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Education
The **proposed rule webinar** can be viewed on the Quality Reporting Center website.

OPPS/ASC 2024 Final Rule
Scheduled for publication in November 2023.

Program Support and Resources
The Hospital OQR Program Support Team is available by calling **866-800-8756** weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

Also, contact the Hospital OQR Program Support Team online and browse FAQs using the QualityNet Question and Answer Tool.

Data Submission Deadlines

Reminder!

The **submission deadline** for reporting **Quarter 2 2023** (April 1—June 30, 2023) clinical data for *Median Time from ED Arrival to ED Departure for Discharged ED Patients*, and *Head CT or MRI Scan Results for Acute Ischemic Stroke or Hemorrhagic Stroke Patients who Received Head CT or MRI Scan Interpretation Within 45 Minutes of ED Arrival* measures into the Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) system is **November 1, 2023, 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time (PT)**. Submission of Hospital OQR Program Population and Sampling data is voluntary.

The **submission deadline** for reporting **Quarter 2 2023** (April 1—June 30, 2023) *COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (HCP) data* into the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) system is **November 15, 2023, 11:59 p.m. PT.**

More information on data submission is on the Measure Deadlines and Tools page on the Quality Reporting Center website.

Abstraction Spotlight: ED Departure Time

Scenario: The emergency department (ED) Progress Note states that the patient was medically cleared and discharged into police custody on 05/30/2023 at 0605. The ED Nursing Assessment Note states: "ED Discharge To: Discharge 05/30/2023 at 0605."

There is a Face Sheet with an ED Discharge Date and Time of 05/30/2023 at 0800.

The ED Discharge Date and Time within the visit also has documentation in the Patient Information section stating a discharge date and time of 05/30/2023 at 0800; this is also listed in the header of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) encounter.

Question: In this scenario, which time should be abstracted for the *ED Departure Time* data element given that there are multiple discharge times associated with the patients across various ED record types, including Notes stating the time as 0605, but also a Face Sheet and EHR listing the time as 0800?

Answer: The Hospital OQR Specifications Manual states to **use the latest documented departure time** when more than one departure or discharge time is documented in the medical record. The manual also states the medical record must be abstracted as documented (taken at "face value").

In this scenario, the medical record Face Sheet has an ED Discharge Date and Time of 05/30/2023 at 0800, with additional surrounding documentation to support abstracting 0800 for *ED Discharge Time*. The 0800 time is the latest documented ED departure time from acceptable sources in the medical record.

More information on the *ED Departure Time* data element is in the Hospital OQR Specifications Manual v16.0b, Section 2 - Data Dictionary, on the QualityNet website.

In Case You Missed It
If you missed the **Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)/Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Proposed Rule webinar**, all program webinars are available on the Quality Reporting Center website.
Coming Soon: CY 2024 Final Rule
The **CY 2024 OPPS/ASC Final Rule** is scheduled to be published in the *Federal Register* in **November 2023** and an email notification will be released.
Program Support
To find additional information, tools, and resources—such as the data submission checklist to meet Hospital OQR Program deadlines—visit the QualityNet and Quality Reporting Center websites.