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OBQI: APRIL BRINGS SHOWERS, TAXES AND HOME HEALTH COMPARE

Agencies looking for the most bang for their buck should focus QI efforts on one or more of the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services'** favorite outcomes.

While three patient outcomes may receive the most publicity (see article 5) the remaining eight outcomes chosen for the home health quality improvement pilot project in eight states soon will be available for comparison online at www.medicare.gov under a new Home Health Compare section.

The 11 comparison outcomes address the percentage of patients who:

1. Get better at getting dressed.
2. Get better at bathing.
3. Are confused less often.
4. Get better at taking their medicines correctly (by mouth).
5. Get better at walking or moving around.
6. Get better getting to and from the toilet.
7. Get better at getting in and out of bed.
8. Have less pain when moving around.
9. Stay the same (don't get worse) at bathing.
10. Need urgent unplanned medical care.
11. Had to be admitted to the hospital.