

Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program

ASC-11: DATA COLLECTION GUIDELINES

When collecting data for ASC-11 (Cataracts – Improvement in Patient’s Visual Function within 90 Days Following Cataract Surgery):

- A facility may choose to sample data monthly, quarterly, or annually. Follow the sampling guidelines in the Specifications Manual.
- ASC-11 requires that patients complete both a pre- and post-operative survey using the *same* visual function tool. Patients who do not complete a pre-op survey and post-op survey are excluded from the measure. Surveys may be completed in person, by mail, by phone, or another method of the hospital’s choosing.
- The data collection instrument is specified as an assessment tool that has been appropriately validated for the population for which it is being used. The survey tool measures visual function, not visual acuity. A visual assessment tool may not be utilized. Examples of tools for visual function assessment are found in the Measure Information Form in the Specifications Manual under the Definition for Survey.
- You are not required to use the Data Collection Log, but if you choose to use it, you may modify it for your facility. You may require fewer columns or fewer rows to accommodate the number of physicians from whom you need to gather data, or you may add columns to track other helpful data, such as the total number of surgeries performed at your facility per provider.
- Consider using the tool as a master log and delete rows to use as a spreadsheet for sending to individual providers for their input.
- Designate a sheet for data collection for each month, quarter, or year, and indicate the sample frequency on the log.
- Remember that since no specific patient-level data are collected, there are no HIPAA issues involved with emailing the spreadsheet.
- At this time, ASC-11 remains a voluntary measure. Facilities that choose not to report the measure will not be subject to a reduction in their payment update.
- Any data submitted for the measure will be publicly reported.

Please contact the Ambulatory Surgical Center Program Support Contractor at 866-800-8756 or at qcrsupport@hsag.com if you have any questions about the ASCQR Program.

