



# **Specifications Manual Update: Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program**

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Featuring:  
The Ambulatory  
Surgical Center  
Quality Reporting  
(ASCQR) Program  
*Specifications  
Manual  
Versions  
8.0 and 8.0a*

ASCQR Program  
Support  
Contractor  
Presents  
"Touring the  
Hall of  
Specifications"  
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Starring:  
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# Learning Objectives

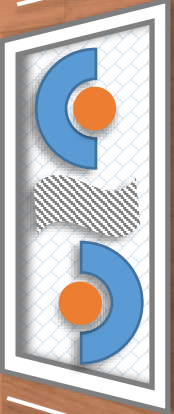
At the conclusion of the program, attendees will be able to:

- ✓ Identify changes to the Specifications Manual through version 8.0a.
- ✓ List changes in the measure information forms.
- ✓ Describe how these changes will impact abstracting and reporting for this program.

The Final Rule Wing

CMS Presents  
The CY 2019  
OPPS/ASC Final  
Rule Wing

Starring:  
"The  
Federal  
Register"



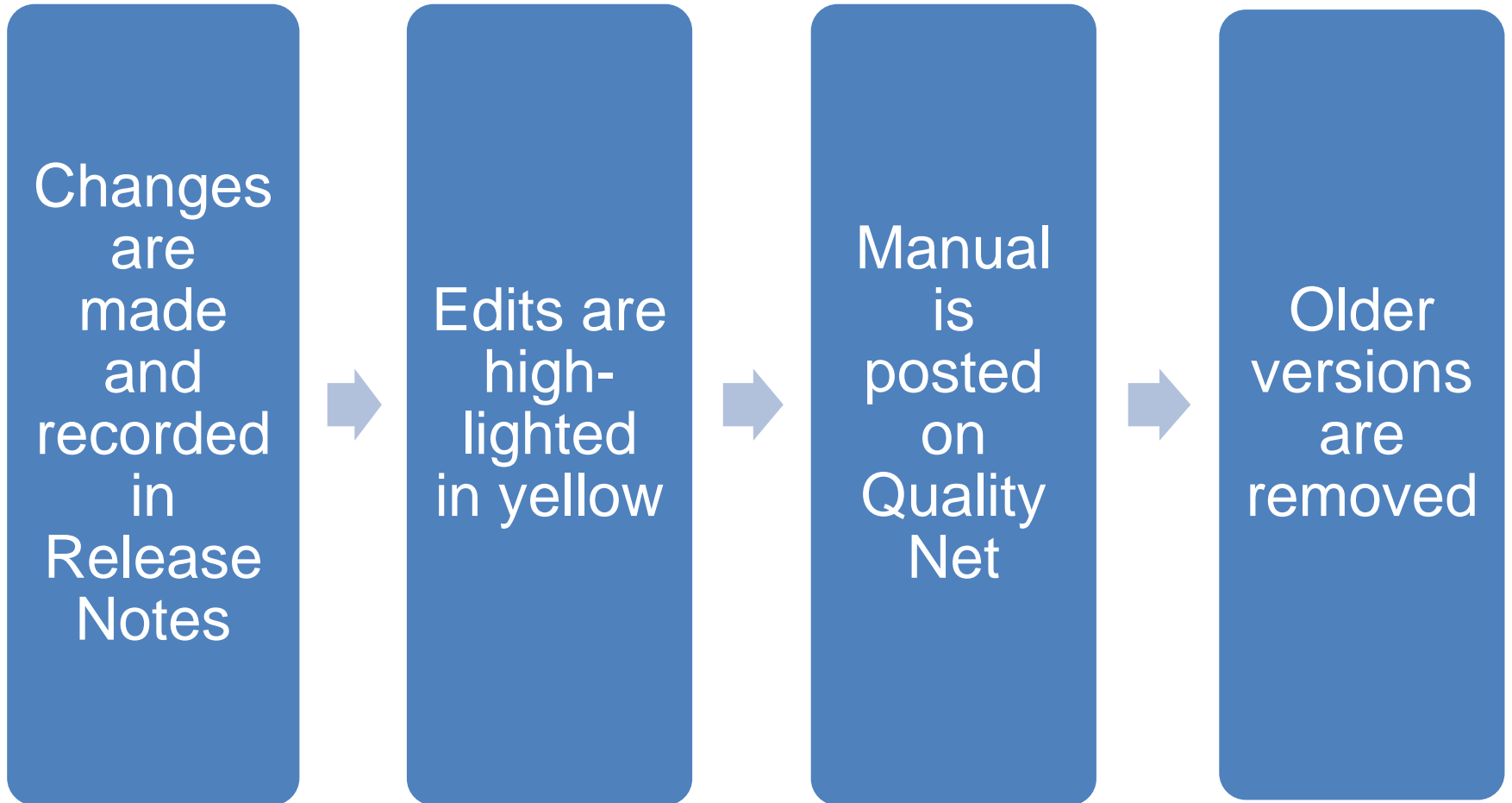
Proposed  
changes  
include the  
"Patients Over  
Paperwork"  
initiative to  
enhance the  
patient care  
experience



