

## Hospital OQR Important Dates Calendar Year 2026 Payment Determination

Clinical Data*	Encounter Dates and Quarters	Submission Deadlines
OP-18: Median Time from Emergency Department (ED) Arrival to ED Departure for Discharged ED Patients OP-23: Head Computed Tomography (CT) or Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Scan Results for Acute Ischemic Stroke or Hemorrhagic Stroke Patients Who Received Head CT or MRI Scan Interpretation Within 45 Minutes of Arrival	Jan 1–Mar 31, 2024 (Q1 2024)	Aug 1, 2024
	Apr 1–Jun 30, 2024 (Q2 2024)	Nov 1, 2024
	Jul 1–Sep 30, 2024 (Q3 2024)	Feb 3, 2025
	Oct 1–Dec 31, 2024 (Q4 2024)	May 1, 2025
Scheduled CDAC** Record Requests (approximate)	Encounter Dates and Quarters	
Sep 2024	Jan 1–Mar 31, 2024 (Q1 2024)	
Dec 2024	Apr 1–Jun 30, 2024 (Q2 2024)	
Mar 2025	Jul 1–Sept 30, 2024 (Q3 2024)	
Jun 2025	Oct 1–Dec 31, 2024 (Q4 2024)	
NHSN*** Web-Based Measure	Encounter Dates	Submission Deadlines
OP-38: COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel	Jan 1–Mar 31, 2024 (Q1 2024)	Aug 15, 2024
	Apr 1–Jun 30, 2024 (Q2 2024)	Nov 15, 2024
	Jul 1–Sep 30, 2024 (Q3 2024)	Feb 18, 2025
	Oct 1–Dec 31, 2024 (Q4 2024)	May 15, 2025
Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) Web-Based Measures	Encounter Dates	Submission Deadlines
OP-22: Left Without Being Seen OP-29: Appropriate Follow-up Interval for Normal Colonoscopy in Average Risk Patients OP-31: Cataracts - Improvement in Patient's Visual Function within 90 Days Following Cataract Surgery ( <b>voluntary</b> )	Jan 1–Dec 31, 2024	Jan 1–May 15, 2025
Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM)	Encounter Dates	Submission Deadlines
OP-40: ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI)	Jan 1–Dec 31, 2024	Jan 1–May 15, 2025
Survey Measure	Encounter Dates and Quarters	Submission Deadlines
OP-37 a-e: Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (OAS CAHPS)	Jan 1–Mar 31, 2024 (Q1 2024)	Jul 10, 2024
	Apr 1–Jun 30, 2024 (Q2 2024)	Oct 9, 2024
	Jul 1–Sep 30, 2024 (Q3 2024)	Jan 8, 2025
	Oct 1–Dec 31, 2024 (Q4 2024)	Apr 9, 2025
Claims-Based Measures: Imaging Efficiency	Calculated Encounter Dates	
OP-8: MRI Lumbar Spine for Low Back Pain OP-10: Abdomen CT – Use of Contrast Material OP-13: Cardiac Imaging for Preoperative Risk Assessment for Non-Cardiac Low-Risk Surgery OP-39: Breast Cancer Screening Recall Rates	Jul 1, 2023–Jun 30, 2024	
Claims-Based Measures: Outcome	Calculated Encounter Dates	
OP-32: Facility 7-Day Risk-Standardized Hospital Visit Rate after Outpatient Colonoscopy	Jan 1, 2022–Dec 31, 2024	
OP-35: Admissions and Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Patients Receiving Outpatient Chemotherapy OP-36: Risk-Standardized Hospital Visits Within 7 Days After Hospital Outpatient Surgery	Jan 1–Dec 31, 2024	

**Note:** Data submission deadlines on a federal holiday or weekend (Saturday/Sunday) will default to the first business day thereafter and are reflected in this document where applicable.

\*Population and Sampling is voluntary.

\*\*CDAC: CMS Clinical Data Abstraction Center

\*\*\*NHSN: National Healthcare Safety Network