

**2009 FIRST Quarter ACM Benchmarks and National ACM Rates for Hospital-Abstracted Data - PPS Only
Using the "ABC" Technique***

Performance measure	Benchmark Data (Top "10%" sample)				Complete PPS Data (100% eligible sample)			
	Benchm. (%)	Num	Denom	# of hosp	Rate (%)	Num	Denom	# of hosp
RHQDAPU MEASURES								
ACM for four HF RHQDAPU measures	99.4	20,770	20,892	238	84.5	174,444	206,427	3,241
ACM for eight AMI RHQDAPU measures	99.6	12,358	12,409	128	91.5	113,470	124,076	2,993
ACM for six PN RHQDAPU measures	97.0	23,037	23,752	296	81.9	192,067	234,574	3,272
ACM for eight SCIP RHQDAPU measures	96.6	37,450	38,777	280	84.2	322,753	383,298	3,238
ACM for all 26 RHQDAPU measures	96.1	91,443	95,189	308	84.6	802,734	948,375	3,398

Note: 26 RHQDAPU include: HF-1, HF-2, HF-3, HF-4, AMI-1, AMI-2, AMI-3, AMI-4, AMI-5, AMI-6, AMI-7a, AMI-8a, PN-2, PN-3b, PN-4, PN-5c, PN-6, PN-7, SCIP-1, SCIP-2, SCIP-3, SCIP-4, SCIP-6, SCIP-CARD2, SCIP-VTE1, SCIP-VTE2

PN-1 RETIRED Q1-09

Starting 2007 second quarter, all ACM calculations utilize PN-5c(6 hours) - previously used PN-5b (4hours)

The benchmarks reported here are unrelated to the 90th percentiles that are published on Hospital Compare for individual measures.

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