# Brief Summary

Measure	Last Time You Report
ASC-1: Patient Burn ASC-2: Patient Fall ASC-3: Wrong Site, Wrong Side, Wrong Patient, Wrong Procedure, Wrong Implant ASC-4: All-Cause Hospital Transfer/Admission	December 31, 2018
ASC-8: Influenza Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel	No longer reported
ASC-10: Endoscopy/Polyp Surveillance: Colonoscopy Interval for Patients with a History of Adenomatous Polyps—Avoidance of Inappropriate Use	May 15, 2019

# The Manual Process



The Hall of Specifications

CMS Presents  
The ASCQR Program  
Specifications  
Manual Tour  
Starting 2pm

Starring:  
Melissa  
★  
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Thompson



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Today:  
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**CY 2019 OPPS/ASCs**  
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has published the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) for Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC) Payment System Final Rule with Comment for CY 2019, [CMS-1695-FC \(pdf\)](#), as of November 21, 2018.

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- [CMS releases Hospital](#)
- [begins](#)
- [CY 2019 OPPS/ASCs](#)

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**Period Published**

is now published the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) for Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC) Payment System Final Rule with Comment for CY 2019, [CMS-1695-FC \(pdf\)](#), as of November 21, 2018.

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- Download Symantec ID (**required** for login)
- Portal Resources
- Secure File Transfer Resources
- Secure Portal Enrollment Training, WMV

**Questions & Answers**

- Ambulatory Surgical Centers
- End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) QIP
- Hospitals - Inpatient



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**Specifications Manuals**

Timelines

Version 8.0a

Version 7.0a

Version 6.0a

Version 5.1

Previous Manuals

**Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting Specifications Manual**

The Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting Program Quality Measures Specifications Manual provides measure information and specifications for Medicare's ASC Quality Reporting Program. These standardized measures were selected by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to measure the quality of care for patients in the ASC setting.

Data Collection Time Period	Specifications Manual
01/01/19 - 12/31/19	<a href="#">Version 8.0a</a>
01/01/18 - 12/31/18	<a href="#">Version 7.0a</a>
01/01/17 - 12/31/17	<a href="#">Version 6.0a</a>
07/01/16 - 12/31/16	<a href="#">Version 5.1</a>
01/01/16 - 06/30/16	<a href="#">Version 5.0a</a>
10/01/15 - 12/31/15	<a href="#">Version 4.1</a>
01/01/15 - 09/30/15	<a href="#">Version 4.0a</a>
01/01/14 - 12/31/14	<a href="#">Version 3.0c</a>
01/01/13 - 12/31/13	<a href="#">Version 2.0</a>
10/01/12 - 12/31/12	<a href="#">Version 1.0b</a>

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The screenshot displays the QualityNet website interface. At the top left is the QualityNet logo. To its right, there is a login prompt: "Log in to QualityNet Secure Portal (formerly MyQualityNet)" with a "Log In" button and a search box. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs for "Home", "My QualityNet", and "Help". Underneath are several menu items with dropdown arrows: "Hospitals - Inpatient", "Hospitals - Outpatient", "Physician Offices", "Ambulatory Surgical Centers", "PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals", "ESRD Facilities", "Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities", and "Quality Improvement".

