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## CMS Delays Submission Deadline for Two Structural Measures Under Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Program to November 1, 2011

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Recognizing that several hundred hospitals would not meet the August 15, 2011 deadline for reporting two structural measures under the Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR) Program, CMS delayed the deadline for reporting on the following measures to November 1, 2011:

- OP-12 – The Ability for Providers with Health Information Technology (HIT) to Receive Laboratory Data Electronically Directly into Their Qualified/Certified Searchable Data
- OP-17 – Tracking Clinical Results Between Visits

While the OP-12 measure is required for the CY 2012 Hospital OQR payment determination, the OP-17 measure is voluntary. The November 1, 2011 deadline corresponds with the deadline for submission of the chart-abstracted measures for the CY 2012 payment determination.

Providers should consider submitting the data related to the structural measures, as well as the chart-abstracted measures, well before the November 1st deadline to ensure the information is accurately submitted and accepted.

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