

**Subject:** Qualit-e-Quips: Knowledge is Power for Successful Reporting!



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As the saying goes, “Knowledge is Power!” When it comes to the successful reporting of quality data for your facility - it’s good to stay *in the know!*

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program released this year’s [ASCQR Successful Reporting Guide](#). The guide brings a wealth of knowledge right to your fingertips! We hope you will also find the attached **Operations Check Sheet** helpful in managing data submissions and deadlines.

The next submission deadline is **Monday, May 15, 2023**. Here’s what to submit:

- ASC-20 (COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel) measure data on the [National Healthcare Safety Network](#) (NHSN) site via [Secure Access Management Services](#) (SAMS).
- ASC-9, ASC-11, ASC-13, and ASC-14\* measure data on the [Hospital Quality Reporting](#) (HQR) site.

#### **Powerful Reporting Tips:**

- **Verify** your data submission status by accessing the [Lookup Tool](#) on the [Quality Reporting Center](#) website. Be sure to check the “last updated” date.
- **Ensure an active Facility Administrator (FA)** is registered with SAMS to access the NHSN. To change your ASC’s FA, visit the NHSN [Change NHSN Facility Administrator](#) page.
- **Assign a “member role” to an additional person** so they may also submit data.
- **Ensure your data counts toward a specific month** when completing the ASC-20 data requirement. Select only the weeks that begin and end in the month you intend to submit. **Power Boost: *Select the second or the third week of the month to avoid entering data for the wrong month.***
- **Ensure an active Security Official (SO)** is registered with the HQR site for submitting the other web-based measures, yearly. **Power Boost: *Each ASC should designate at least two SOs.***

- **Keep the circuit active!** To avoid your accounts being locked out, you must login to NHSN once every 60 days and HQR once every 90 days to keep your accounts "active."  
**Power Boost:** *If you have access to more than one ASC in HQR, you need to access each facility to indicate activity. Download your quarterly COVID-19 Submission Report for each ASC to accomplish this.*

Remember, failure to complete data submission by the established deadlines puts your facility at risk of a 2% reduction to your calendar year (CY) 2024 Medicare payment update.

Use your new knowledge and tools to **power** the next data submission! Visit the [Quality Reporting Center](#) or call the ASC Support Team at 866.800.8756 for additional information.

\*ASC-9: Appropriate Follow-Up Interval for Normal Colonoscopy in Average Risk Patients; ASC-11: Cataracts: Improvement in Patient's Visual Function within 90 Days Following Cataract Surgery (Voluntary); ASC-13: Normothermia; and ASC-14: Unplanned Anterior Vitrectomy

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