



Measuring the Quality of America's Health Care

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Dear Colleague:

NCQA is pleased to provide you with the *HEDIS® 2006 Volume 1 Update*.

There is one correction to HEDIS 2006, Volume 1:

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68	The Medicare Health Outcomes Survey (HOS)	Replace the second paragraph with the following language: The measure is based on a random sample of individuals and assesses their functional status at the beginning and end of a two-year period. It evaluates physical and mental health functional status using the Veterans 12 Item Health Survey (VR-12), a multipurpose, short-form health survey with 14 questions. Researchers and clinicians use patient-based assessments such as the VR-12 in a number of ways:

If you have questions about information included in this update or about other measure specifications, contact us through the Policy Clarification Support (PCS) system at www.ncqa.org/main/support.htm, or by phone (888-275-7585) or fax (202-955-3599).

We hope this letter finds everyone in the middle of a successful HEDIS data collection season!

Sincerely,

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