

Discussing the CY 2023 Hospital OPPS/ASC Payment System Final Rule



Work Plan for Today

Topic	Speaker
Welcome	Karen VanBourgondien, RN, BSN Outpatient Quality Program Systems and Stakeholder Support Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CY 2023 OPPS/ASC Payment System Final Rule• Finalized ASCQR Program Proposals and RFCs• Question and Answer Session	Anita J. Bhatia, PhD, MPH Program Lead, ASCQR Program, CMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Reporting• Hospital ASC Compare Tools• Program Measures and Deadlines Review	Karen VanBourgondien, RN, BSN

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this event, attendees will be able to:

- List the Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program related finalized proposals in the Calendar Year (CY) 2023 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)/Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System final rule.
- Recall the Requests for Information (RFI) and Request for Comment (RFC) topics related to the ASCQR Program included in the CY 2023 OPPS/ASC final rule.
- Summarize the January public reporting refresh and be able to locate your facility's data.
- State the program deadlines, current and in the future.

Locating the CY 2023 OPPS/ASC Rule

- Publication in the *Federal Register*
 - <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/11/23/2022-23918/medicare-program-hospital-outpatient-prospective-payment-and-ambulatory-surgical-center-payment>
- PDF Version
 - <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-11-23/pdf/2022-23918.pdf>
 - Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program begins at Section XV, page 370.



ASC Quality Reporting in This Year's Final Rule

Anita J. Bhatia

ASC-11: Cataracts: Improvement in Patient's Visual Function within 90 Days Following Cataract Surgery

Proposed:

Change ASC-11 from mandatory to voluntary reporting beginning with the CY 2025 reporting period/CY 2027 payment determination.

- Facilities would not be subject to a payment reduction for failing to report during the voluntary reporting periods.
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will consider mandatory reporting of this important cross-setting patient reported outcome measure of functional status in future rulemaking.

Considerations

- Concerns of reporting burden due to the COVID-19 pandemic include the following:
 - Ongoing staffing and medical supply shortages
 - Changes in patient case volumes
- The previously finalized 2-year delay for mandatory reporting is no longer sufficient.

Decision

Finalized:

- The ASC-11 measure will change from mandatory to voluntary reporting beginning with the CY 2025 reporting period/CY 2027 payment determination.
- Voluntary reporting will remain for CY 2023 and CY 2024 reporting periods.



Gathering Information

Request For Comment (RFC) on Measures
and Topics for Future Consideration

RFC Summary

- The potential readoption of the ASC Facility Volume Data on Selected ASC Surgical Procedures measure or another volume indicator in the ASCQR Program
- Specialty center approach for ASC quality measures
- Interoperability and Electronic Health Record (EHR) use

RFC: ASC Facility Volume Data

- Reimplementation of ASC-7: ASC Volume on Selected ASC Surgical Procedures Measure or another volume measure
 - Collects surgical procedure volume data on seven categories of procedures
 - Tracks volume changes
 - Serves as an indicator for patients with facilities experienced with certain procedures
- Will assist in the development of a pain management measure

RFC: Specialty Center Approach

- A set of measures related to different specialties from which ASCs could choose a combination of measures
- Specialized tracks within a specialty area
 - Would allow ASCs to focus on practice-specific measures
 - Could benefit patients with relevant information on quality and safety

Interoperability and EHR Initiatives

Information on how ASCs are moving towards the goal of interoperability

- Barriers in the ASC setting
- Impact of Health Information Technology (HIT)
- Ability of ASCs to participate in interoperability or EHR-based activities including electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs)



Questions & Answers



Using the Tools on Hand

Public Reporting

January Refresh: Claims-Based Measures

- ASC-12: Facility 7-Day Risk-Standardized Hospital Visit Rate after Outpatient Colonoscopy (with respect to January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2021)
- ASC-17: Hospital Visits after Orthopedic Ambulatory Surgical Center Procedures (with respect to July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021)
- ASC-18: Hospital Visits after Urology Ambulatory Surgical Center Procedures (with respect to July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021)

These measures are calculated from paid Medicare Fee for Service (FFS) claims and do not require any manual abstraction and submission.

