

# **Outpatient Quality Reporting Program**

## **Support Contractor**

## Crunching the Numbers: Reviewing Your Hospital's Data (OQR)

#### **Questions & Answers**

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**Question:** The removal of OP 33 would happen after the year of 2020 abstraction 2021

submitted and 2022 payment. So, continue to abstract these charts until Dec

2020?

**Answer:** If OP-33 is finalized for removal, as proposed, your last reporting period would

be January 1-December 31, 2019 and submitted for the last time by May 15, 2020

for Payment Determination year 2021.

**Question:** Would these four patient safety measures be chart abstracted, claims based or

eCQM?

**Answer:** In the proposed rule, CMS was soliciting comment on the addition of these

proposed measures as well as on submission methods. If these measures are considered in the future, they will follow the rulemaking cycle and the submission

method and measure details will be released.

**Question:** Is there any way to download the preview reports into excel format instead of

PDF on Quality Net?

**Answer:** No, PDF is the only format currently for Preview Reports.

**Question:** Is there a way to print out the Star Rating results including all measure results?

**Answer:** Not currently.

**Question:** Is there a way to generate a PDF of measures in Star Ratings?

**Answer:** No, not for Star Ratings.



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**Question:** Regarding slide 28, I do not see that option on QualityNet available any longer. I

thought the new Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) page was the correct way to

access now

**Answer:** Currently the QualityNet website is under reconstruction with changes to the

layout. You should see the Next Generation (NG) option soon.

**Question:** How is the next generation different from Hospital Compare?

**Answer:** The Next Generation allows facility to view their data prior to being publicly

displayed.

**Question:** Is HQR Next Generation only available when preview reports are available?

**Answer:** The platform is always available. However, the data is refreshed on the designated

refresh schedule.

**Question:** When should we expect to see the October Hospital Compare on medicare.gov?

**Answer:** The refresh is currently slated for October 30<sup>th</sup> but may be subject to change.

**Question:** Is a QualityNet account necessary to view NG reports?

**Answer:** Yes, NG is on the secure side of QualityNet and requires appropriate access.

**Question:** Currently, QIN-QIOs do not have access to the new platform and therefore don't

have access to Preview Reports. Will QIN QIOs be given access in the future?

**Answer:** Not currently, but we will be glad to communicate this option to the contractor for

consideration.

**Question:** In the new QualityNet website, where can you find the lists of hospitals selected

for OQR validation for previous years? It used to be available but can't locate in

new website.

**Answer:** As QualityNet is currently under updating, some areas are experiencing transient

issues. You can find previous years at the following:

https://qualitynet.org/outpatient/data-management/data-validation/resources#tab1