



Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program Reconsideration Process: Calendar Year 2019

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Purpose

To provide information regarding the CMS ASCQR Program Reconsideration process for the Calendar Year (CY) 2019 Payment Determination

Objectives

At the end of today's presentation, participants will be able to:

- Identify the ASCQR Program requirements and the Reconsideration process.
- Submit a Reconsideration Request to CMS.
- Describe the timing of CMS' response to these requests.

Participating ASCs

- There are 6,432 Medicare-certified Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs).
 - Of these, 3,416 are not required to participate.
- There were 2,812 ASCs required to participate in the CY 2019 ASCQR Program to receive their full Annual Payment Update (APU).
- There were 204 ASCs required to participate that did not meet program requirements.

Measures for the CY 2019 ASCQR Payment Determination

Measures	Reporting Period
Claims-based: ASC-1, ASC-2, ASC-3, ASC-4, ASC-12	January 1–December 31, 2017
Web-based submitted via National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN): ASC-8	October 1, 2017–March 31, 2018
Web-based submitted via QualityNet: ASC-9, ASC-10, ASC-11*	January 1–December 31, 2017

*ASC-11 is a voluntary measure.

ASCQR Program Requirements

- **ASC-1—ASC-4:** Submit Quality Data Codes (QDCs) on a minimum of 50% of Medicare claims
- **ASC-8:** Submit data for this web-based measure through the NHSN online submission tool by May 15, 2018
- **ASC-9—ASC-11:** Submit data for these web-based measures through QualityNet's online submission tool by May 15, 2018 (ASC-11 is voluntary)
- **ASC-12:** Claims-based measure not requiring manual abstraction on the part of the ASC

Notification

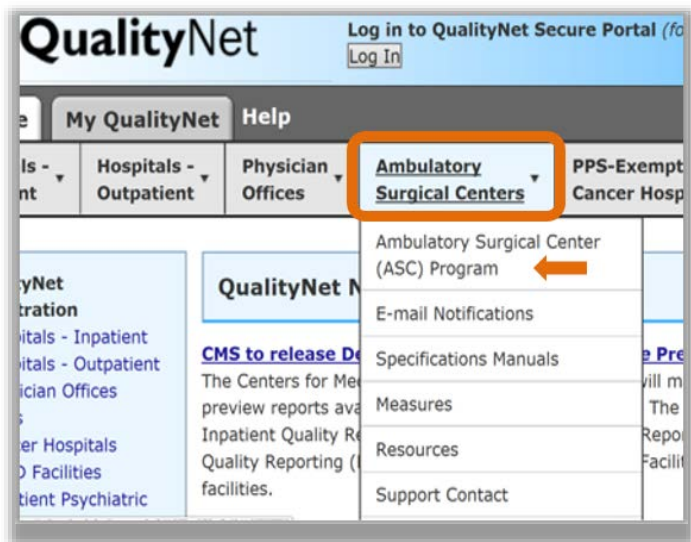
Notification letters were sent on September 28, 2018, to ASCs not meeting one or more of the requirements of the ASCQR Program.

Reconsideration Process: *QualityNet*

The Reconsideration process for the ASCQR Program is available on the Reconsideration Overview page on QualityNet at

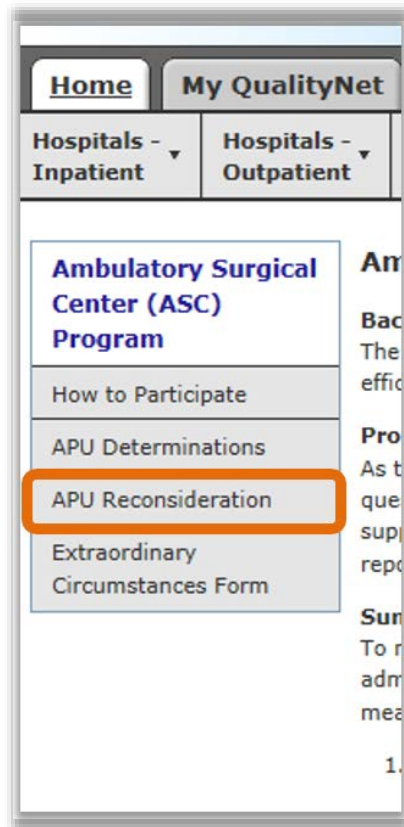
<https://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier3&cid=1228773653481>.

QualityNet: Ambulatory Surgical Centers Location



- From the QualityNet home page, select the **Ambulatory Surgical Centers** drop-down menu.
- In the drop-down menu, select the **Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Program** link. This will direct you to the ASCQR Program Overview page.

Reconsideration Process Location



Select the **APU Reconsideration** link from the left-side navigation pane. This will direct you to the Reconsideration Overview page.

Submitting Your Reconsideration Request

- The Reconsideration Form is due on or before **March 18, 2019**.
- Fill out the form **completely** and **accurately**.
 - All fields with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.
- Provide the CMS-identified reason why your facility did not meet the annual payment update (APU) requirement.
 - The reason can be found in the CMS notification letter.

Submitting Your Reconsideration Request (cont.)

- Include the specific reason(s) for believing that your facility did meet the program requirement(s) and should receive the full APU.
- Submit the signed Reconsideration Request Form via:
 - The QualityNet Secure Portal to the Secure File Transfer “APU” group.
 - Secure fax to 877.789.4443.
 - Email to QRSupport@hcqis.org.

CMS Response

- Following receipt of a request for Reconsideration, CMS will:
 - Send an email acknowledgement to the designated contact.
 - Provide a formal response notifying the ASC of the outcome of the Reconsideration process.
- CMS expects the process to be completed within 90 days following the deadline for submitting Reconsiderations.

Decisions Are Final

- The Reconsideration process is the only appeals process in place for the ASCQR Program.
- CMS' Reconsideration decisions are final.
 - By statute, ASCs are not provided judicial review of payment decisions, so final ASCQR Program payment determinations cannot be appealed.

Questions

- You may submit all questions regarding the Reconsideration process and the ASCQR Program by:
 - Phone: 866.800.8756
 - Email: <https://cms-ocsq.custhelp.com>
- Access our website at www.qualityreportingcenter.com