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Don't pass up this chance to **make your opinion count**—and we're not talking about politics, we're talking about changes to the ASC Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program. But you need to take action by **September 6!**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) really wants your input on these proposed rule changes. Each comment is read, reviewed, and carefully considered by CMS leadership when decisions are made about the program. When the final rule is published in November, it will contain responses to your comments.

We hope you were able to attend the July webinar about the CY 2017 OPPTS/ASC Proposed Rule. It was a great introduction to what may be ahead for the program. The slides used in the presentation, a recording of the event, and the transcripts are posted on qualityreportingcenter.com.

Some highlights include:

- Seven new measures proposed: two claims-based and five survey-based
- One measure for future consideration
- Data deadline change for web-based measures to May 15 from August 15

You can read the entire proposed rule from the [Federal Register](#) (the ASCQR Program section begins on page 45727 of the publication or page 125 of the pdf).

Take advantage of this opportunity to influence the direction of the ASCQR Program and **submit your comments** on the proposed rule by **September 6** to regulations.gov. Step-by-step instructions on how to comment are in the webinar materials linked above.

If you have any questions about the commenting process or the ASCQR Program, please contact us by phone at 866.800.8756. We're also available by email at oqrsupport@hsag.com.