



# How to Prepare for the ODACS Survey

CMS is launching the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Drug Acquisition Cost Survey (ODACS) on January 1, 2026, to collect specific acquisition costs for outpatient drugs and biological products from hospitals paid under the OPPS. As we complete the final preparation stages, here are some helpful steps you can take to prepare for registration and data submission before the survey is available in January.

## Identify a Submitter for Each CCN



Each hospital recently provided CMS with a Point of Contact (POC) for the survey. CMS recognizes each Hospital POC as the authority figure to select the individual who will serve as the Submitter for their entity. The survey Submitter will register for the ODACS data collection system, and be responsible for collecting, attesting to, and submitting data on behalf of their hospital to CMS. Even though multiple individuals may contribute to gathering and preparing the data, only one person per CMS Certification Number (CCN) may submit it to CMS. While there may only be one Submitter per CCN, Submitters may register to submit data on behalf of multiple CCNs. The POC can assume the Submitter role or delegate it to another qualified person within their entity.

## Gather Your Data



CMS encourages hospitals to begin gathering the required data in advance by collaborating with wholesalers and other vendors by using the provided template to organize their data. The survey requires hospitals to report acquisition costs for covered outpatient drugs at hospital outpatient departments paid under the Medicare Hospital OPPS, identified by National Drug Code (NDC), from **July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025**. CMS is collecting the Total Units Purchased and the Total Net Acquisition Costs, inclusive of all discounts and rebates, for both 340B purchases and non-340B purchases for each NDC.

## Bookmark the ODACS Website



CMS created a website for the ODACS initiative to host resources for hospital representatives and system users, including user guides, frequently asked questions, fact sheets, and a data-collection template for ease of use. CMS will publish additional reference materials as needed, so please be sure to bookmark the ODACS website and check it periodically for the latest information, including registration links for upcoming training sessions and more!

## Be Prepared to Register



To access the survey, CMS requires Submitters to have a [CMS Enterprise Portal](#) account. CMS encourages all Submitters without an existing account to begin the process as soon as instructions are available, allowing sufficient time for identity verification through the Identity Management (IDM) process. Instructions for registering will be provided during the training webinar and posted on the [ODACS website](#). Once CMS launches the system on January 1, 2026, all Submitters can complete their registration by entering their unique hospital registration code(s), which will be provided by CMS, into the survey system.