

WELCOME FROM AHRQ

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AHRQ and the CAHPS Program



• AHRQ is:

- A research and science-based agency of the US Department of Health and Human Services that supports evidence-based practices.
 - Core competencies: Heath Systems Research, Practice Improvement, Data & Analytics
- AHRQ is not:
 - A regulatory agency. AHRQ can not require the use of our tools and products.
- The CAHPS Program is:
 - AHRQ's investment in patient experience of care survey development, research, voluntary databases

CAHPS Database Overview



- Databases are for selected CAHPS surveys
 - CAHPS Health Plan (HP) Survey
 - CAHPS Clinician & Group (CG) Survey
 - CAHPS Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Survey
 - NEW: Child HCAHPS Survey
- Funded by AHRQ and administered by Westat
- No organization-specific data are ever publicly reported
- Submitters complete a Data Use Agreement (DUA) to assure data privacy and protection