January Refresh: Web-Based Measure (ASC-20)

The data will reflect a single quarter of data in each quarterly release.

- The January 2023 release displays Quarter 1 2022 data.
 - ASC-20: The percent of healthcare personnel who completed COVID-19 primary vaccination series

Not Refreshed: Web-Based Measures

The other web-based measures were not refreshed in January as they were refreshed in the October 2022 release:

- ASC-9: Appropriate Follow-Up Interval for Normal Colonoscopy in Average Risk Patients
- ASC-11: Cataracts: Improvement in Patient's Visual Function within 90 Days Following Cataract Surgery (Voluntary)
- ASC-13: Normothermia
- ASC-14: Unplanned Anterior Vitrectomy

Finding Your Data

Publicly displayed information for ASC measures can be found on the Provider Data Catalog (PDC):

<https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/topics/hospitals/ambulatory-surgical-centers>

Care Compare

<https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/>









From the Care Compare home page, select Hospital.

MY LOCATION * PROVIDER TYPE * KEYWORDS (optional)

Street, ZIP code, city, or state Select one ▼ Search

[Show search history](#)

Or, select a provider type to learn more:

 Doctors & clinicians	 Hospitals	 Nursing homes including rehab services	 Home health services
 Hospice care	 Inpatient rehabilitation facilities	 Long-term care hospitals	 Dialysis facilities

Looking for medical supplies and equipment? [Visit the Supplier Directory](#)

