



Outpatient Quality Reporting Program

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CY 2019 OPPS/ASC Proposed Rule: Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR) Program

Questions & Answers

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- Question:** What patient encounter dates correlate with removal of OP-29 and OP-30 should their removal be included in the final rule?
- Answer:** If the removal of OP-29 and OP-30 is finalized in November, the last time hospitals would be required to report data for these measures would be May 15, 2019 for calendar year 2018 encounters.
- Question:** If OP-27 is removed, when would be the last reporting period?
- Answer:** If the removal of OP-27 is finalized in November, the last time hospitals were required to report data for this measure was May 2018 for the Hospital OQR Program. Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program requirements may differ; please contact them at 844-472-4477 or 866-800-8765.
- Question:** I'm a little confused about the removal of OP-12, 17, etc. If these are proposed changes to Calendar Year (CY) 2021, wouldn't that mean that we would be collecting data CY 2019?
- Answer:** If the removal of OP-12, -17, -29, -30, and -31 is finalized in November, the last time hospitals would be required to report data for these measures would be May 15, 2019 for calendar year 2018 encounters.



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- Question:** Can you post a direct link to the slides here for download?
- Answer:** You can find the slides for today's event on our website at:
<https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/hospitaloqr/events/>.
- Question:** What data collection year pertains to CY 2020 Payment Determination?
- Answer:** The quarterly data collection period includes patient encounters from Q2 2018, Q3 2018, Q4 2018, and Q1 2019 (April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019). The web-based measure data collection period, except for OP-27, includes patient encounters from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. The data collection period for OP-27 follows the flu season of October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.
- Question:** If the removal of OP-5 is finalized for removal in November, when will be the last quarter to report this data?
- Answer:** If the removal of OP-5 is finalized in November, the last time hospitals would be required to report data for this measure would be August 1, 2019 for Q1 2019 encounters.
- Question:** In the future can you align with the other programs in describing CY and Fiscal Year (FY)? Using CY Payment Determination is confusing to figure out when things go into effect.
- Answer:** CMS is aware of the discrepancies between various programs.
- Question:** What year do you stop collecting OP-29 and OP-30 for CY 2021 payment determination?
- Answer:** If the removal of OP-29 and OP-30 is finalized in November, the last time hospitals would be required to report data for these measures would be May 15, 2019 for calendar year 2018 encounters.
- Question:** I am confused as to the different calendar year payment determination dates. Some are 2020 and other 2021. Could you please clarify this? What actual dates coincide with the calendar year payment determination?
- Answer:** We will begin with the Calendar Year (CY) 2020 Payment Determination.
- The quarterly data collection period includes patient encounters from Q2 2018, Q3 2018, Q4 2018, and Q1 2019 (April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019).



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- The web-based measure data collection period, except for OP-27, includes patient encounters from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
- The data collection period for OP-27 follows the flu season of October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

You would then back these dates up one year for the CY 2019 Payment Determination or go forward one year for the CY 2021 Payment Determination. There is a very helpful document on our website that provides this information: <https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Hospital-OQR-Important-Dates-2020-payment-determination-1.pdf>.

Question: If a measure removal is approved beginning with CY 2021, does that mean cessation of data collection beginning October 2019?

Answer: No. If the removal of OP-27 is finalized in November, the last time hospitals were required to report data for this measure was May 2018 for the Hospital OQR Program. IQR Program requirements may differ; please contact them at 844-472-4477 or 866-800-8765.

If the removal of OP-5 is finalized in November, the last time hospitals would be required to report data for this measure would be August 1, 2019 for Q1 2019 encounters.

If the removal of OP-12, -17, -29, -30, and -31 is finalized in November, the last time hospitals would be required to report data for these measures would be May 15, 2019 for calendar year 2018 encounters.

Question: I am not clear on what is meant by CY 2020 payment determination, is that 2018? What date will these retire?

Answer: If the removal of OP-27 is finalized in November, the last time hospitals were required to report data for this measure was May 2018 for the Hospital OQR Program. IQR Program requirements may differ; please contact them at 844-472-4477 or 866-800-8765.

Question: Is there a two year lag with payment determination? CY 2020 would be data from 2018?

Answer: In summary, payment determination refers to the year the facility receives the payment update. The reporting period is when you are submitting your data. There is a very helpful document on our website that summarizes this. You can use this direct link:



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Question: To clarify, on slide 45, OP-23 measure Head CT, does the "Yes" indicate that OP-23 is proposed to continue onward within the CY 2020 determination?

Answer: The "Yes" means, for that measure and that payment year, you will report data. For the measures with the "Yes," there are no proposal changes.

Question: What quarters include CY 2020 payment determination?

Answer: For the CY 2020 Payment Determination, the quarterly data collection period includes patient encounters from Q2 2018, Q3 2018, Q4 2018, and Q1 2019 (April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019). You can access a very helpful document on our website that provides this information at:
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