



Outpatient Quality Reporting Program

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CY 2016 OPPS/ASC Final Rule: OQR Program

PM Questions & Answers

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- Question 1:** Is OP-33 for outpatient hospitals?
- Answer 1:** OP-33 has been finalized for the Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Program and will need to be reported by all outpatient hospitals reporting in the OQR Program.
- Question 2:** What time frame will the OP specification update in January cover?
- Answer 2:** The Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum will cover January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016.
- Question 3:** Is OP-33 chart-abstracted or claims-based?
- Answer 3:** OP-33 is a chart-abstracted, web-based measure.
- Question 4:** When will the Outpatient manual specification be updated with OP-33?
- Answer 4:** It is intended to have the OP-33 specifications included in the Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum that will be released on or before January 1, 2016.
- Question 5:** Is OP-33 a chart/manual abstracted measure?
- Answer 5:** OP-30 is a chart-abstracted, web-based measure.
- Question 6:** Where can I find ICD codes for OP-33? I don't see a measure description on the 2016 Specs Manual.

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- Answer 6:** At this time the specifications have not been released for OP-33. They are intended to be included in the Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum that will be released on or before January 1, 2016.
- Question 7:** What if we do not provide this service?
- Answer 7:** It is likely that facilities that do not perform EBRT will need to answer by entering zero. But that has yet to be confirmed.
- Question 8:** In the specification there are no specific diagnosis codes. Will specific diagnosis codes be provided so that we are all using the same population?
- Answer 8:** At this time, specifications for OP-33 have not been released. They are intended to be included in the January addendum. When the measure information form is released, specific details should be addressed.
- Question: 9** Is OP-33 a requirement for CAHs as well as PPS?
- Answer: 9** The new measure applies to all outpatient quality reporting hospitals. However, Outpatient Quality Reporting is voluntary for Critical Access Hospitals. CMS encourages you to participate, especially in reporting web-based measures which include OP-33. PPS refers to the Prospective Payment System which applies to outpatient, also. **All** PPS-paid hospitals are required to participate in the OQR Program.
- Question: 10** Please repeat the submission window for OP-33.
- Answer: 10** This will be a web-based measure for encounter dates of January 1 to December 31, 2016, reported in 2017 with a deadline of May 15, 2017.
- Question: 11** The algorithm of OP-33: Diagnosis of Bone Metastases during Measurement Period. Do you have a list of Diagnosis codes?
- Answer: 11** At this time, the specifications for OP-33 have not been released. They are intended to be included in the Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum that will be released on or before January 1, 2016. When the measure information form is released, specific details should be included.
- Question: 12** Does the OP-33 apply to all hospitals or just cancer hospitals?
- Answer: 12** OP-33 applies to all hospitals, not strictly cancer hospitals.
- Question: 13** OP-4? What measure is that related to, AMI?
- Answer: 13** Yes AMI, ASA on arrival.
- Question: 14** Do I understand that OP-33 is targeting outpatient services, i.e., not acute care inpatient?

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- Answer: 14** Yes, that is correct. OP-33 applies to outpatient services.
- Question: 15** Am I wrong to think that AMI both OQR and IPQ was removed or retired?
- Answer: 15** We can only speak for the OQR Program, and OP-4 continues for the OQR Program.
- Question: 16** Will OP-33 apply to hospitals if radiation is only given at an outpatient off-site and not within the hospital?
- Answer: 16** OP-33 will apply to any outpatient offsite facility that bills under the main hospital's CCN. If your offsite facility bills under your hospital's CCN, then you will need to report for OP-33. Also, if radiation therapy is performed in the hospital and billed as outpatient, then this too would be applicable to the measure. It is the billing as an outpatient, not the setting, that includes this to the outpatient measure.
- Question: 17** Is OP-33 a vendor-friendly measure? If so, when will the data collection guideline be available?
- Answer: 17** If by "vendor-friendly" you are asking if vendors can submit an aggregate data file via QualityNet, it was determined that that option was not feasible. Data entry will only be available via the web-based measure tool.
- Question: 18** By the "CMS web-based tool", do you mean the portal?
- Answer: 18** Yes, the web-based tool is via QualityNet's Secure Portal.
- Question: 19** External Beam Radiotherapy for Bone Metastases Measure: Is this a claims-based measure or chart-abstracted?
- Answer: 19** Chart-abstracted, web-based measure.
- Question: 20** When will the specifications be available for OP-33?
- Answer: 20** The specifications for OP-33 are intended to be included in the Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum that will be released on or before January 1, 2016.
- Question: 21** Will there be further webinars in the near future with more detail about measure population selection and data abstraction for OP-33?
- Answer: 21** Thank you for your suggestion. We do try to address topics of interest to the OP hospitals, and will take this suggestion under consideration.
- Question: 22** Which data is due Jan-May 15, 2016? Only NOSH...or all OQR measures?