The main content area features a sidebar on the left titled "Specifications Manuals" with a list of links: "Timelines", "Version 8.0a", "Version 7.0a", "Version 6.0a", "Version 5.1", and "Previous Manuals". The main content area is titled "Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting Specifications Manual, v8.0a". Below the title, it states: "For use in submitting data for encounters from 01/01/19 through 12/31/19." and "View and/or download individual sections of the Specifications Manual, (PDF documents, unless noted), listed below." A list of expandable sections follows: "Release Notes", "Introductory Materials", "Section 1: Measure Information Forms", "Section 2: Sampling Specifications", "Section 3: Quality Data Transmission", "Appendices", and "Download Entire Manual".

At the bottom of the page, a footer contains the text: "QualityNet Help Desk | Accessibility Statements | Privacy Policy | Terms of Use".

# Museum Polling Questions

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A cartoon illustration of a woman with short black hair and glasses, wearing a teal long-sleeved top and a tan skirt, standing on a red carpet. She is pointing towards a sign that reads "Introductory Materials". The sign is framed in orange and yellow and is mounted on a green wall. A spotlight from above illuminates the sign and the woman. A red stanchion rope with gold stanchions is in the foreground.

**Introductory  
Materials**

# Table of Contents

- **Version 8.0**
  - No changes
- **Version 8.0a**
  - **Removed** claims-based measures ASC-1, ASC-2, ASC-3, and ASC-4
  - **Removed** web-based measures ASC-8 and ASC-10

# Program Background and Requirements

- Version **8.0**
  - No changes
- Version **8.0a**
  - Background
    - **Added** “Measures ASC-1 through ASC-4 have been retained in the ASC Quality Reporting Program; however, data collection has been suspended beginning with the CY 2021 payment determination until further action in rulemaking with the goal of updating the data submission method.”

# Program Background and Requirements (cont.)

- Measures Submitted via a Web-Based Tool
  - **Added** Submission Instructions for measures submitted via a web-based tool
  - **Added** the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) disclosure statement after Measures Management Systems text

*Section 1*

**Measure  
Information  
Forms**





# Claims-Based Measures

## Using Quality Data Codes (QDCs):

- ASC-1: Patient Burn
- ASC-2: Patient Fall
- ASC-3: Wrong site, Wrong Side, Wrong Patient, Wrong Procedure, Wrong Implant
- ASC-4: All-Cause Hospital Transfer/Admission

## Outcome Measure:

- ASC-12: Facility 7-Day Risk-Standardized Hospital Visit Rate after Outpatient Colonoscopy

# Measures Submitted via a Web-Based Tool

- ASC-8: Influenza Vaccination Coverage among Healthcare Personnel
- ASC-9: Appropriate Follow-Up Interval for Normal Colonoscopy in Average Risk Patients
- ASC-10: Appropriate Follow-up Interval for Patients with a History of Adenomatous Polyps—Avoidance of Inappropriate Use
- ASC-11: Cataracts—Improvements in Patient's Visual Function within 90 Days Following Cataract Surgery
- ASC-13: Normothermia
- ASC-14: Unplanned Anterior vitrectomy

# ASC-1 through ASC-4

- Measures were retained in the program but data collection was suspended
  - Beginning with the Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Payment Determination to update measures, including data submission methods

