare side to side, next to Michigan and National averages, using stars as a rating - 1 to 5 stars with 5 being the best. Medicare offers these Compare websites for:



### Cancer Genetics Conference

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services invites all Primary Care Providers to a one-day CME program at Munson Medical Center on

1. Hospitals
2. Nursing Homes
3. Home Health Agencies
4. Dialysis Centers

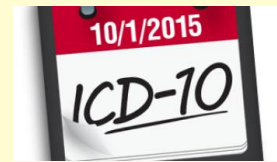
On the Nursing Home Compare Website, Medicare states:  
*Nursing home quality measures have four intended purposes:*

- *To give you information about the quality of care at nursing homes in order to help you choose a nursing home for yourself or others*
- *To give you information about the care at nursing homes where you or family members already live*
- *To give you information to facilitate your discussions with the nursing home staff regarding the quality of care*
- *To give data to the nursing home to help them in their quality improvement efforts.*

There is also much detail available on the sites regarding the measures sources, glossaries and resources for patients.

1. The Hospital Compare site at [\(click here\)](#) has been available for many years, adding many measures throughout the years. This website has the most measure categories:
  - General Information
  - Patient Survey data
  - Timely and Effective Care Measures
  - Complications
  - Readmissions and Deaths
  - Use of Medical Imaging
  - Payment and Value of Care
2. The Nursing Home Compare website is [here](#). NPO used this site to generate a print-out of the compare for three Grand Rapids nursing homes to provide you with an overview of the information available ([available here](#)). The Grand Rapids market was used to avoid the perception that NPO was singling out any entity.
3. The Home Health Compare website is [here](#). NPO used this site to generate a print-out of the compare for three Grand Rapids home health agencies, to provide you an overview of the information available ([available here](#)). The Grand Rapids market was used to avoid the perception that NPO was singling out any entity.
4. The Dialysis Facility Compare website is [here](#). Many different dialysis facility characteristics/measures are listed: just a very few examples are whether a facility has dialysis available after 5 pm, dialysis adequacy, and rate of hospitalization.

October 17th from 8 am to 5:30 pm. The workshop addresses issues in cancer genetics *specific to primary care providers*. This no cost, interactive workshop is limited to the first 50 individuals who register. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for a brochure and registration information.



### **ICD-10 Cardiology and Pulmonary**

More information to prepare you for ICD-10 - it's coming fast!

#### **How you can prepare:**

- Visit [www.priorityhealth.com](http://www.priorityhealth.com) for resources and support.
- [Register](#) for a one hour informational webinar. \*The next webcast is 8/29/15 at 12 pm and the topic is **CARDIOLOGY/PULMONARY MEDICINE**
- [View a recorded webcast](#)



For job postings, office space, equipment for sale, etc, please [CLICK HERE](#)

*Please take a few minutes to peruse these sites, choosing facilities about which you would like to learn more in this area or throughout the nation. When your patients are making choices, these sites may contain the information they need.*



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Thanks!*

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