

AHRQ'S CAHPS PROGRAM

Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems

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AHRQ is:

- A research and science-based agency
- Lead federal agency: Improving the safety and quality of the U.S. healthcare system
- AHRQ is **not**: A regulatory agency

About CAHPS: Patient Experience





- CAHPS: Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
- Captures the patient's voice

CAHPS Surveys



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Uses for CAHPS Surveys



Quality improvement

Public reporting

Certification and recognition

Value-based purchasing

Health service research