# ASC-1 through ASC-4

- **Version 8.0**
  - **Changes**
- **Version 8.0a**
  - **Removed**

# ASC-8

- **Version 8.0**
  - No changes
- **Version 8.0a**
  - **Removed**

# ASC-9

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- Versions **8.0** and **8.0a**
  - No changes

# ASC-10

- Versions **8.0**
  - No changes
- Version **8.0a**
  - **Removed**

# ASC-11

- Version **8.0**
  - Description
    - **Added** “based on completing a pre-operative and post-operative visual function survey”
  - Numerator Statement
    - **Added** 18 years and older
  - Denominator Statement
    - **Changed** “instrument” to “survey”



# ASC-11 (cont.)

- Definitions of Performance Met
  - **Added** Definitions of performance met, not met, and denominator exception by Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code
- **Version 8.0a**
  - No changes

# ASC-12

- Version **8.0**
  - No changes
- Version **8.0a**
  - Cover Page
    - **Changed** to reference CY 2016 through CY 2018 as the performance period for CY 2020 payment determination to reflect that the performance period has been extended from one year to three years and text to reflect the performance period for CY 2021 payment determination
    - **Changed** text to reference the latest measure specifications and direct users to the new Question and Answer (Q&A) tool

# ASC-12 (cont.)

- Included Population
  - **Changed** language to include explicit mention of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes and link to direct users to the Measure Updates and Specifications Report on QualityNet
- CPT® Codes
  - **Removed** CPT® codes that define the patient cohort
- Cohort Exclusions
  - **Added** explicit mention of cohort exclusions and diagnosis codes to a link directing users to the measure specifications
  - **Removed** bullet points, Table 1 and Table 2
- Selected References
  - **Changed** reference to the 2016 measure specifications with reference to the latest specifications

# ASC-13

- **Version 8.0**
  - **Added** Rationale section to the Measure Information Form (MIF)
- **Version 8.0a**
  - No changes

# ASC-14

- **Version 8.0**
  - **Added** Rationale section to the MIF
- **Version 8.0a**
  - No changes

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*Section 2*



**Sampling  
Specifications**



# Sampling Specifications

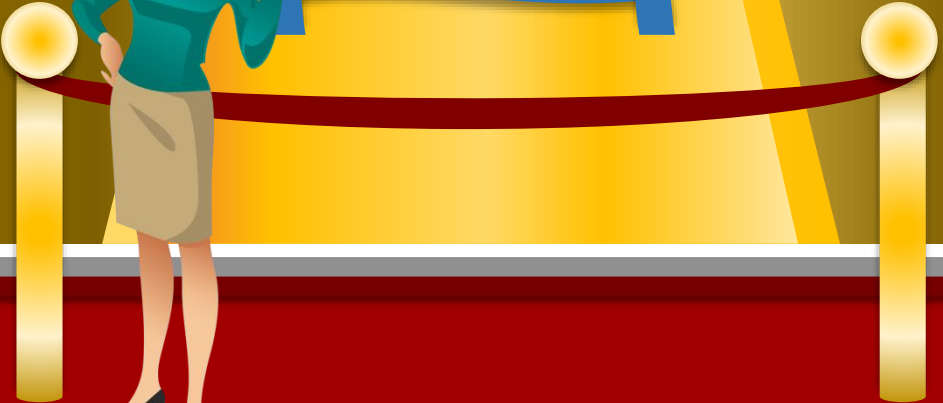
- Version **8.0**
  - No changes
- Version **8.0a**
  - **Removed** Quality-Data Coding from Section 2 title
  - **Removed** language referencing Quality-Data Coding and ASC-1 through ASC-4



*Section 3*



**Quality  
Data  
Transmission**



# Quality-Data Transmission

- **Version 8.0**
  - File Layout
    - **Added** ASC-13 and ASC-14 to comma-separated values (CSV) file layout
- **Version 8.0a**
  - Quality-Data Transmission
    - **Removed** ASC-10 from Ambulatory Surgical Center Web-Based Measure Batch Submission File Layout



