



Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting Program

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Like a Stroll in the Park: Walking You Through Your Preview Report

Questions & Answers

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- Question:** Should I still be reporting ASC-1-4?
- Answer:** ASC-1 through ASC-4 were suspended in the calendar year (CY) 2019 Final Rule, and facilities are not required to report these measures beginning with January 1, 2019 encounters. Please refer to the Final Rule which can be located at the following link:
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-11-21/pdf/2018-24243.pdf>.
- Question:** Is this going to be recorded so I can watch what I missed?
- Answer:** Yes. You can find the recording, slides, and transcripts on our website, qualityreportingcenter.com, under the ASC Archived Events tab, or you can access this direct link: <https://qualityreportingcenter.com/en/ascqr-program/archived-events/>.
- Question:** For the web-based measures, how big does the sample have to be in order to be displayed for public information?
- Answer:** Facilities must report 11 cases or more. Data with a Footnote 1 will show on the preview report but will be covered with a “Not Available on Hospital Compare.”
- Question:** My facility has Footnote 1, meaning that the data reported by my facility was too small. How will the public learn about this facility?



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Answer: Data with a Footnote 1 will show on the preview report but will be covered with a “Not Available on Hospital Compare.” You will not see a numerator or denominator for your facility displayed on Hospital Compare; this is to protect patient confidentiality for rates.

Question: What happens if you find something entered incorrectly on the preview report? For example, the report shows 1 transfer; however, there were 0.

Answer: The data are based on claims that the facility submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). If you find there is a discrepancy, you may request a Footnote 23 by emailing ASCpublicreporting@hsag.com. Please provide the facility name, National Provider Identifier (NPI), and the specific measure to which you wish to add the footnote. This footnote is only applied to claims-based measures and does not function as a suppression footnote.

Question: When would Footnote 7 be applied instead of Footnote 5?

Answer: Footnote 5 refers to a situation where results are not available for the reporting period. This footnote is applied when there are no data to display. For example, if a facility did not enter data for ASC-11, the value on the preview report would be Not Available with a footnote 5. Footnote 7 is used when there are no cases that met the criteria for this measure, so this footnote would be used for ASC-12. For example, if your facility performs colonoscopies but none of those colonoscopies met the measure criteria, there essentially were no data to report.

Question: As a vendor for multiple ASCs, I can group centers in QualityNet. Can I group specific centers in Quality Reporting Center?

Answer: Yes. When using the download feature, you can sort the way that is most useful for your group of ASCs.