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Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Program

May 2018 Data Submission Deadlines

Hospital OQR Program data submitted via a web-based tool must be entered into the QualityNet Secure Portal by the May 15, 2018 11:59 PM (PT) deadline.

Hospitals participating in the Hospital OQR Program are also required to submit healthcare personnel influenza vaccination summary data to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for the 2017/2018 flu season (October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018) by the May 15, 2018 deadline.

Failure to complete the submission of these data by their deadline puts your facility at risk of a 2% reduction to your calendar year (CY) 2019 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Medicare payment update.

More information on data submission can be found on the **Tools and Resources** page of qualityreportingcenter.com.

Submission of Hospital OQR Population and Sampling data is voluntary.

Section added to Specifications Manual v11.0a

There is a new addition to the Hospital OQR Specifications Manual version 11.0a.

▶ Section 5 – Hospital Outpatient Quality Measure Data Transmission

▶ Section 6 – Tools and Resources

▶ Appendices

The new Section 6: Tools and Resources, features guideline documents pertaining to program measures and Data Elements with the effective dates of January 1 2018 –December 31, 2018.

Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Program Support is available by calling, toll-free, 866.800.8756 weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

or

through Outpatient Questions and Answers tool at https://cms-ocsq.custhelp.com,

Sampling Methods: What's the difference?

Simple Random Sampling vs Systematic Random Sampling?

If you choose the **Random Sampling method** you would select your entire sample at one time randomly and without bias.
Example: An ED quarterly population of 900 or less, selects all 63 sample cases randomly at once.

With **Systematic Random Sampling**, only the first case is selected at random. After that you would select an interval number to collect the remaining required sample size.
Example: With an ED quarterly population of 500, you will need a sample size of 63. You would select the first case between 1 and 500 at random. Then select an interval number (either by a table or computer generated random number) to collect your remaining 62 sample cases.

You can read more about sampling on QualityNet in the OQR Specifications Manual v11.0a Population and Sampling section.

Reminder: Website Walk-through Webinar

The Hospital OQR Program webinar, "**Website Walk-through: Tools and Resources for the Hospital OQR Program,**" presented on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 is now available for download on QualityReportingCenter.com

The webinar explores the two most commonly accessed websites for the Hospital OQR Program and demonstrates new resources, as well as upgraded features essential to quality reporting.

Facility-Specific Reports Available

For the first time, hospitals can expect to receive an OIE (Outpatient Imaging Efficiency) Facility-Specific Report (FSR) in May 2018 via QualityNet.

These reports will include patient level data for the Outpatient OIE measures including OP-8, OP-9, OP-10, OP-11, OP-13, and OP-14. The FSR will reflect Quarter 3 2016 - Quarter 2 2017 encounters.

Program Support

If you are looking to find specific measure information and deadlines for the Hospital OQR Program, please view the Measures and Timelines document available on QualityNet.org, the submission deadline checklist on Qualityreportingcenter.com, or peruse past webinar slides on the Archived Events page.