Appendices

# Appendix A

- **Version 8.0**
  - No changes
- **Version 8.0a**
  - **Removed** Glossary of Terms
  - **Added** Appendix A placeholder for future use

# Appendix B

- **Version 8.0**
  - Preview Section
    - **Added** ASC-17 and ASC-18
- **Version 8.0a**
  - No changes

# Resources

- To locate the Specifications Manual:  
[www.qualitynet.org](http://www.qualitynet.org)
- Have a question? Use the Questions & Answers tool in QualityNet:
  - <https://cms-ocsq.custhelp.com/>
- Contact the support contractor helpdesk:
  - 866.800.8756

# Questions



# Continuing Education Approval

This program has been approved for 1.0 continuing education (CE) unit for the following professional boards:

- Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling
- Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators
- Florida Council of Dietetics
- Florida Board of Pharmacy
- Board of Registered Nursing (Provider #16578)
  - It is your responsibility to submit this form to your accrediting body for credit.



# CE Credit Process

- Complete the ReadyTalk® survey that will pop up after the webinar, or wait for the survey that will be sent to all registrants within the next 48 hours.
- After completion of the survey, click “Done” at the bottom of the screen.
- Another page will open that asks you to register in HSAG’s Learning Management Center.
  - This is separate from registering for the webinar. If you have not registered at the Learning Management Center, you will **not** receive your certificate.
  - Please use your **personal** email so you can receive your certificate.
  - Healthcare facilities have firewalls that block our certificates.

# CE Certificate Problems?

- If you do not immediately receive a response to the email you used to register in the Learning Management Center, a firewall is blocking the survey link.
- Please go back to the New User link and register your personal email account.
- If you continue to have problems, please contact Deb Price at [dprice@hsag.com](mailto:dprice@hsag.com).

# CE Credit Process: Survey

No

Please provide any additional comments

**10. What is your overall level of satisfaction with this presentation?**

Very satisfied

Somewhat satisfied

Neutral

Somewhat dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

If you answered "very dissatisfied", please explain

**11. What topics would be of interest to you for future presentations?**

**12. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to leave your name and phone number or email address and we will contact you.**

Done

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# CE Credit Process

Thank you for completing our survey!

Please click on one of the links below to obtain your certificate for your state licensure.

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**New User Link:**

<https://lmc.hshapps.com/register/default.aspx?ID=da0a12bc-db39-408f-b429-d6f6b9ccb1ae>

**Existing User Link:**

<https://lmc.hshapps.com/test/adduser.aspx?ID=da0a12bc-db39-408f-b429-d6f6b9ccb1ae>

