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CY 2019 OPPTS/ASC Final Rule: Hospital OQR Program

Questions & Answers

Speaker

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Question: What is FR 59080?

Answer: FR is the acronym for *Federal Register*. This is where the Final Rule is posted. The number 59080 is the page number where the Hospital OQR section begins, and 83 is the volume number.

Question: It is noted that the OP-30 measure will be removed. When do we stop abstraction?

Answer: The last reporting date for OP-30 will be by the submission deadline of May 15, 2019. This will include encounters from January 1 through December 31, 2018.

Question: On slide 16, for “Payment Determination Year for Proposed Removal” of CY 2021, what are the patient discharge dates for CY 2021?

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 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.

Question: Do we continue to abstract OP-29 throughout 2019?

Answer: OP-29 is not being removed from the program. So, you would continue to report this measure. 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



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the submission deadline of May 15, 2019. Data will no longer need to be collected for this measure after that submission.

Question: Does the OP-5 measure fall into the Chest Pain (CP) or AMI (Acute Myocardial Infarction) measure set, or both?

Answer: OP-5 falls into both AMI and CP measure sets.

Question: I am confused about OP-5. When do we stop abstracting, what quarter? Do we abstract this measure in 2019?

Answer: 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 August 1, 2019.

Question: When is the data entry period for CY 2021 Payment Determination year? Does it vary by measure?

Answer: Yes, it does vary. 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: What Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) program retained the Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel measure?

Answer: We cannot speak specifically to the IQR measures. We do request you call the Inpatient Team directly at 844.472.4477.

Question: Please clarify the last quarter we need to abstract for OP-30.

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



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deadline of May 15, 2019. Data will no longer need to be collected for this measure after that submission.

Question: Will submission of data also equal public reporting on Hospital Compare?

Answer: Yes, a submission of data reported for this program will be publicly reported on Hospital Compare.

Question: Regarding the removed measures, does “removed for CY 2021 Payment Determination Year” the same as saying CY 2019?

Answer: No, depending on the measure you are reporting. 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: Please repeat what you said about OAS (Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery) CAHPS being delayed again.

Answer: The OP 37a-e survey measures were finalized as delayed in the CY 2018 Final Rule, and are not required to be reported at this time but may be required in the future, pending further rule-making. There were no changes to this in the CY 2019 Final Rule.

Question: So, am I correct that the last quarter to be abstracted for OP-5 is Quarter 1 2019?

Answer: Yes. For OP-5, removal for the 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 August 1, 2019.

Question: If a hospital has been reporting OQR, do they need to re-register every year without the NOP?



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- Answer:** No. The Notice of Participation will continue to carry forward automatically; therefore, no additional requirement will be needed for your hospital.
- Question:** Regarding slide 39 and OP-18, is this correct that this measure is not removed?
- Answer:** OP-18 has not been removed from the OQR program. You will continue to submit this data for the CY 2020 payment determination and subsequent years.
- Question:** Are there plans to add new measures in the future, and will there be a grace period for collection of data?
- Answer:** Any new measures will go through the rule-making process and set forth in a future publicly displayed Proposed Rule for public comment. They will then either be finalized or not finalized in the Final Rule. There were no new measures proposed or finalized in this CY 2019 Final Rule.
- Question:** Why is OP-37 being delayed again?
- Answer:** The mention of the delay for the OP-37 measure was in the CY 2018 Final Rule. There is no date set to require submission of this measure. If the measure is required again, it will go through the rule-making process first.
- Question:** Instead of what is being retired, can you please provide a list of all the measures required in CY 2019 and in 2020?
- Answer:** Yes. We cover this later in the presentation. 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:** Just to clarify, effective January 1, we should no longer abstract OP-30?
- 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.