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Hospice News: Updated Star Rating On Deck -- Check It Now

You've only got a number of days to put the kibosh on your latest Quality of Patient Care Star Rating if it's flawed.

Preview Reports for the rating update are now available to home health agencies in their CASPER folders, the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** says in an email message to providers.

Timeline: "These reports contain data that will be publicly reported on the Home Health Compare website in April 2016," CMS explains. "The deadline to submit a request to have the star rating data suppressed is January 25, 2016. Please follow the directions laid out in the Preview Reports to submit a suppression request."

Plus: The January refresh of Medicare's Home Health Compare website will occur Jan. 28, CMS adds. "The data presented on HHC in January will match those presented in the preview reports that were uploaded to CASPER in October," the agency explains.