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Customer Questions

Q: Is submitting PQRS measures easier through a registry or through claims?

A: The easiest method of reporting is through a Registry using a measure group reporting option, which requires only 30 unique patients

Q: Will reporting be easier in 2013 or beyond?

A: Yes, only 20 patients are required on a measures group with only 11 needing to be Medicare Part B Fee For Service. Additionally, if you are only interested in avoiding the penalty, you can just submit 1 measure in 2013.

Send us your question(s) at info@ReportingMD.com

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It's Not Too Late...

... to report PQRS and/or eRx for 2012! [Learn how](#) or [Contact us](#) for more information.

Meaningful Use Stage 2

You have 3 options for submitting your meaningful use data:

- Use a qualified submission vendor
- Use the EHR incentive portal

To learn more about Meaningful Use, click [here](#)

Value-based Modifier (VM) for groups of 100+ EPs - Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO)

Self-nominate as a group either from December 1, 2012 - January 31, 2013 or during a second period from July-October 15, 2013. The penalty for not self-nominating is 1.0%.

The Value Modifier (VM) assesses both the quality of care and the cost of that care under the MPFS. A standardized score is derived and is compared against a national mean.

The performance period is calendar year 2013 with upward/downward payment adjustments to be applied in 2015 to physician payments in groups of 100 plus eligible professionals (EPs).

To learn more about the value-based modifier, click [here](#)

Physician Compare

Important Links

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New Hampshire Trivia

Which species of woodpecker has a bright red crest and as a pair stays together on its territory all year round and is a non-migratory species. This woodpecker can be found in forested areas across Canada, the eastern U.S. and parts of the Pacific coast? [Trivia Answer](#)

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CMS has a plan for reporting physician quality and patient care/experience metrics on a public website called "Physician Compare." In 2014, CMS plans to post the following, which is just a sample of what is targeted for posting on the Physician Compare website in 2014

- Measures reported by group practices and ACOs who participated in the 2013 PQRS group practice reporting option (GPRO) and reported through the GPRO web interface.
- Patient experience data for groups and ACOs participating in the 2013 PQRS GPRO and who reported through the web interface.

In 2015, CMS plans to post the following in 2015:

- PY 2014 collected individual-level measure data

Find more information on the Physician Compare website [here](#)

PQRS Incentives/Payment Adjustment Amounts: 2013 and beyond

- 2013 - 0.5% Incentive
- 2014 - 0.5% Incentive
- 2015 - 1.5% Payment adjustment (based on CY 2013 reporting to be applied in 2015)
- 2016 - 2.0% Payment adjustment (based on 2014 reporting to be applied in 2016)

2012 -> 2014 PQRS Measures Updates

2013 Measure Changes:

9 individual measures added:

- #320 Endoscopy/Polyp Surveillance: Appropriate Follow-Up Interval for Normal Colonoscopy in Avg Risk Patients
- #321 Participation by a Hospital, Physician or Other Clinician in a Systematic Clinical Database Registry that Includes Consensus Endorsed Quality
- #322 Cardiac Stress Imaging Not Meeting Appropriate Use Criteria
- #323 Cardiac Stress Imaging Not Meeting Appropriate Use Criteria: Routine Testing After Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)
- #324 Cardiac Stress Imaging Not Meeting Appropriate Use Criteria: Testing in Asymptomatic, Low-Risk Patients
- #325 Adult Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Coordination of Care of Patients with Specific Comorbid Conditions
- #326 Atrial Fibrillation and Atrial Flutter: Chronic Anticoagulation Therapy
- #327 Pediatric Kidney Disease: Adequacy of Volume Management
- #328 Pediatric Kidney Disease: ESRD Patients Receiving Dialysis: Hemoglobin Level < 10g/dL

15 individual measures removed:

- #10 Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Computed Tomography (CT) or Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Reports
- #57 Emergency Medicine: Community-Acquired Pneumonia (CAP): Assessment of Oxygen Saturation
- #58 Emergency Medicine: Community-Acquired Pneumonia (CAP): Assessment of Mental Status
- #92 Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Pain Assessment

- #105 Prostate Cancer: Three-Dimensional (3D) Radiotherapy
- #124 Health Information Technology (HIT): Adoption/Use of Electronic Health Records (EHR)
- #158 Carotid Endarterectomy: Use of Patch During Conventional Carotid Endarterectomy
- #186 Chronic Wound Care: Use of Compression System in Patients with Venous Ulcers
- #189 Referral for Otologic Evaluation for Patients with a History of Active Drainage from the Ear Within the Previous 90 Days
- #190 Referral for Otologic Evaluation for Patients with a History of Sudden or Rapidly Progressive Hearing Loss
- #196 Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Symptom and Activity Assessment
- #206 HIV/AIDS: Screening for High Risk Sexual Behaviors
- #207 HIV/AIDS: Screening for Injection Drug Use
- #235 Hypertension (HTN): Plan of Care
- #253 Pregnancy Test for Female Abdominal Pain Patients



Check out the ReportingMD display at MGMA12 in San Antonio, TX



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