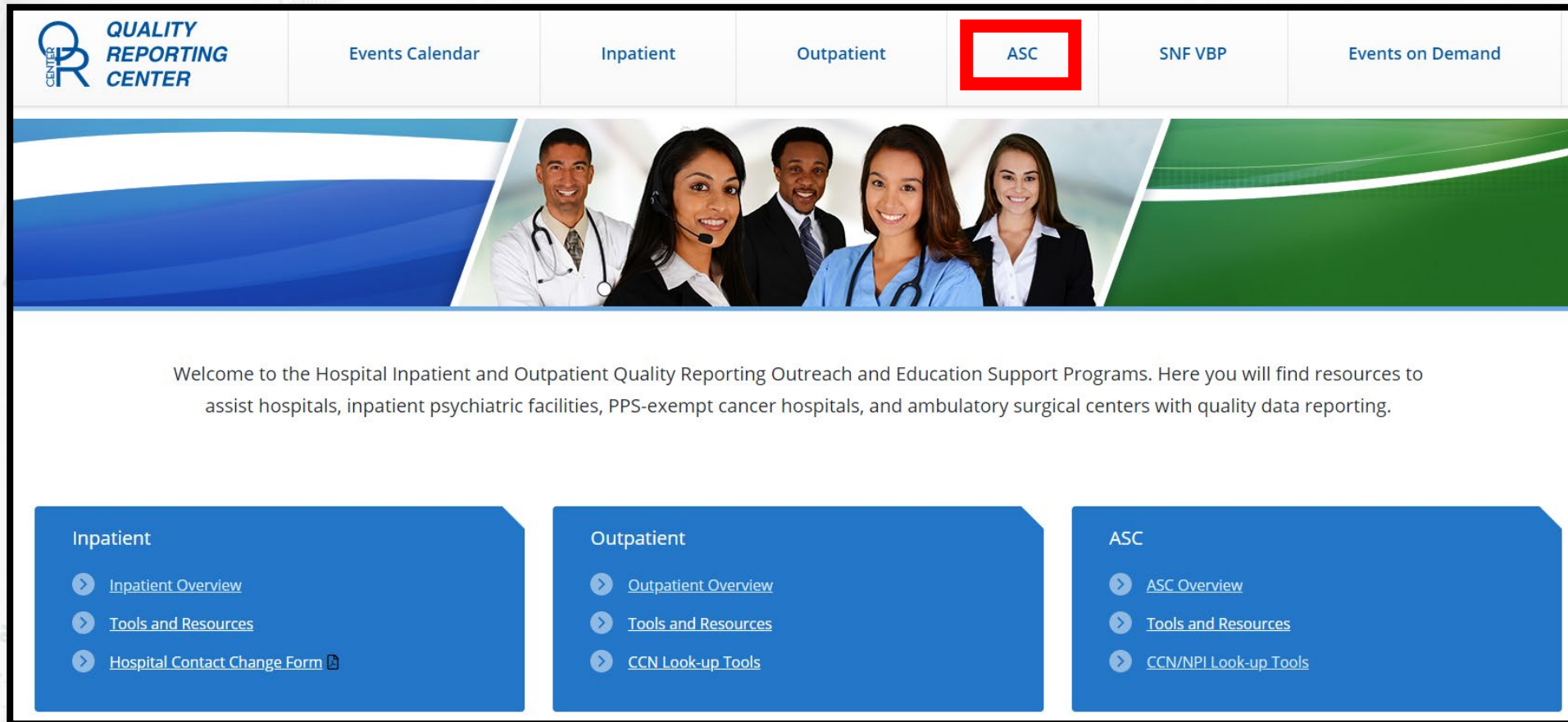
Select the ASC Option

Select *Visit the ASC data on CMS.gov*

The screenshot displays the CMS.gov search interface. At the top, there are three input fields: 'MY LOCATION *' (containing 'Street, ZIP code, city, or state'), 'PROVIDER TYPE *' (a dropdown menu showing 'Select one'), and 'KEYWORDS (optional)' (containing 'Search'). Below these fields is a modal window titled 'Hospitals' with a blue 'H' icon. The modal contains the following text: 'Find and compare information about the quality of care at over 4,000 Medicare-certified hospitals, including over 130 Veterans Administration (VA) medical centers and over 50 military hospitals, across the country.' To the right of this text is a search box labeled 'MY LOCATION *' with the placeholder 'Street, ZIP code, city, or state' and a 'Search' button. Below the main text in the modal, there is a link: 'Or want to learn more about ambulatory surgical centers (ASC)?' followed by a red-bordered box containing the text 'Visit the ASC data on CMS.gov'. At the bottom of the modal, there is a link: 'Looking for medical supplies and equipment? Visit the Supplier Directory'.

Home Page

QualityReportingCenter.com



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Events Calendar Inpatient Outpatient **ASC** SNF VBP Events on Demand

Welcome to the Hospital Inpatient and Outpatient Quality Reporting Outreach and Education Support Programs. Here you will find resources to assist hospitals, inpatient psychiatric facilities, PPS-exempt cancer hospitals, and ambulatory surgical centers with quality data reporting.

Inpatient

- > [Inpatient Overview](#)
- > [Tools and Resources](#)
- > [Hospital Contact Change Form](#)

Outpatient

- > [Outpatient Overview](#)
- > [Tools and Resources](#)
- > [CCN Look-up Tools](#)

ASC

- > [ASC Overview](#)
- > [Tools and Resources](#)
- > [CCN/NPI Look-up Tools](#)

Facility Compare Dashboard

Select ASC Compare Tool from the Data Dashboard drop-down.

The image shows a screenshot of the ASCQR Program website. On the left is a navigation menu with the following items: Program Information, ASCQR 101, ASCQR Program Tools and Resources, Upcoming Events, Archived Events, Continuing Education, Data Dashboard, ASC Program Rule History, and Qualit-e-Quips. The 'Data Dashboard' item is highlighted with a red square and a downward arrow. To the right of the menu is a red arrow pointing to a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu has the following items: Data Dashboard, ASC Compare Tool, ASC Lookup Tools, Medicare Procedure Price Lookup, and Lookup Tool Archives. The 'ASC Compare Tool' item is highlighted with a red square. The main content area on the right is titled 'ASCQR Program' and contains a welcome message, a list of links for more information, videos, and reporting guidelines, and contact information for HSAG.

