



# Outpatient Quality Reporting Program

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### CY 2019 OPPS/ASC Final Rule: Hospital OQR Program

#### Questions & Answers

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**Question:** Please state the last "Encounter/Performance" dates to be submitted for the OP-30 measure. The different time frames for the CY 2021 Payment Determination is not helpful to those of us collecting and submitting the data.

**Answer:** OP-30 is being removed from the program for the 2021 Payment Determination. This means encounters occurring from January 1 through December 31, 2018, will be submitted to QualityNet by the submission deadline of May 15, 2019. Data will no longer need to be collected for this measure after that submission.

**Question:** Why do we have to continue to collect data on OP-5 until March 30, 2019, but we stop collecting data for OP-30 on December 31, 2018?

**Answer:** OP-5 is a chart-abstracted measure submitted quarterly. OP-30 is a web-based measure submitted annually. The encounter dates for these measures are different. For OP-5, removal is for Payment Determination Year 2021; your last reporting date would be the Q1 2019 data, using encounters January 1—March 31, 2019. You would report these data through the QualityNet Secure Portal by the submission deadline of Aug 1, 2019. OP-30 is being removed from the program for the 2021 Payment Determination as well. This means encounters occurring from January 1 through December 31, 2018, will be submitted to QualityNet by the submission deadline of May 15, 2019.

**Question:** Since measure OP-30 has been "finalized for removal beginning with the CY 2021 Payment Determination," does that mean that I no longer have to perform data abstraction on encounters after December 31, 2018? I see the last time I need to report data for this measure is by May 15, 2019, and I'll be reporting data abstraction for all of CY 2018 encounters, correct?



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- Answer:** You are correct. OP-30 is being removed from the program for the 2021 Payment Determination. This means encounters occurring from January 1 through December 31, 2018, will be submitted to QualityNet by the submission deadline of May 15, 2019.
- Question:** When you say, "CY 2021 Payment Determination," does that mean Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, therefore referring to CY 2019 data abstraction?
- Answer:** The Hospital OQR Program does not use the term FY. Measure timeframes have different reporting dates. For the claims-based Imaging Efficiency Measures OP-9, OP -11, and OP-14, these would be claims through June 30, 2018. For the chart-abstracted measure OP-5, you will submit 1Q 2019 (January 1–March 31, 2019 encounters) as the last quarter of data for this measure. The 1Q 2019 submission deadline is August 1, 2019. For the web-based measures OP-12, OP -17, and OP-30, you will report your CY 2018 encounters by May 15, 2019. This will be the last data collection for these removed web-based measures. Our website has an Important Dates Document outlining this information. That link is: <https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Hospital-OQR-Important-Dates-2020-payment-determination-FINAL.pdf>.
- Question:** OP-27, Influenza Vaccination for Healthcare Personnel, is removed for Outpatient but is still required for Inpatient Reporting, correct?
- Answer:** We cannot speak specifically to the IQR measures. Please call them directly at 844.472.4477.
- Question:** Will OP-12, OP-17, and OP-27 still need to be entered this May for 2018 data?
- Answer:** Yes. For the web-based measures OP-12, OP -17, and OP-30, you will report your CY 2018 encounters (January 1—December 31, 2018) by May 15, 2019. This will be the last data collection for these removed web-based measures.
- Question:** The presenter stated when covering slide number 17 that OP-29 was a web-based measure, but when reviewing the measure on slide 19, stated it was chart-abstracted? Please clarify.
- Answer:** Yes, OP-29 is a web-based measure submitted annually. However, the data that is reported is abstracted through chart abstraction and evaluation.



