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May 15, 2019 Data Submission Deadline

Hospital OQR Program data submitted via a web-based tool must be entered into the QualityNet Secure Portal by the **May 15, 2019, 11:59 p.m. PT** deadline.

Failure to complete the submission of these data by their deadline puts your facility at risk of a two percent reduction of your calendar year (CY) 2020 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Medicare payment update.

More information on data submission can be found on the **Tools and Resources** page of qualityreportingcenter.com.

Submission of Hospital OQR Population and Sampling data is voluntary.

Specifications Manual Version 13.0 Coming Soon

The Hospital OQR Program Specifications Manual version 13.0 for encounters beginning January 1, 2020–December 31, 2020 will be available on QualityNet.org in July 2019.

Version 13.0 of the manual may be accessed on the QualityNet website by selecting “Specifications Manual” under the “Hospitals -Outpatient” tab and then Version 13.0 in the table. Options are available to download the entire manual, download the release notes, or view specific sections of the manual.

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Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Program Support is available by calling, toll-free, 866.800.8756 weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

or

through the Outpatient Questions and Answers tool at

<https://cms-ocsq.custhelp.com>,



Abstraction Spotlight: Multiple Same-day ED Visits

Scenario: A patient visits the Emergency Department (ED) and is discharged home. Later that day, the patient revisits the ED and is again discharged to home that evening.

Abstraction Recommendation: If two ED visits on the same day are rolled into one claim, abstract the first chronological encounter that meets the inclusion criteria for the population.

If two ED visits on the same *Encounter Date* meet the inclusion criteria and are billed as two separate claims, both cases may be eligible for abstraction according to sampling requirements.

Because the data element *Arrival Time* is used to differentiate between two cases that occur on the same encounter date, if both cases are submitted with Unable to Determine (UTD) for *Arrival Time*, the case submitted last will override the previous case.

Webinar Reminder: The Escape Room

You are cordially invited to attend **“The Escape Room: The Search for Clues in Your Data Abstraction.”**

The Doors Will Open On Wednesday, June 19, 2019, and will be held at **10:00 a.m. and 2 p.m. ET.** Your host for this event will be the Hospital OQR Support Contractor Team. Registration is required to attend.

Look-up Tools

To verify your hospital’s data submission, simply access the [Look-up Tool](#) located under the Data Dashboard drop-down arrow on QualityReportingCenter.com. Be sure to check the *Last Updated* date to ensure you are viewing the most accurate results.

Hospital OQR Program	Lookup Tools
Program Information	Web-Based Status Listing (PY 2020)
Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting 101	Please utilize the search function below for the Web-Based Measure Status Listing to determine whether your facility has completed data submission for the following measures for the Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR) Program:
Hospital OQR Program Tools and Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Left Without Being Seen Appropriate Follow-up Interval for Normal Colonoscopy in Average Risk Patients Colonoscopy Interval for Patients with a History of Adenomatous Polyps-Avoidance of Inappropriate Cataracts - Improvement in Patient's Visual Function within 90 Days Following Cataract Surgery
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Program Support

If you are looking to find specific measure information and deadlines for the Hospital OQR Program, please view the Measures and Timelines document available on QualityNet.org, the submission deadline checklist on Qualityreportingcenter.com, or peruse past webinar slides on the [Archived Events](#) page.