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Autumn: Cooler weather and leaves changing colors, trickling to the ground. So relaxing! We put together a few items to help you take a breath and glide through the rest of the season.

- **Stay on track for data submission.** The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency exceptions granted under the [March 27, 2020 CMS Memo](#) have ended and quality reporting requirements for ASCs resumed effective July 1, 2020. Data for encounters from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 is required. Data submission for encounters from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 (the excepted months) is voluntary. You can submit these data via the web-based data collection tool between January 1, 2021 through May 15, 2021.
- For additional help with entering data, review our webinar: [Program Information, Tips, and Updates: The Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting \(ASCQR\) Program](#)
- **Set a calendar reminder to log in to the [QualityNet Secure Portal](#) every month.** This will keep your Security Administrator/Official (SA/O) account active so you can enter data and receive and run data reports.
- **Register another SA/O for your facility.** Two SA/Os allow you to have a back-up plan for any unforeseen absences during data submission time.
- **Stay tuned for upcoming webinars.** Upcoming topics will include the CY 2021 OPPS/ASC Final Rule, program and system updates, and much more.

If you can't escape to watch the falling leaves and you need a little help getting organized, we are here to help! Call us toll-free at 866.800.8756 or email us at oqrsupport@hsag.com.