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- Question:** Please confirm the "performance/encounter" dates for when the OP-5 measure is being removed. Is it April 1, 2019?
- Answer:** No. OP-5 has been removed for Payment Determination Year 2021. Your last reporting date would be for the Q1 2019 data, using encounters January 1—March 31, 2019. You will report these data through the QualityNet Secure Portal by the submission deadline of Aug 1, 2019.
- Question:** When is the last time we submit data for OP-5? She said Q1 and August first.
- Answer:** Correct. Your last reporting date would be for the Q1 2019 data, using encounters January 1—March 31, 2019 that you would report through the QualityNet Secure Portal by the submission deadline of August 1, 2019.
- Question:** The CY 2020 payment determination equates to what data collection timeframe?
- Answer:** For the claims-based Imaging Efficiency Measures OP-9, OP -11, and OP-14, these would be claims through June 30, 2018. For the chart-abstracted measure OP-5, you will submit 1Q 2019 (January 1—March 31, 2019 encounters) as the last quarter of data for this measure. The 1Q 2019 submission deadline is Aug 1, 2019. For the web-based measures OP-12, OP -17, and OP-30, you will report your CY 2018 encounters by May 15, 2019. This will be the last data collection for these removed web-based measures. Our website has an Important Dates Document outlining this information. That link is: <https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Hospital-OQR-Important-Dates-2020-payment-determination-FINAL.pdf>.
- Question:** Since OP-5 will stop being collected after 1Q 2019, does this mean Outpatient Patient Chest Pain will no longer be collected?
- Answer:** Yes, the Chest Pain (CP) Measure set contains only the OP-5 measure; therefore, after 1Q 2019 you will not have any CP measures to abstract.
- Question:** For OP-27, the presenter had said this is retained in the IQR Program. I believe that is incorrect, as measure IMM-2 has been removed for CY 2019 discharges, and thus all data abstraction for that measure ends as of 1/1/2019, correct?
- Answer:** OP-27 was removed from this program but we do request you follow up with the Inpatient Quality Reporting Program regarding measures pertaining to that program. You can reach them at 844.472.4477.



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- Question:** Could you clarify what quarters are required for reporting for CY 2021 Payment Determination?
- Answer:** For clinical data reported quarterly, Q2 2019, Q3 2019, Q4 2019, and Q1 2020. Our website has an Important Dates Document outlining this information. That link is: <https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Hospital-OQR-Important-Dates-2020-payment-determination-FINAL.pdf>.
- Question:** Will computer updates for CART submission include once a year for updates to the program or will that continue?
- Answer:** CART updates will continue with any measure update or system update. Always check the CART downloads and Information page to make sure you are using the correct version. If you are unaware of how to do this, you can call the Support Contractor at 866.800.8756.
- Question:** Is the OAS (Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery) CAHPS voluntary?
- Answer:** OP-37, OAS CAHPS, has been delayed in the CY 2018 Final Rule and is not a requirement at this time.
- Question:** When will the refresh of Hospital Compare be published? Is there a planned date?
- Answer:** Hospital Compare will be refreshed sometime in early February. A ListServe announcement will be sent when the data are refreshed.
- Question:** I am confused about OP-30 being a web-based measure. Data for this measure is also manually chart-abstracted. Does this mean we discontinue the chart abstraction and the web-based collection in May?
- Answer:** OP-30 is a web-based measure; however, collecting the data does require a facility to abstract those cases that meet the measure in order to submit the data into the web-based tool on QualityNet. You will report your CY 2018 encounters by May 15, 2019. This will be the last data collection for these removed web-based measures. Our website has an Important Dates Document outlining this information. That link is: <https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Hospital-OQR-Important-Dates-2020-payment-determination-FINAL.pdf>.
- Question:** Please explain what the reporting period is for the Payment Determination Year.



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**Answer:**

It is somewhat variable, as some measures are reported quarterly and others annually. With regard to the removed measures: For the claims-based Imaging Efficiency Measures OP-9, OP -11, and OP-14, these would be claims through June 30, 2018. For the chart-abstracted measure OP-5, you will submit 1Q 2019 (January 1–March 31, 2019 encounters) as the last quarter of data for this measure. The 1Q 2019 submission deadline is August 1, 2019. For the web-based measures OP-12, OP -17, and OP-30, you will report your CY 2018 encounters by May 15, 2019. This will be the last data collection for these removed web-based measures. Our website has an Important Dates Document outlining this information. That link is: <https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Hospital-OQR-Important-Dates-2020-payment-determination-FINAL.pdf>.