Outpatient Quality Reporting Program

CMS Abstraction & Reporting Tool (CART): Knowing the Basics

Questions & Answers

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Question: When can CART users expect to see the OP-29,-30, and-33 added into the CART software?

Answer: OP -29, OP-30, and OP-33 will not be placed in CART. These measures are reported annually via the online web-based tool through QualityNet and to not require CART abstraction.

Question: Did she say this was version 1.16? There is no version 1.16 available on QualityNet.

Answer: No, the CART version for encounters 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017 is 1.15

Question: When is it required for CAH to report? (I'm not talking about the payment year, but the data year).

Answer: For purposes of the Hospital OQR program, there is no mandate that CAH's participate in the Outpatient Quality Reporting Program. All reporting done by CAH is voluntary. CMS has not made CAH reporting mandatory at this time. But there is a program that may require you to submit data to the Outpatient Quality Reporting Program. Under the National Rural Health Resource Center there is the Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP). This program uses the Outpatient Quality Reporting Program submission program, but they collect the data.

For more information on this program please contact (800) 997-6685 (218) 727-9390 ext. 0, or email: info@ruralcenter.org

Question: Is it okay to practice and do testing with CART (import, test abstractions, etc.), then delete the test records before working with live data?

Answer: Yes, you can create test cases and patients in CART. You are even able to upload them into the "TEST" folder in **Secure File Transfer**; these cases will not be uploaded into the Data Warehouse.

Question: When will this transcript be available?

Answer: The recorded version of this presentation, along with the written transcript, will be available under the **Archived Events** tab on the qualityreportingcenter.com website in the next few weeks.

Question: Are any facilities currently uploading patient demographics into CART yet? Or are patients within the CART tool currently being added individually and manually?

Answer: I'm not clear on your question, if you are asking if facilities are using CART to register patients, then the answer is no. Most facilities are adding individual patients to CART, but CART is able to accept a HTML file. You can find this in the CART Outpatient Online Help Guide:

Question: Under the **Abstraction** tab, can you explain what the usage is for the terms: Import Zip, Import CSV, and Import XML? Who is actually importing data into CART? Who is successfully importing into CART and when will those details be provided by CMS/Quality Net?

Answer: We are not sure of the file layout that is required for uploads. Please contact the QualityNet helpdesk at 866-800-8912; they are the support for CART.

Question: Do we resubmit if we do not see all of the patients we put in?

Answer: If you do not receive confirmation of all data submission you would want to resubmit your data.