



Outpatient Quality Program Systems and Stakeholder Support Team

Where in the World? Finding Your Way to Successful Reporting for the ASCQR Program

Questions and Answers

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Subject-matter experts researched and answered the following questions during the live webinar. The questions and answers may have been edited for grammar.



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**Question #1: Are we required to report G8907 or G8918 to Medicare?
What codes are currently required?**

The requirement for reporting the ASC-1 through ASC-4 measures via Quality Data Codes (QDCs), or G codes, was suspended in the calendar year (CY) 2019 rulemaking cycle (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-11-21/pdf/2018-24243.pdf>). In the most recent rulemaking cycle ([2021–24011.pdf \(govinfo.gov\)](#)), mandatory reporting of the ASC-1 through ASC-4 measures was finalized to begin with the CY 2023 reporting period for the CY 2025 payment determination year. These data will be reported via a web-based tool and will not utilize QDCs or G-Codes.

Question #2: Can we look up if we are required to report anywhere?

The claims threshold for the Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program states that, if you bill more than 240 or more Medicare claims per year (primary plus secondary payer), you should report data for this program. If you are not sure of your claim count, you can call our help line at (866) 800-8756.

Question #3: If the CMS Certification Number (CCN) for a new ASC is effective June 7, 2021, must it report data for 2021 by May 16, 2022?

No, the ASC can wait until next year. You should use the 2022 reporting period (January 1 through December 31, 2022), and submit your data during the submission period in CY 2023 for the CY 2024 payment determination year.

Question #4: Do you have a data collection tool to collect the information for the patient satisfaction survey, or do we formulate our own?

For the ASC-15a–e measures, a CMS-certified vendor, not the ASC, will administer the surveys. More information on the surveys and the measures can be found at <https://oascahps.org/General-Information/About-OAS-CAHPS-Survey>.

Question #5: If you are not participating in a voluntary measure do you just leave it blank?

ASC-11 is the only voluntary measure for this program. As it is currently voluntary, it can be left blank. Remember, ASC-11 has been finalized to have mandatory reporting beginning with the CY 2025 reporting period for the CY 2027 payment determination.



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Question #6: When I am in the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) system and I click the NHSN Reporting option, I get kicked out and it says, “No facility is associated with this user.” I have my grid card, went through the whole process, and emailed NHSN regarding this.

Sometimes this has to do with the email addresses provided. Your email address in NHSN should be identical to your SAMS email address without any typos. The emails must be identical for you have access to NHSN. (Users must check their SAMS email address). You are welcome to give our help desk a call at (866) 800-8756. We screen share to see if we can identify the issue. If we are unable to determine the cause, you will have to communicate directly with NHSN via email at NHSN@cdc.gov.

Question #7: Does the vaccine information need to be entered each week, not a self-selected week?

NHSN would like weekly data. However, for the ASC-20 measure, ASCs will collect data for at least one, self-selected week during each month of a quarter. The first reporting period, Quarter 1, uses the months of January, February, and March of 2022. The submission deadline to submit that first quarter of data is August 15, 2022.

Question #8: Do you only enter new vaccine data if something has changed or needs to be updated?

To meet the reporting requirements, enter data monthly, even if your information is unchanged since the last data entry. If your ASC’s vaccination information does not change, you would report the same numbers previously reported.

Question #9: How do you sign up for a Healthcare Quality Information System (HCQIS) Access Roles and Profile (HARP) account?

Select the Register icon on the top right of the home page of QualityNet. The direct link is <https://qualitynet.cms.gov/getting-started>.

Question #10: Is the submission of the COVID-19 vaccine data weekly?

NHSN would like weekly data. However, for the purposes of the ASCQR Program, ASCs will collect data for one, self-selected week during each month of each quarter.

Question #11: How soon do you receive a confirmation email after you submit your data into Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR)?



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Only the File Upload option provides this email notification. This option uses the CSV file template to upload data. Once this option is used for a new submission, an email notification indicates a status of Accepted or Rejected. This email will be sent after the file upload is complete.

Question #12: **Are the totals reported for the week a cumulative number or are they numbers for the new physicians on staff that week?**

You will report data for all staff numbers for the week you are reporting. The NHSN website, <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps/weekly-covid-vac/index.html>, provides additional training.

Question #13: **Are ASC-9, -11, -13 and -14 reported annually or quarterly?**

The data for web-based measures ASC-9, ASC-11, ASC-13, and ASC-14 are reported annually in the HQR System. This year's data submission deadline is May 16, 2022. The ASC-20 measure is reported quarterly. ASCs will collect data for at least one, self-selected week during each month of a quarter. The first reporting period, Quarter 1, uses the months of January, February, and March of 2022. The submission deadline to submit that first quarter of data is August 15, 2022.

Question #14: **Where do I find more information about how to register multiple ASC sites for NHSN reporting?**

A comprehensive webinar on this topic occurred in February. Presentation slides can be found at https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/globalassets/oqr-2022-events/asc-03232022/asc_slides_march-2022_v7_without-knowledge-check_03232022_vfinal508u3.pdf. There are also informational trainings on the NHSN website at <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps/weekly-covid-vac/index.html>.