



Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Program

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CY 2016 OPPS/ASC Final Rule: OQR Program

AM Questions & Answers

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- Question 1:** When will the reportable codes be available for the fourth quarter in the Specifications Manual?
- Answer 1:** The Specifications Manual for Q4 2015 is currently posted on QualityNet.
- Question 2:** When I went into QualityNet to print off the reportable codes, it would not allow me into that site, and I could not see them.
- Answer 2:** If you are having difficulty with QualityNet, please contact QualityNet directly at 866.288.8912.
- Question 3:** What does the “80” before FR represent?
- Answer 3:** The “80” represents the volume number of the *Federal Register*.
- Question 4:** Is OP-33 only for cancer hospitals, or any hospital that conducts radiation oncology?
- Answer 4:** OP-33 is for all hospitals that conduct radiation oncology, not just cancer hospitals.
- Question 5:** Is OP-33 a claims-based data?
- Answer 5:** OP-33 is a chart-abstracted, web-based measure.
- Question 6:** Is EBRT a new measure?
- Answer 6:** Yes, OP-33 is a new measure for the Hospital OQR Program, finalized in the current Final Rule.

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- Question 7:** Is it chart abstraction or claims-based?
- Answer 7:** OP-33 is a chart-abstracted, web-based measure.
- Question 8:** So at this time, facilities cannot use, say, the Truven program to submit this data?
- Answer 8:** That is correct. OP-33 is a chart-abstracted, web-based measure and cannot be reported via a vendor's system.
- Question 9:** So this new OP-33 is similar to OP-29 and OP-30, and we submit a numerator and denominator?
- Answer 9:** Yes, the submission format will be similar to OP-29 and OP-30.
- Question 10:** OP-34 – is it the transferring hospital that is responsible for this measure?
- Answer 10:** This measure was not finalized by CMS, and at this time, it is not a part of the Outpatient Quality Reporting measure set.
- Question 11:** When are the specs available in the 2016 manual?
- Answer 11:** Version 9.0a of the Specifications Manual is scheduled for release on or before January 1, 2016.
- Question 12:** Can you please provide the submission timeline again for OP-33? CY 2016 is due via the web-based tool from Jan. 1, 2017 - ? May 15th?
- Answer 12:** OP-33 data will be collected for encounter dates from January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016. Data submission for this chart-abstracted, web-based measure will be from January 1, 2017 – May 15, 2017. May 15 is the deadline for reporting all web-based measures.
- Question 13:** When will the specifications for OP-33 be released?
- Answer 13:** The specifications are intended to be included in the Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum that will be released on or before January 1, 2016.
- Question 14:** Can you please review the dates again for the EBRT data collection and reporting?
- Answer 14:** OP-33 data will be collected from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Data submission will be from January 1, 2017 through May 15, 2017.
- Question 15:** Do hospitals that do not have radiation services have to submit in Quality Net "zeros"?

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- Answer 15:** The data input screen for OP-33 has not yet been developed. It is likely that facilities that do not perform EBRT will need to answer by entering a zero. But that has yet to be confirmed.
- Question 16:** Will OP 33 be sampled? Where can I find this information? Also, can you describe how we transmit the file to CMS?
- Answer 16:** At this time, the measure specifications and sampling requirements have not been released. It is the intention to include the specifications in the Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum that will be released on or before January 1, 2016. Also, this information will be submitted to CMS via the web-based tool located on the QualityNet Secure Portal.
- Question 17:** So does this mean that OP-29 and OP-30 for CY 2015 cases have to be submitted by 5/15/2016?
- Answer 17:** Yes, OP-29 and OP-30 are due to be submitted by 5/15/16. All of the OQR web-based measures, including NHSN, have a submission deadline of May 15th.
- Question 18:** Is there going to be any educational webinar about the new OP-33 measure?
- Answer 18:** Thank you for the suggestion. We will take it under consideration.
- Question 19:** I just checked on QualityNet, and this measure isn't even included in the Specifications Manual for 1/1/16 discharges.
- Answer 19:** OP-33 specifications are intended to be included in the Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum that will be released on or before January 1, 2016.
- Question 20:** When will you let us know which hospitals are being validated?
- Answer 20:** The list of hospitals selected for validation will be posted on the QualityNet website in early December.
- Question 21:** Can you speak to OP-31? Is this measure still voluntary for CY 2016?
- Answer 21:** Yes, this measure is still voluntary. If you report OP-31, it will be publicly reported.
- Question 22:** When can we expect the Q&A transcripts to be available for the Sept. and Oct. webinars that have taken place?
- Answer 22:** The transcripts for the September and October webinars are already posted on the qualityreportingcenter.com website.
- Question 23:** Is CART a free application?