ASCQR Program

Welcome to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program. The ASCQR Program exists to promote higher quality, more efficient health care for Medicare beneficiaries through measurement. Under this program, quality data reporting requirements for care rendered in the ASC setting were implemented starting with claims submitted for services beginning October 1, 2012.

If you are new to the program or would like to learn more, please take a moment to review our website.

- **For more information about the ASCQR Program**, visit the [ASC Program Information page](#).
- **For videos and resources on reporting and participating in the ASC Program**, visit the [ASC 101 page](#).
- **For specific measure reporting guidelines and tools**, visit the [ASC Tools and Resources page](#).

As the national support contractor for the ASCQR Program, the team at HSAG is available to answer questions or supply any additional information you may need. We invite you to join the Ambulatory Surgical Center ListServe at [qualitynet.org](#) to receive notifications about program developments. We are committed to offering quality service in a

Contact us at qgrsupport@hsag.com or call us toll-free at [866.800.8756](tel:866.800.8756) from 7 suggestions, or concerns you may have.

ASCQR Program

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Data Dashboard


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- Lookup Tool Archives

User Guide and Quality Measures Scorecard

For instructions, select Facility Compare Tool User Guide.

Facility Compare Dashboard

The Facility Compare Dashboard displays facility and state specific data published as part of the Hospital Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting Programs. The charts and graphs utilize data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Provider Data Catalog (PDC). The latest publicly reported data displayed can be found on PDC using links in the program-specific sections below.

You can find helpful explanations of each component of the dashboard in the [Facility Compare Tool User Guide](#) .

Ambulatory Surgical Centers



Hospital Outpatient Departments










Scorecard

From the Scorecard options, select:
Explore all measures reported by a single facility.


CMS QUALITY MEASURES SCORECARD
Overview

What do you want to do? Click a button below to select a desired report to view.

-  Explore all measures reported by a single facility.
-  Compare facility performance by measure.
-  Compare state and city performance by measure.
-  Explore overall national scores by state and measure.
-  Explore state comparison for all ASC measures.
-  Explore state comparisons for related measures across programs.
-  Explore state comparison for all OQR measures.

Single Facility Search

Make your selections in the light blue area to filter your search options.



CMS QUALITY MEASURES SCORECARD

Single Facility Report

Select or type in a facility to the right or use the State /City filters to search for a specific facility

State
(All)

City
(All)

Facility: NPI/CCN + Facility Name
(NPI: 1234567890) ABC Surgery Center

All Available Measures for the Selected Facility (Blank Score Means no Measure Score was Available).