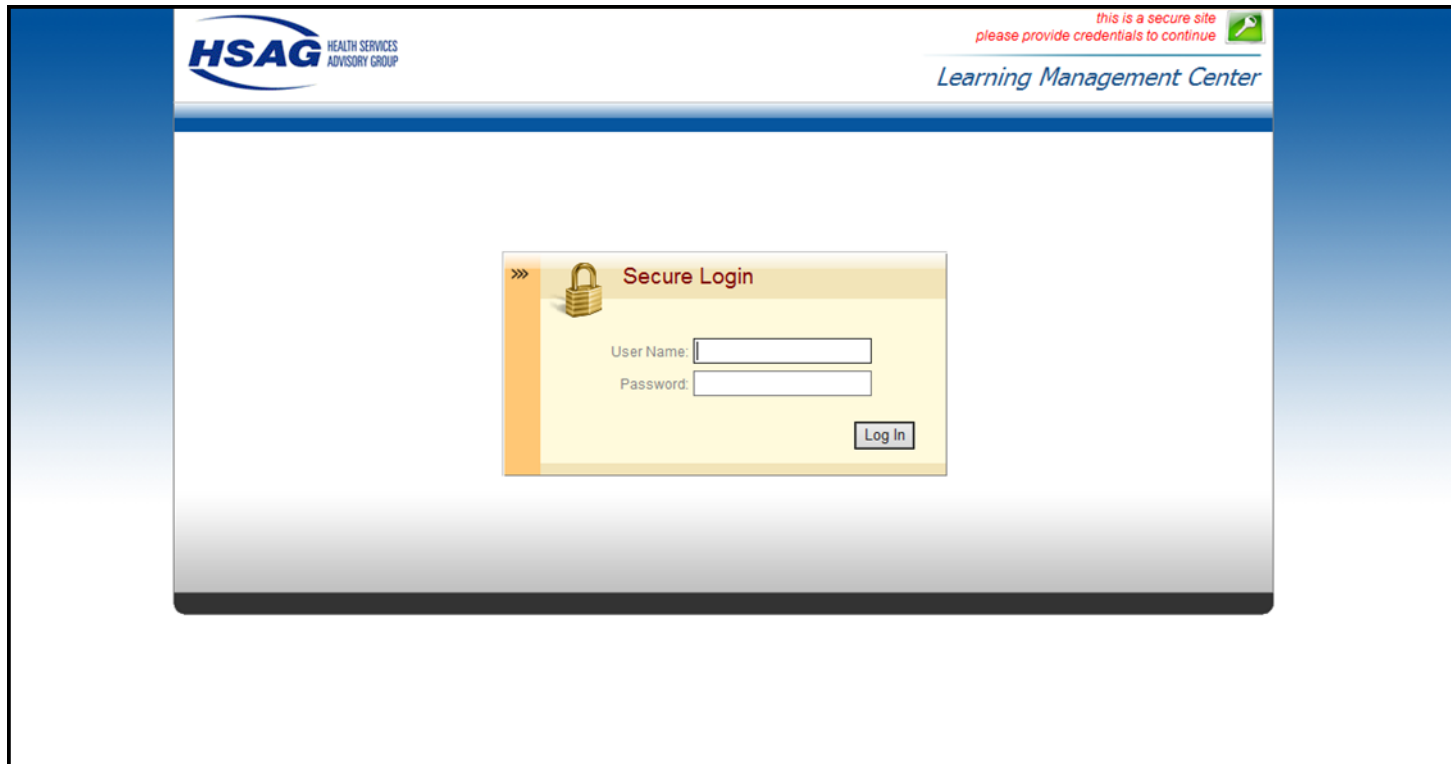
**Note:** If you click the 'Done' button below, you will not have the opportunity to receive your certificate without participating in a longer survey.

Done

# CE Credit Process: New User

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the registration page for a new user. The page header includes the HSAG logo (Health Services Advisory Group) on the left and a security warning on the right: "this is a secure site please provide credentials to continue" with a lock icon. Below the header, the text "Learning Management Center" is displayed. The main heading for the registration is "Learning Center Registration: OQR: 2015 Specifications Manual Update - 1-21-2015". The registration form contains four input fields: "First Name:", "Last Name:", "Email:", and "Phone:". The "Phone:" field has a small icon of a telephone handset. Below the input fields is a "Register" button. The entire form is set against a light blue gradient background.

# CE Credit Process: Existing User



The screenshot displays the login interface for the HSAG Learning Management Center. At the top left is the HSAG logo with the text "HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP". At the top right, a red security warning reads "this is a secure site please provide credentials to continue" next to a green padlock icon. Below this is the text "Learning Management Center". The central focus is a "Secure Login" box with a yellow background and a gold padlock icon. It contains two input fields: "User Name:" and "Password:". A "Log In" button is positioned at the bottom right of the login box.

# Thank You for Participating!

Please contact the Support Contractor if you have any questions:

- Submit questions online through the QualityNet Question & Answer Tool at [www.qualitynet.org](http://www.qualitynet.org)

*Or*

- Call the Support Contractor at 866.800.8756.