



# SDPS MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Temporary Suspension of Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Measure OP-19: Transition Record with Specified Elements Received by Discharged Patients

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) adopted the measure OP-19: Transition Record with Specified Elements Received by Discharged Patients for the Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting (Hospital OQR) Program. This measure was adopted for the CY 2013 payment determination with data collection beginning with January 1, 2012 encounters.

Since data collection for this measure began, concerns have been raised about the current measure specifications, including potential privacy concerns. These concerns have been brought to the attention of the measure steward and are being considered as the measure is currently undergoing maintenance review with the National Quality Forum (NQF).

After careful consideration of these issues and after review of the measure specifications, CMS decided to suspend public reporting and validation of hospital-reported data for OP-19 until further notice. Due to CMS system constraints preventing immediate cessation of data collection, hospitals must continue to submit information for this measure during this temporary suspension as lack of this information will cause the submitted case to be rejected from the data warehouse. Data rejection could impact a hospital's ability to meet Hospital OQR requirements for receiving a full outpatient hospital annual payment update. Some vendors may have the capability to provide a default value for this measure to reduce data abstraction. Hospitals are encouraged to work with their vendors to determine options to reduce abstraction burden.

CMS will neither publicly report nor validate these data until all concerns are resolved and measure specifications refined as necessary.

Please notify your internal point of contact if you have any questions. He or she may contact the QualityNet Help Desk if additional information and/or assistance are needed.