

Subject: ASC Quality Reporting News Blast: New Year, New Goals



Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program News Blast

A new year presents the opportunity to recharge, set new goals, and prepare for successful reporting. Review the important information below to help you establish and achieve your quality reporting goals this year!



Set your Goals. Access resources to assist you with meeting program requirements.

- Download the **updated** list of ASCQR Program Measures for Calendar Year (CY) 2025 and CY 2026 on the [QualityNet website](#).
- Review the [2026 Guide to Successful Reporting for the ASCQR Program](#) to learn essential program information and steps for data submission.
- Bookmark the [ASCQR Program Specifications Manual](#) for quick access to measure information and specifications. *Note: Select the version for the applicable reporting year from the left side menu.*



Identify Measure Removals. Review the following ASCQR Program **measure removals*** finalized in the [CY 2026 final rule](#).

- ASC-20: COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel
- ASC-22: Screening for Social Drivers of Health (SDOH)
- ASC-23: Screen Positive Rate for SDOH
- ASC-24: Facility Commitment to Health Equity



Hit the Mark. Be aware of reporting deadlines and submit required data early.

- Submit mandatory Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (OAS CAHPS) measure data via the [OAS CAHPS website](#) by a CMS-approved vendor. The **Q4 2025 reporting period (Oct 1-Dec 31) data are due by April 8, 2026.**
- Submit annual web-based measure data** via the [Hospital Quality Reporting](#) system. The **CY 2025 reporting period (January 1-December 31) data are due by May 15, 2026.**

*ASC-20 was removed from ASCQR Program requirements beginning with the CY 2024 reporting period/2026 payment determination. ASC-22, ASC-23, and ASC-24 were removed from ASCQR Program requirements beginning with the CY 2025 reporting period/2027 payment determination.

**ASC-1: Patient Burn; ASC-2: Patient Fall; ASC-3: Wrong Site, Wrong Side, Wrong Patient, Wrong Procedure, Wrong Implant; ASC-4: All-Cause Hospital Transfer/Admission; ASC-9: Endoscopy/Poly Surveillance: 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

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