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### **CY 2023 Hospital OPPTS/ASC Payment System Proposed Rule: Streaming Through the Rule**

#### **Question & Answer Summary Document**

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



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**Question 1:** What type of transfers are included in ASC-4, the All-Cause Hospital Transfer/Admission measure?

All patients that completed registration upon entry into the facility that require a hospital transfer or hospital admission would be included.

**Question 2:** Are there ICD-10 codes for the ASC-1 through ASC-4 measures?

No, there are no ICD-10 codes related to the ASC-1 through ASC-4 measures.

**Question 3:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) just approved new boosters that are targeted for Omicron and are not limited to those 50 and over. The prior formula vaccines will no longer be available. Does the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) foresee additional updates to the data collection for the COVID-19 vaccination module?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may make determinations as the COVID-19 situation evolves and make additional changes to the COVID-19 vaccination module.

**Question 4:** Is CMS requiring ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs) to report booster data?

For the purposes of reporting the ASC-20 measure (COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Health Care Personnel) for the ASC Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program, reporting of the denominator and numerator are required. The denominator is the number of healthcare personnel (HCP) eligible to work in the ASC for at least one day during the reporting period, excluding persons with any contraindications. The numerator is the cumulative number of HCP in the denominator who received a complete vaccination course. Data regarding booster doses are not required per specifications at this time. However, the National Healthcare Safety Network's (NHSN's) COVID-19 Vaccination module does require this information to be reported in order to complete data submission.

**Question 5:** Can we report the COVID-19 vaccination data for two quarters at the same time? For example, can we report data for Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 by November 1, 2022?



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Yes. Facilities can enter data ahead as long as the data are submitted by the appropriate deadline. In your scenario, it would be permissible toward meeting program data submission requirements to enter Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 data by November 1 as the Quarter 2 deadline is November 15.

**Question 6: When is the final rule for calendar year (CY) 2023 expected?**

The CY 2023 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)/ASC Payment System Final Rule is usually posted by the middle of November.

**Question 7: What are the changes for reporting on the ASC-9 (Endoscopy/Polyp Surveillance: Appropriate Follow-Up Interval for Normal Colonoscopy in Average Risk Patients) measure for 2022?**

There have been no proposals for the ASC-9 measure; there are no changes for reporting of this measure.

**Question 8: Slide 46: Is this slide correct? Is the deadline May 15, 2023?**

Yes, the slide is correct in stating that reporting for the ASC-1 through ASC-4 measures begins with the CY 2023 reporting period. You will submit those data the following year during the submission period (January 1–May 15, 2024) by the May 15, 2024, deadline.

**Question 9: Can you explain the impact of voluntary reporting versus mandatory reporting?**

A voluntary measure means that reporting data for that measure is not required and may be submitted on a voluntary basis. If you choose to not submit data, there is no financial impact. For mandatory measures, if you do not report data then your facility can be subject to a 2-percent payment penalty for not meeting program requirements.