

## FOR DISCUSSION

<b>For Agenda Item 4</b>
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### *How would MHCC define a “high performing” home health agency?*

1. Achievement of a minimum 3.5 Stars on the CMS Five-Star Rating Scale

and

2. Achieve a defined threshold level of performance for certain Home Health Compare measures for the most recent 12 month period

and

3. Demonstrate maintenance of high performance or improvement in performance during the last three years by maintaining or improving performance on selected Home Health Compare measures

#### Discussion Questions:

- What measures should be included in the second criterion?

Two measures not included in the CMS Five-Star rating are recommended for inclusion:

How often patients got better at taking their drugs correctly by mouth; and  
How often patients needed urgent, unplanned care in the ER without being admitted.

- What are the threshold levels of performance for the measures?
- Should measures be weighted (for example, should outcome measures receive a greater weight than process measures?)

Background Note: 50% of HHAs achieved 3.5 stars or better in a national sample.