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- Answer 23:** Yes, CART is provided at no charge to hospitals. You can download this application at the home page of QualityNet under CART-Outpatient. Call the QualityNet Help Desk for assistance if needed. That number is 866-288-8912.
- Question: 24** Are web-based measures subject to validation for OQR?
- Answer: 24** At this time CMS has not included the web-based measures in validation. Should this change, CMS will go through all rulemaking decisions and notify the Hospital OQR Program population well in advance of the validation cycle.
- Question: 25** OP-34 is not finalized for CY 2018. Please validate that it is not finalized for CY 2019 and is still considered as proposed.
- Answer: 25** OP-34 was not finalized in the 2016 Final Rule. This will not be part of the Hospital OQR Program requirements at this time.
- Question: 26** Can you go over the validation time period?
- Answer: 26** Q2 2015 validation records will be requested by the CDAC in late December and will be due 45 days after the request date.
- Question: 27** Does OP-33 affect CAHs? We are a CAH and have an oncology and radiation TX center.
- Answer: 27** Participation by Critical Access Hospitals in the Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Program is voluntary. You are encouraged to participate by reporting outpatient quality measures, especially the web-based measures. However, there is no penalty if a CAH does not report.
- Question: 28** If we're abstracting to enter into a web-based tool, why are we abstracting verbatim text?
- Answer: 28** The instrument located on slide 20 is a tool for data collection. At this time, specifics for OP-33 have not been released, which includes how facilities will report on the web-based tool.
- Question: 29** Are the colonoscopy measures that are now web-based in 2015 to be reported as web-based in 2016, and will they be validated?
- Answer: 29** That is correct. OP-29 and OP-30 will again be reported in 2016 and going forward, but none of the web-based measures are requested for validation at this time.
- Question: 30** I have had an open help ticket for over a year without a fix. I am unable to input the data totals. Will this affect our compliance?

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- Answer: 30** If you are having difficulty on the QualityNet website, please call QualityNet directly at 866.288.8912.
- Question: 31** What source are facilities required to use for OP-33? Is it acceptable to use data from our cancer registry?
- Answer: 31** This should be data from the chart, not from the registry. Now, that should be the same data, but you need to check it. You cannot just copy the data over and assume that it was correctly put into the cancer registry.
- Question: 32** What if the cancer facility is owned by the hospital? It is in a separate building but provides radiation therapy.
- Answer: 32** If the facility is providing radiotherapy and billing under the hospital CCN number, then the hospital would include these patients in the outpatient web-based measures reporting.
- Question: 33** Will the OP-26 procedure codes be converted to ICD-10 codes?
- Answer: 33** Yes, Specifications Manual 9.0a will have the ICD-10 codes for each measure ICD is required.
- Question: 34** I have a question about OP-33. We have been trying to identify some patients that meet the NQF inclusion criteria. However, the included CPT codes (NQF) are professional fees and are not billed through the hospital but to the provider, so we are not able to identify the appropriate patients since the CPT is not a part of the hospital outpatient bill. I am assuming the CPT codes are known professional fees and are billed that way for all hospitals. So I just want to make sure that our hospitals still need to collect data on OP-33 even if the included CPT codes are not billed through the outpatient facility.
- Answer: 34** 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: 35** Where do we find the ICD-10 codes for OP-33?
- Answer: 35** OP-33 specifications, including any applicable ICD-10 codes, will be included in the Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum that will be released on or before January 1, 2016.
- Question: 36** Can you go into more detail of specifics for OP-33 methodology and sampling so we can start to prepare for abstraction to take place in less than 45 days?

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- Answer: 36** At this time, sampling size has not been finalized. This information will be in the Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum that will be released on or before January 1, 2016.
- Question: 37** Will OP-33 be eligible for sampling?
- Answer: 37** At this time, sampling size has not been finalized. This information will be in the Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum that will be released on or before January 1, 2016.
- Question: 38** We have a cancer center that is not a part of our hospital. Will they be required to report OP 33?
- Answer: 38** If the cancer center is billing under the hospital CCN number, then it is still included in the Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Program, and is required to report OP-33, along with all other web-based measures.
- Question: 39** Will an algorithm be released for OP-33 in the updated Specifications Manual?
- Answer: 39** 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: 40** How can you put them in the Jan. 1st, 2016 measure when the measure begins Jan. 1st 2016? That gives hospitals no time to prepare and develop reports, etc. for the detailed measure specification requirements?!?
- Answer: 40** CMS believes that OP-33 is broad in scope and merits inclusion in the OQR program. The measure has been rigorously tested in outpatient settings and is not limited to only cancer hospitals. We also believe it is a priority area to reduce the rate of EBRT service overuse. OP-33 specifications are intended to be included in the Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum that will be released on or before January 1, 2016.
- Question: 41** To be clear, OP-33 data collection begins with January 1, 2016 discharges but it will not be in a spec manual until January 2016?
- Answer: 41** Data collection for OP-33 begins with encounter dates January 1 through December 31, 2016. OP-33 specifications are intended to be included in the Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum that will be released on or before January 1, 2016.
- Question: 42** Will the EBRT pts be included in the Claims Detail Reports from QNet?

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- Answer: 42** No, this is a web-based measure. There are no web-based measures included on the Claims Detail Report.
- Question: 43** Will zeros have to be entered in QNet for OP-33?
- Answer: 43** 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 enter the measure by entering zero, but that is yet to be confirmed.
- Question: 44** Do you know what the sampling volume will be for OP-33?
- Answer: 44** At this time, sampling size has not been finalized. This information will be in the Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum that will be released on or before January 1, 2016.
- Question: 45** Does the OP-33 measure have inclusion criteria with ICD-10 codes?
- Answer: 45** At this time, the final specific inclusion criteria have not been finalized. This information will be in the Specifications Manual 9.0a addendum that will be released on or before January 1, 2016.