

**Reference #:** 2017-16-ASC

**From:** Quality Reporting Notifications  
**Sent:** Tues 6/6/17 1:20 PM  
**To:** ASCQR Initiative Discussions  
**Subject:** Quality Reporting Center's Biweekly News Blast



*Quality Reporting Center's Biweekly News Blast*

[www.qualityreportingcenter.com](http://www.qualityreportingcenter.com)

In our last message, we discussed the relay race that leads to fulfilling ASCQR Program requirements. The first leg was entering data for the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) – done! The second leg was to make sure everything is in place to enter data via the QualityNet Secure Portal. You have until August 15, 2017, to complete your data entry, but why wait; speed this up and complete the third leg of the race!

And what's in store for the anchor leg? The last leg is to check your Remittance Advice/Explanation of Benefits (RA/EOBs) to ensure that your Quality Data Code (QDC) submission is on track to meet the 50 percent threshold. We're nearly halfway through with 2017 now, so it's the perfect time to verify that your QDC submission is on track.

Here's how:

- *Check to see that the RA indicates the place of service (POS) code as "24 - Ambulatory Surgical Center"*  
If the correct POS of 24 is not submitted on the claim, the QDCs will not be captured, and your ASC will not receive credit for their presence on the claim. System upgrades can cause the POS to revert to "11-Office," so be sure to check this field regularly on your RA.
- *Make sure you have a billable charge above the QDC with the corresponding and appropriate remark code on the RA*  
To have a submitted QDC applied to fulfill the ASCQR Program requirement, there must be a billable charge above the QDC with the appropriate remark code.
- *Verify that the RA/EOB remark code is N620*  
If so, the QDCs on your claims have been accepted by Medicare billing and then received into the data warehouse.

What if the QDC appears as denied by Medicare on the RA/EOB? That's okay; the code is still being tracked as long as the QDC is affiliated with a charge that was paid by Medicare (as evidenced on the RA).

For additional information regarding QDC submission, please access the [Quality Data Codes: Fact Sheet](#) and [Remittance Advice: Fact Sheet](#) on the Resources page at [qualityreportingcenter.com](http://qualityreportingcenter.com). We're also available by phone at 866.800.8756, or by email at <https://cms-ocsq.custhelp.com>.