



# Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting Program

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### Making It Work: A Quality Reporting Toolkit for the ASCQR Program

#### Questions & Answers

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- Question:** What if you do not have **ASC** as an option to click under the report program?
- Answer:** If your secure log-in is associated with an ASC, you should have this icon. If you need further assistance with walking through this, feel free to contact our call center at 866.800.8756.
- Question:** If an incorrect QDC code was entered by mistake, is there a point that it can be corrected once submitted?
- Answer:** If this is noticed prior to a claim being adjudicated, a corrected claim can be submitted. Once a claim has been paid or adjudicated, a corrected claim cannot be resubmitted for a QDC correction only. Once a claim is adjudicated, all replicated claims will be rejected as a duplicate claim. Should you have other questions, please call 866-800-8756.
- Question:** We do very few Medicare patients. Do we only report those QDC codes?
- Answer:** If your facility has fewer than 240 Medicare claims for the previous year, you would not be required to participate in the program. But year-to-year this may change, so we recommend you submit the QDCs in case you go over that limit. If you are required to report, then yes, you would put the G-codes on each Medicare claim submitted for payment.
- Question:** It does not appear that the endoscopy tools for ASC-9 and 10 have been updated to meet the new requirements. When will these tools be updated?



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**Answer:** All documents are currently being updated to reflect the most current specifications.

**Question:** If I made a mistake entering data, can I resubmit?

**Answer:** If you are speaking of the web-based measures, then yes, you can change any data submitted **until** the submission deadline, which is May 15 for NHSN ASC-8 and August 15 for ASC-6, 7, 9, 10, and 11.

**Question:** What time frame are we reporting on for ASC-6, 7, 9, and 10?

**Answer:** The encounter period is January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. These must be entered by August 15, 2016.

**Question:** If you have previously registered with NHSN in 2015, do you still register as new in 2016?

**Answer:** No, not if you have logged on NHSN in the last 12 months and your password is active. If you have **not** logged on for more than 12 months, your account may be deactivated. If that is the case, you will need to reapply for a SAMs grid card.

**Question:** I only submitted my codes via claims. Do I have to also send them to QualityNet?

**Answer:** For ASC-1 through ASC-5, QDCs are applied to your Medicare claims. ASC-12 is abstracted automatically from paid Medicare claims. The other web-based measures, as defined by the program requirements, are submitted via the online submission tools.

**Question:** What is the process if an administrator changes but the facility has already been registered?

**Answer:** The new individual would have to register with the NHSN to obtain a SAMs grid card. Please email the NHSN at [NHSN@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov) and explain the situation, and they should be able to assist you with the registration process.

**Question:** How many individuals can be enrolled on the NHSN website? If someone is leaving the organization, how can we remove them and add another data entry person?



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**Answer:** There must be one main person designated as the facility administrator. That person may then delegate rights. All must have SAMS cards to access NHSN. If the facility administrator is still available, the rights can be transferred in NHSN. If that person is gone, you must send notification to NHSN, indicating a new administrator must be assigned.

**Question:** I have done the ASC-7 with the v 4.1 Specifications Manual according to an email I received. Yours said the current one is v5.0a. What do I use for ASC-7?

**Answer:** For the 2016 reporting year using 2015 data (or patient encounters), then you would use Specifications Manual 4.1. The current version is 5.0a as it relates to current encounter dates.

**Question:** Have you considered providing AAPC CEUs for those of us who are not nurses?

**Answer:** Thank you for that input; we will forward this accordingly.

**Question:** What period (dates) are to be included in ASC-8?

**Answer:** This will be for the 2015-2016 flu season. The flu season is from October 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. This data must be submitted through the online submission tool via NHSN by May 15, 2016.

**Question:** My company has two ASCs. One facility is in Spokane, and one is in Coeur d'Alene. The CCN number is the same. I only show reporting for ASC-8 for our Idaho office and not our Washington. How can I verify this has been properly reported for both of our facilities?

**Answer:** If your facility is reporting ASC-8, then only the CCN is needed. ASC-8 is verified only by the CCN. You can contact the CDC/NHSN for assistance at [NHSN@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov).

**Question:** What reports are available to see what the public sees? Where and how often should they be viewed?

**Answer:** Your facility will have access to a preview report prior to public display of the data your facility reports. You will be sent notification that this report is available and can be accessed through the secure file transfer via QualityNet. The data publicly displayed are the data your facility reported.