

## Comparison of Current and Updated Home Health Care CAHPS<sup>®</sup> Survey XML Data File Layout (Standard)<sup>1</sup>

### Header Record Changes:

- No changes.

### Patient Administrative Record Changes:

Original HHCAHPS XML Data Variable (Standard)	Updated HHCAHPS XML Data Variable (Standard)	Summary of Changes
provider-id	provider-id	Variable is unchanged.
npi	npi	Variable is unchanged.
sample-month	sample-month	Variable is unchanged.
sample-yr	sample-yr	Variable is unchanged.
sample-id	sample-id	Variable is unchanged.
patient-age	patient-age	Variable is unchanged.
gender	sex	Variable relabeled.
number-visits	number-visits	Variable is unchanged.
lb-visits	lb-visits	Variable is unchanged.
admission-source-1	admission-source-1	Variable is unchanged.
admission-source-2	admission-source-2	Variable is unchanged.
admission-source-3	admission-source-3	Variable is unchanged.
admission-source-4	admission-source-4	Variable is unchanged.
admission-source-5	admission-source-5	Variable is unchanged.
admission-source-6	admission-source-6	Variable is unchanged.
payer-medicare	payer-medicare	Variable is unchanged.
payer-medicaid	payer-medicaid	Variable is unchanged.
payer-private	payer-private	Variable is unchanged.
payer-other	payer-other	Variable is unchanged.
hmo-enrollee	hmo-enrollee	Variable is unchanged.
dual-eligible	dual-eligible	Variable is unchanged.
primary-diagnosis	N/A	Variable was removed.
other-diagnosis-1	N/A	Variable was removed.
other-diagnosis-2	N/A	Variable was removed.
other-diagnosis-3	N/A	Variable was removed.
other-diagnosis-4	N/A	Variable was removed.
other-diagnosis-5	N/A	Variable was removed.
surgical-discharge	surgical-discharge	Variable is unchanged.
esrd	esrd	Variable is unchanged.
adl-deficits	adl-deficits	Variable is unchanged.
adl-du	adl-du	Variable is unchanged.
adl-dl	adl-dl	Variable is unchanged.
adl-bathing	adl-bathing	Variable is unchanged.
adl-toilet-transferring	adl-toilet-transferring	Variable is unchanged.
adl-transfer	adl-transfer	Variable is unchanged.
final-status	final-status	Variable is unchanged.
language-survey	language-survey	Variable is unchanged.
proxy	proxy	Variable is unchanged.
number-supplemental	number-supplemental	Variable is unchanged.

<sup>1</sup> All content of this document is pending finalization in the calendar year 2026 Final Rule.

**Patient Response Record Changes:**

Original HHCAHPS XML Data Variable (Standard)		Updated HHCAHPS XML Data Variable (Standard)		Summary of Changes
Q1	confirm-care	Q1	confirm-care	Variable is unchanged.
Q2	what-care-get		N/A	Variable was removed.
Q3	how-set-up-home	Q2	home-safety	Renamed variable based on revised question.
Q4	talk-about-meds		N/A	Variable was removed.
Q5	see-meds	Q3	review-meds	Renamed variable based on revised question.
Q6	nurse-provider		N/A	Variable was removed.
Q7	phys-occ-sp-ther		N/A	Variable was removed.
Q8	personal-care		N/A	Variable was removed.
Q9	informed-up-to-date	Q6	aware-care	Renamed variable based on revised question.
Q10	talk-about-pain		N/A	Variable was removed.
Q11	take-newmeds		N/A	Variable was removed.
Q12	talk-about-newmeds		N/A	Variable was removed.
Q13	when-take-meds		N/A	Variable was removed.
Q14	med-side-effects	Q4	med-side-effects	Variable is unchanged
Q15	when-arrive	Q5	when-arrive	Variable is unchanged
Q16	treat-gently	Q7	treat-care	Renamed variable based on revised question.
Q17	explain-things	Q8	explain-things	Variable is unchanged
Q18	listen-carefully	Q9	listen-carefully	Variable is unchanged
Q19	courtesy-respect	Q10	courtesy-respect	Variable is unchanged
	N/A	Q11	care-person	New variable based on new question in updated survey.
	N/A	Q12	family-friends-info	New variable based on new question in updated survey.
	N/A	Q13	help-health	New variable based on new question in updated survey.
Q20	rate-care	Q14	rate-care	Variable is unchanged
Q21	contact-office-screener	Q15	contact-office-screener	Variable is unchanged
Q22	get-help-needed	Q16	get-help-needed	Variable is unchanged
Q23	how-long-help-afterhours		N/A	Variable was removed.
Q24	problems-with-care-screener		N/A	Variable was removed.
Q25	recommend	Q17	recommend	Variable is unchanged
Q26	overall-health	Q18	overall-health	Variable is unchanged
Q27	mental-health	Q19	mental-health	Variable is unchanged
Q28	live	Q20	live	Variable is unchanged
Q29	education	Q21	education	Variable is unchanged
Q30	ethnicity		N/A	Variable was removed.
Q31	race-amer-indian	Q22	race-amer-indian	Variable is unchanged
Q31	race-asian	Q22	race-asian	Variable is unchanged

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Q31	race-african-amer	Q22	race-african-amer	Variable is unchanged
	N/A	Q22	race-hispanic	New response category based on combination of ethnicity survey question with race survey question.
	N/A	Q22	race-middle-eastern	New response category based on combination of ethnicity survey question with race survey question.
Q31	race-native-hawaiian	Q22	race-native-hawaiian	Variable is unchanged
Q31	race-white	Q22	race-white	Variable is unchanged
Q32	language-home	Q23	language-home	Variable is unchanged
Q33	help-you	Q24	help-you	Variable is unchanged
Q34	help-read	Q25	help-read	Variable is unchanged
Q34	help-wrote	Q25	help-wrote	Variable is unchanged
Q34	help-answer	Q25	help-answer	Variable is unchanged
Q34	help-translate	Q25	help-translate	Variable is unchanged
Q34	help-other	Q25	help-other	Variable is unchanged
Q34	help-none	Q25	help-none	Variable is unchanged