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Quality Reporting Center's Biweekly News Blast

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The Calendar Year (CY) [2018 OPPS/ASC Final Rule](#) is now published, and we encourage you to read it through for yourself. You'll see there how comments received from the public – both individuals and organizations – were considered and addressed as changes in the program beginning with CY 2018 encounters.

Here are a few of the highlights:

- Measures removed
 - ASC-5: Prophylactic Intravenous (IV) Antibiotic Timing
 - ASC-6: Safe Surgery Checklist
 - ASC-7: ASC Facility Volume Data on Selected Procedures
- Measures delayed
 - ASC-15a-15e: Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (OAS CAHPS) Survey-based Measures
- Batch data submission is allowed via an expanded CMS online tool

Measures were also finalized for future years with the adoption of:

- ASC-17: Hospital Visits after Orthopedic Ambulatory Surgical Center Procedures (beginning with the CY 2022 Payment Determination) and
- ASC-18: Hospital Visits after Urology Ambulatory Surgical Center Procedures (beginning with the CY 2022 Payment Determination)

If you'd like to have an expert take you through these changes, you're in luck. Dr. Anita Bhatia, the Program Lead for the ASC Quality Reporting Program at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, will be presenting a webinar focusing on the Final Rule on December 5 at 2:00 p.m. ET. Keep an eye out for the registration info that will be sent in the coming weeks!

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