



Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting Program

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The Ins and Outs of Measure Submission Via a Web-Based Tool

Questions & Answers

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Question: The QualityNet Site still is not allowing input of this year's results. When will this be available?

Answer: The QualityNet tool is scheduled to be updated to have the ability to select the payment year 2018 for the 2017 data submission entry by April 1, 2017

Question: When is the 2016 data due?

Answer: The QualityNet tool to enter the web based measures is scheduled to update April 1, 2017. This will allow for the data entry for the payment year 2018. This entry is based on 2016 encounters, entered in the secure portal. The web-based measures entered using a CMS on-line submission tool (QualityNet) are due to be entered by August 15, 2017. The ASC-8 measure is reported through the NHCN and has submission due date of May 15, 2017.

Question: Once the data is submitted, how often can it be submitted or can information be corrected once submitted?

Answer: Any information can be edited up until the deadline for submission. At that point, it is locked and no other changes or additions can be made.

Question: I tried to report my measures and I did not see a 2019 payment year as an option. Why do I not have this option?



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Answer: The option for PY 2019 will not display as we are currently reporting 2016 data for 2018 payment year. The QualityNet tool to enter the web based measures is scheduled to update April 1, 2017. This will allow for the data entry for the payment year 2018. This entry is based on 2016 encounters, entered in the secure portal. The web based measures are due to be entered by August 15, 2017

Question: Are bilateral procedures counted as one or two?

Answer: Yes, any bilateral procedures are counted as two. In short, if you bill it then you count it.

Question: I have done all this reporting before but when I go on *QualityNet* to put in last year's info there is nowhere to input it. The last payment year is 2017 and I did that last year

Answer: The QualityNet tool to enter the web based measures is scheduled to update April 1, 2017. This will allow for the data entry for the payment year 2018. This entry is based on 2016 encounters, entered in the secure portal. The web based measures are due to be entered by August 15, 2017

Question: What if a year but no month is given for the last colonoscopy?

Answer: Base the date on your available documentation. If you have a month and year, base the last colonoscopy on this date. If you only have a documented year, base the time period on the year.

Question: For measures ASC-9 and ASC-10, is it 900 procedures of any kind or 900 colonoscopies?

Answer: The measure population will be based on 900 colonoscopies that meet the denominator requirements. From these cases, select your facilities sample of 63 or 96. This information is found on the table in your Specifications Manual at:
<https://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetHomepage&cid=1120143435383>.

Question: Will you have a webinar for submissions of the PQRS measures?

Answer: We are the ASCQR support contractor. We provide support and education for this program. We are not the support contractor for the PQRS program. QualityNet is your support contractor for PQRS, and they can be contacted at 866.288 8912



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- Question:** On Hospital Compare, can you see why you rate where you rate or does it give recommendations on how to increase your ratings? It's just hard to read the report and relate it to how we can improve
- Answer:** This data is based on what is reported by your facility. It does not provide recommendations.
- Question:** Our organization is registered with QualityNet but I still haven't gotten a confirmation email from SAMS to proceed with reporting. Who do I contact to find out what is wrong/taking so long?
- Answer:** The registration with the QualityNet is not the same as the registration with the NHSN for your SAMS grid card. These platforms are completely separate and require separate registration. You should initiate your access with NHSN on the NHSN web site at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/enrollment/index.html>.
- Question:** For ASC-7 measure, does this apply to Medicare patients or all payors.
- Answer:** ASC-7 applies to all payors.
- Question:** If your center does not do colonoscopy or cataracts do you still have to report these measures?
- Answer:** If you do not perform colonoscopies, then you should enter "0" for these measures, do not leave this blank. ASC-11 is not a required measure as it is a voluntary measure. You can enter "0" or leave it blank. Please note, if you report data for ASC-11, it will be publicly reported.
- Question:** So, if we don't do 63 cases for ASC-9 and ASC-10, we just do everyone right?
- Answer:** Yes, you will abstract 100% of your cases.
- Question:** Is the reporting deadline for this year still August?
- Answer:** Yes, the web-based measures entered using a CMS on-line submission tool (QualityNet) are due to be entered by August 15, 2017. The ASC-8 measure is reported through the NHSN and has submission due date of May 15, 2017.
- Question:** Submitting data collected in the calendar year 2016 is for the Payment Year 2018, correct?



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Answer: Yes, the data collection period from January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016 is reported in 2017 and will be used for Payment Year Determination 2018. The web-based measures enter using a CMS on-line submission tool (QualityNet) are due to be entered by August 15, 2017. The ASC-8 measure is reported through the NHSN and has submission due date of May 15, 2017.

Question: We are a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) that performs endoscopes and colonoscopies; are we expected to submit data on these measures?

Answer: CAHs are reimbursed under the OPPTS. These measures are under the OQR program, as well as OP-29 and OP-30, and may be reported should the CAH desire to do so. Participation in the OQR Program is voluntary for CAH. Should you have additional questions please call us at 866-800-8756.

Question: In the case of a 70 year-old patient that has a screening colonoscopy; recommended follow-up date is "no further follow-up is needed." Which category does this fall into?

Answer: If the physician documented that "based on the patient's age, no further follow-up is needed", then the patient would be excluded from the measure.

Question: On the ASC-9 and ASC-10 measures, what prevents us from reporting only the 96 samples that comply? Basically, leaving out the non-compliant cases?

Answer: Based on the size of the hospital's population for each measure, you are required to submit a minimum sample of 63 or 96 cases per year. The intention of the sample is to be representative of the total population.

Question: For the ASC-9 measure, it asks for hospital total population and sample size, can you clarify?

Answer: For ASC-9, as well as ASC-10, the population is the total number of cases that meet the denominator criteria, regardless of payor. The sample size based on this number is found on Table 3 of the Specifications Manual. In summary, if you have 0-900 colonoscopies in your population, you will submit 63 cases. If you have great than 900, you will submit 96 cases.