

CART-Outpatient Version 1.23.0 Release

CMS Abstraction and Reporting Tool (CART)-Outpatient 1.23.0 has been released and is available on the *QualityNet* website, <https://qualitynet.cms.gov>.

This release contains 2 different options for CART users to install. Please review the options below:

1. CART Version 1.23.0 Initial Installation-The initial installation of CART includes the new sex data elements that were effective July 1, 2023, with OQR Specification manual v16.0a. This install also contains the Appendix A and Master code diagnosis updates that are effective October 1, 2023, under OQR Specification Manual v16.0b.

CART is unable to handle the new sex data elements with a version update as the patient module is not tied to a time period. This means this initial install will require users to start with a new version of CART and add all patients and providers.

This version of CART should be used for encounters starting July 1, 2023.

****Do not install the initial installation of CART until all Quarter 2, 2023 abstractions have been completed.**

2. CART Version 1.23.0 Upgrade-The upgrade supports OQR Specification Manual v16.0b and contains the Appendix A and Master code diagnosis updates. The update **does not** include the new sex data elements that were effective July 1, 2023.

This version of CART should only be used for encounters starting October 1, 2023 and if users will manually update the sex data element.

Note: the sex data elements are not updated in the upgrade. The upgrade is being made available so that users may choose to keep their patient and provider data and manually update the sex data element on the XML exports or UB-04 Formatted CSV. If you choose to update the exported abstractions manually, care must be taken to not modify the file layout. It is recommended to include your facility's IT support in this process to help you update the sex data element and not the file layout, if you are uncertain how to do this yourself.

The CART 1.23.0 download, as well as installation instructions, edits, and online help are located on the *QualityNet* website. Select the **Hospitals – Outpatient** card on the home page of QualityNet. On the Hospitals-Outpatient page, select **Data Management** and then, select **CMS Abstraction & Reporting Tool (CART)** under **Data Collection**.

The CART-Outpatient version 1.23.0 can be accessed under the CART Overview page. Edits and Online Help Guide are at the bottom of the Download Cart page under Resources.

Known issues for CART-Outpatient are located on the [QualityNet Home page](#) under the Help menu. Select the **Known Issues** link and navigate to Hospital Quality Reporting System Known Issues PDF.

If you have any questions, please notify your internal point of contact. Do not respond directly to this email. For further assistance regarding the information contained in this message, please contact the CCSQ Service Center at QNetSupport@cms.hhs.gov, or by calling toll-free 866.288.8912 (TTY: 877.715.6222) weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.