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It's Spring Break Time!

Spring brings newness, a fresh start ... and maybe a road trip to warmer climates! It's the perfect time to set the trip ticker for data submission and get going!

- ☀ **Mileage check!** It's time to submit your data. Data submission for encounters from July 1, 2020–December 31, 2020 is required. Data submission for encounters from January 1, 2020–June 30, 2020 is voluntary.* You can submit via the web-based data collection tool through the May 17, 2021, deadline.
- ☀ **Roadside attraction!** The [System Updates: Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting \(ASCQR\) Program](#) webinar provides step-by-step instructions to enter your data. Other topics include Access Management, Vendor Management, Managed File Transfer, HARP account creation, and Security Official registration.

To avoid needing roadside assistance on your journey, make sure you take these steps to gain access to the data submission portal:

- ☀ **Create a HARP account.** To log into Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR), you must create a [HCQIS Access Roles and Profile \(HARP\)](#) account. HARP is a secure identity management portal provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Creating a HARP account provides you with a user ID and password to sign into many CMS applications, including HQR.
- ☀ **Create a Security Official (SO) account.** If you are new user to HQR and requesting to be the first SO for your organization, you can submit requests using the Electronic Access Request (EAR) [here](#). Ambulatory Surgery Center's must continue to submit via the EAR. Future HQR enhancements may enable the ASC community to use Access Management resources.

*The COVID-19 exceptions granted under the [March 27, 2020 CMS Memo](#) ended on June 30, 2020, and quality reporting requirements for ASCs resumed effective July 1, 2020.

As always, roadside assistance is available! Call us toll-free at 866.800.8756 or email us at oqrsupport@hsag.com.