		2018	2019	2020
Higher Rates are Better	ASC_9: Endoscopy/Polyp Surveillance: Appropriate Follow-up Interval for Normal Colonoscopy in Average Risk Patients	75.8	63.3	52.5
	ASC_10: Endoscopy/Polyp Surveillance: Colonoscopy Interval for Patients with a History of Adenomatous Polyps - Avoidance of Inappropriate Use	71.7		
Lower Rates are Better	ASC_1: Patient Burn	0.0		
	ASC_2: Patient Fall	0.0		
	ASC_3: Wrong Site, Wrong Side, Wrong Patient, Wrong Procedure, Wrong Implant	0.0		
	ASC_4: All-Cause Hospital Transfer/Admission	0.0		
	ASC_12: Facility 7-Day Risk-Standardized Hospital Visit Rate after Outpatient Colonoscopy	15.5	13.4	10.3
	ASC_14: Unplanned Anterior Vitrectomy	0.0		
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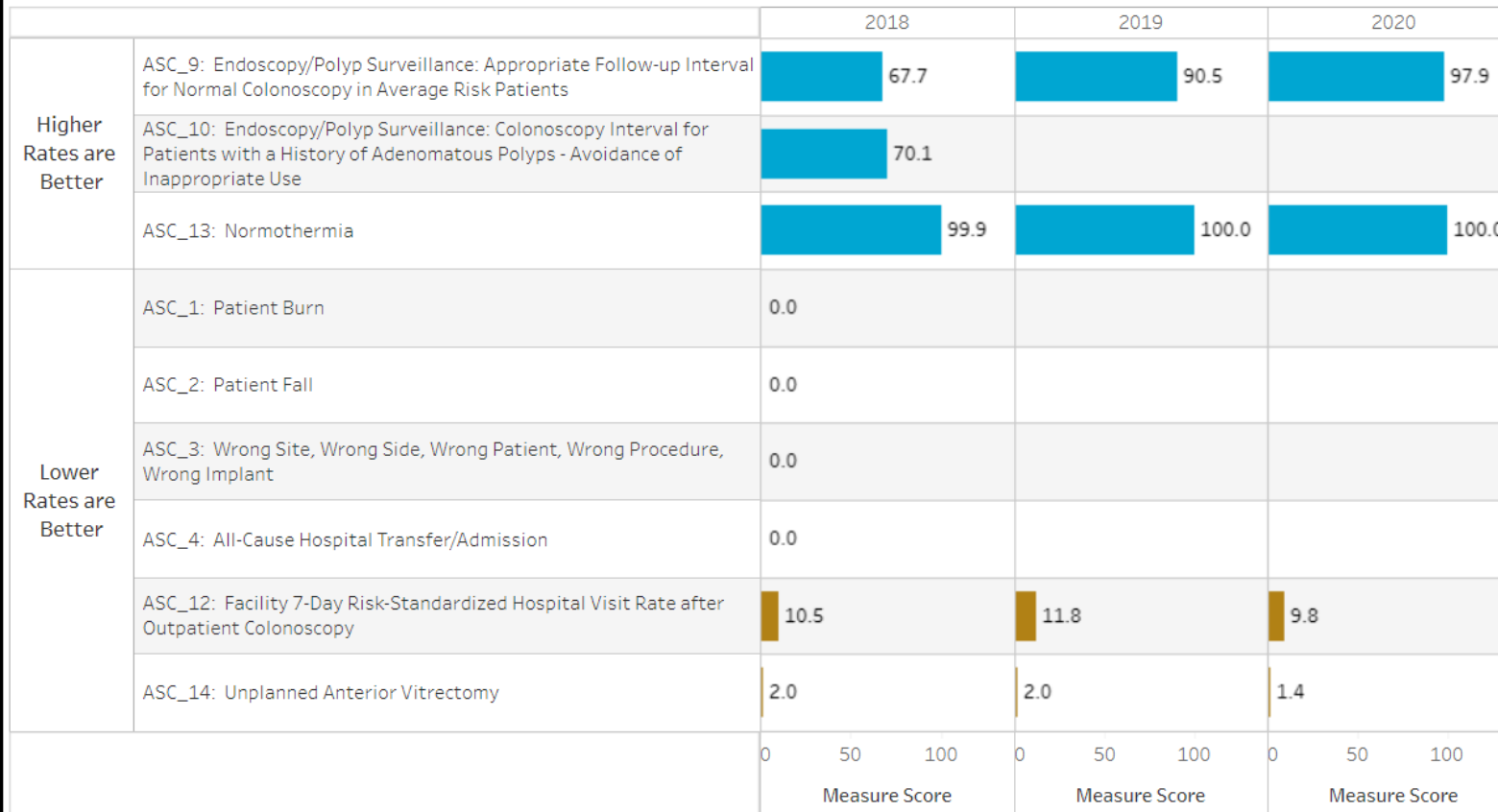
Legend

Higher Rates are Better

Lower Rates are Better

Single Facility Report View

All Available Measures for the Selected Facility (Blank Score Means no Measure Score was Available).