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- Answer: 22** All OQR web-based measures; this includes NHSN. In 2016, the web-based measures deadline will be May 15, 2016.
- Question: 23** If the services related to OP-33 are performed at a free standing Cancer Center - will we still need to submit data for this measure if the CCN is different or the same as the hospital's?
- Answer: 23** If the free standing cancer center bills under the main hospital's CCN, then OP-33 data will need to be submitted under the OQR Program.
- Question: 24** Can you repeat again the beginning and end date of the window for OP-33 data submission for CY 2016 encounters?
- Answer: 24** For OP-33, the encounter dates will be January 1 – December 31, 2016. The submission dates will be January 1 – May 15, 2017, for payment in CY 2018.
- Question: 25** Are all OP web-based measures, OP-12, 17, 22, 25, 26, 29, and 30 for encounters during CY 2015 to be reported during the period starting Jan.1, 2016, and ending May 15, 2016?
- Answer: 25** Yes. All web-based measures, OP 12, 17, 22, 25, 26, 27, 29, and 30 are to be reported between January 1 and May 15, 2016. So, do not forget OP-27, Influenza Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel, that is reported to NHSN.
- Question: 26** Where are the diagnosis or CPT codes for OP-33? If this measure is already part of the Cancer Program, why can't we get the specs until January 1? How are vendors supposed to implement this on the day that the specs will be available?
- Answer: 26** The specifications for OP-33 are intended to be included in the Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum that will be released on or before January 1, 2016.
- Question: 27** If OP-33 is chart-abstracted, we might not have complete data for 4th Q by May 15 to submit.
- Answer: 27** OP-33 is a web-based measure and will be reported once a year. For reporting year 2017 (payment determination 2018), you will report by May 15, 2017, for 2016 encounters.
- Question: 28** What about Q2 2015 validation- when is this currently due?
- Answer: 28** Q2 2015 validation records will be requested by the CDAC in late December and will be due 45 days after the request date.

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- Question: 29** Is OP-31 still voluntary, or has it been removed?
- Answer: 29** Yes, OP-31 is still voluntary. But please note that if your facility reports on this measure it will be publicly displayed.
- Question: 30** Is there a resource that lists all current OQR measures?
- Answer: 30** The Final Rule is the primary resource for Outpatient Quality Reporting measures. See the slides at the beginning of today's presentation for how to obtain the Final Rule document.
- Question: 31** Are OP 29 and OP-30 going to be continued in coming years?
- Answer: 31** OP-29 and OP-30 will be required until further notice, or until the measures are removed/retired via the rulemaking process.
- Question: 32** Will the EBRT data be reported in May 2017?
- Answer: 32** Data for OP-33 (EBRT) will be reported between January 1, 2017, with a deadline of May 15, 2017, for 2016 data.
- Question: 33** Will your system eventually send CEUs electronically to state boards of nursing or CE Brokers?
- Answer: 33** No, you are responsible for logging in your own CEU credits with your state board of nursing.
- Question: 34** How do we know if this measure will be required for our institution?
- Answer: 34** OP-33 applies to all hospitals, whether or not they perform these services. It is likely that facilities that do not conduct these services will have to answer the measure by entering zero, but that is yet to be confirmed.
- Question: 35** What will be validated? Which measures? Currently web-based measures are not validated.
- Answer: 35** Only the core clinical measures are validated. You are correct that the web-based measures are not validated.
- Question: 36** How do you determine "painful" bone metastasis?
- Answer: 36** Determination of painful bone metastasis is within the scope of both specialty and primary care medical practice. The purpose of this measure is to reduce the rate of EBRT services overuse.
- Question: 37** Does this apply if your hospital does not provide radiation therapy but we send our pts to an outside vendor?

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- Answer: 37** OP-33 applies to all hospitals, regardless if they do not provide radiation services. It is likely that if you do not perform EBRT, you will be required to report using zero, but that has yet to be confirmed.
- Question: 38** Will there be further webinars in the near future with more detail about measure population selection and data abstraction for OP-33?
- Answer: 38** None are scheduled at this time. However, we will take this suggestion under consideration.
- Question: 39** Are there any deadline changes to the OQR abstraction measures? Or is it only the web-based measures?
- Answer: 39** The OQR abstraction measures will continue to be reported quarterly. However, for the 2017 payment determination, only Quarters 3&4 2015 and Quarter 1 2016, will be reported. All web-based measures, including OP-27: Influenza Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel reported via the NHSN website, will be due May 15, 2016.
- Question: 40** Can you clarify again for OP-33? If we send our pts to an outside vendor for radiation therapy, do we report zero?
- Answer: 40** We anticipate a zero will need to be entered, similar to web-based measures OP-29 and 30. However, this has yet to be confirmed.
- Question 41:** Is OP-33 only for cancer hospitals or any hospital that conducts radiation oncology?
- Answer 41:** Any hospital that conducts radiation oncology.
- Question 42:** For the EBRT data, can you please review the dates again for collection and reporting?
- Answer 42:** The measure is going to be reported through the CMS web-based tool and is finalized for the 2018 payment determination and subsequent years, so the submission begins with January 1st 2016 patient encounters. Remember, we're changing our deadlines, so it's going to be a May 15th deadline for everything submitted through a web-based tool.
- At this time, facilities cannot use their vendor to submit the EBRT data. That goes back to the fact that in the Final Rule, a flat file is unacceptable for submission of these data. The data will be entered in a web-based tool on the QualityNet Secure Portal.
- Question 43:** The new OP-33 is similar to OP-29 and OP-30 – we submit a numerator and denominator?

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Answer 43: Yes, you will be required to submit information on a numerator and a denominator via QualityNet.

Question 44: When will the specifications for the OP-26 surgical procedure codes for the January 1st submission be released?

Answer 44: We now have the codes from the measure writers, and these codes are going to be from the first three quarters of 2015 when the data were finalized to get the 100 most frequently used surgical procedure codes for OP-26. These will be released in the January Specifications Manual to use for submission into the web-based tool.

Question 45: When will you let us know which hospitals are being validated?

Answer 45: The validation list should be released either at the end of this week or early next week. Once that list is released, we will post the list on QualityNet.