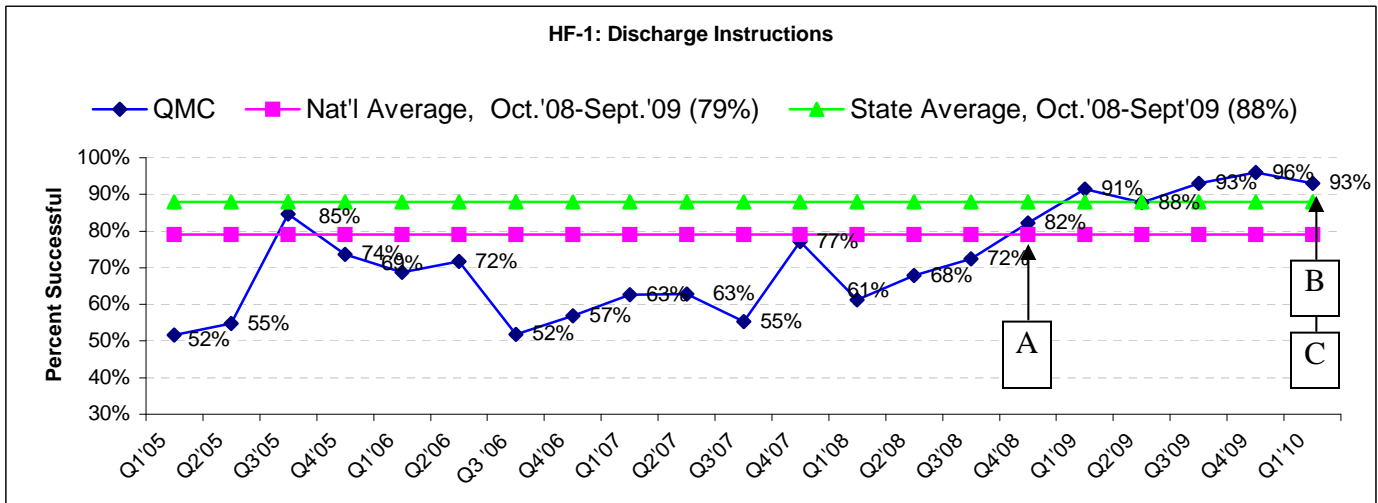


**Core Measure Trend Watch:  
Heart Failure-1 (HF-1)**



**HF-1 description (from National Quality Forum):**

This chart shows the percentage of heart failure patients (or their caregivers) who were given written instructions or educational material, either at discharge or during the hospital stay, that address **all** of the following: activity level, diet, discharge medications, follow-up appointment, weight monitoring, and what to do if symptoms worsen.

Below is a description of what QMC is doing to ensure that this quality measure is met:

	<b>QMC's initiatives to improve performance</b>	<b>Status</b>
A	Increased focus on this initiative	Implemented
B	"Hard-code" instructions by adding to Patient Care Referral Form – Physicians Orders (Page One) -- additional orders added under Other orders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Notify MD for weight gain of 2-3 pounds in one day or 4-5 pounds in 5 days</li> <li>○ Notify MD if symptoms worsen</li> </ul>	Implemented
C	Notify MDs for outliers	Will implement
	Notify nurse educators for outliers	Planning stage