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§484.65(b) Standard: Program data.

(1) The program must utilize quality indicator data, including measures derived from OASIS, where applicable, and other relevant data, in the design of its program.

(2) The HHA must use the data collected to-

> **(i) Monitor the effectiveness and safety of services and quality of care; and**

> **(ii) Identify opportunities for improvement.**

(3) The frequency and detail of the data collection must be approved by the HHA's governing body.

Interpretive Guidelines §484.65(b)(1)-(3)

HHAs seeking initial enrollment in the Medicare program are unlikely to have collected extensive data for their QAPI program indicators, since they likely have been in operation for a relatively brief time. Nevertheless, these initial applicants must have a QAPI program in place, and must be able to describe how the program functions, including which indicators/measures are being tracked, at what intervals, and how the information will be used by the HHA to improve quality and safety.