Legend

Higher Rates are Better

Lower Rates are Better



Checking on Project Planning

Program Review: Measures and Deadlines

Claims-Based Measures

Payment Year 2024

Measure	Reporting Period
ASC-12: Facility 7-Day Risk-Standardized Hospital Visit Rate after Outpatient Colonoscopy*	Jan 1, 2020–Dec 31, 2022
ASC-17: Hospital Visits After Orthopedic Ambulatory Surgery Center Procedures	Jan 1, 2021–Dec 31, 2022
ASC-18: Hospital Visits After Urology Ambulatory Surgery Center Procedures	Jan 1, 2021–Dec 31, 2022
ASC-19: Facility-Level 7-Day Hospital Visits after General Surgery Procedures Performed at Ambulatory Surgical Centers	Jan 1–Dec 31, 2022

***Remember:** CMS did not use data reflecting services provided January 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020 (Q1 and Q2 2020) in its calculations for Medicare quality reporting.

Web-Based Measure: NHSN

Payment Year 2024

Measure	Reporting Period	Submission Deadline
ASC-20: COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel	Jan 1–Mar 31, 2022	August 15, 2022
	Apr 1–Jun 30, 2022	November 15, 2022
	Jul 1–Sept 30, 2022	February 15, 2023
	Oct 1–Dec 31, 2022	May 15, 2023

**Your next
deadline**

NHSN=National Healthcare Safety Network

Web-Based Measures: HQR

Payment Year 2024

Measure	Reporting Period	Submission Period
ASC-9: Appropriate Follow-Up Interval for Normal Colonoscopy in Average Risk Patients	Jan 1–Dec 31, 2022	Jan 1–May 15, 2023
ASC-11: Cataracts: Improvement in Patient's Visual Function within 90 Days Following Cataract Surgery*		
ASC-13: Normothermia Outcome		
ASC-14: Unplanned Anterior Vitrectomy		

*Voluntary Reporting

HQR=Hospital Quality Reporting

Web-Based Measures: New Measures

Payment Year 2025

Measure	Reporting Period	Submission Period
ASC-1: Patient Burn	Jan 1–Dec 31, 2023	Jan 1–May 15, 2024
ASC-2: Patient Fall		
ASC-3: Wrong Site, Wrong Side, Wrong Patient, Wrong Procedure, Wrong Implant		
ASC-4: All-Cause Hospital Transfer/Admission		

You will begin reporting these measures for the May 15, 2024, deadline.

Survey Measures: In the Future

ASC-15a–e: OAS CAHPS Measures Payment Year 2026

Measure	Reporting Period
ASC-15a: About Facilities and Staff ASC-15b: Communication About Procedure ASC-15c: Preparation for Discharge and Recovery ASC-15d: Overall Rating of Facility ASC-15e: Recommendation of Facility	Voluntary reporting begins with CY 2024 reporting period. Mandatory reporting begins with CY 2025 reporting period for the 2027 payment year.

OAS CAHPS=Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems

Support

- For program-related questions, contact the support team at 866.800.8756
- Question & Answer Tool:
https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/qnet_qa
- For questions related to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), contact the support team at NHSN@cdc.gov.
- Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) Service Center:
(866) 288-8912

Thank You



Continuing Education Approval

This program has been approved for one credit for the following boards:

- **National credit**

- Board of Registered Nursing (Provider #16578)

- **Florida-only credit**

- Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling
- Board of Registered Nursing
- Board of Nursing Home Administrators
- Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice Council
- Board of Pharmacy

Note: To verify approval for any other state, license, or certification, please check with your licensing or certification board.

Acronyms

ASC	Ambulatory Surgical Center	HQR	Hospital Quality Reporting
ASCQR	Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting	IT	Information Technology
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	NHSN	National Healthcare Safety Network
CY	Calendar Year	OAS CAHPS	Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
eCQM	Electronic Clinical Quality Measure	OPPS	Outpatient Prospective Payment System
EHR	Electronic Health Record	PDC	Provider Data Catalog
FFS	Fee for Service	RFC	Request for Comment

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