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Customer Questions

Q: Have you heard of anybody experiencing difficulty registering for the Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) for the 2014 reporting year?

A: No, we have not heard about any difficulties with the GPRO registration process in 2014.

Q: When is the deadline to submit 2014 reporting year data to ReportingMD when reporting with ReportingMD?

A: February 28th, 2015.

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

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It's Not Too Late...

... To register to report PQRS under the Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO). **Deadline to register to report under the Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) is 9/30/14!**

... To begin 2014 PQRS reporting to either receive the incentive and avoid the penalty or just to avoid the penalty.

Did You Know...?

... If you are part of a group practice with 2 or more eligible professionals and you would like to report under the Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO), the portal is now open for you to self-nominate. The portal will be open from 4/1/14 until 9/30/14 and you will need an IACS account to complete this self-nomination. More information about self-nominating for GPRO reporting for PQRS can be found [HERE](#)

... the 2015 Medicare PFS Proposed Rule is now on display at the following website:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-07-11/pdf/2014-15948.pdf>

Feel free to also [Contact us](#) for more information.

2014 PQRS Incentive, Payment Adjustment, and Reporting Methods

2014 PQRS Incentive:

For 2014, eligible professionals that satisfactorily report data on PQRS quality measures are eligible to receive an incentive equal to 0.5 percent of the total estimated Medicare Part B allowed charges for all covered professional services furnished by the eligible professional or group practice during the applicable reporting period.

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New Hampshire Trivia

How many miles of Appalachian Trail are in New Hampshire?

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2014 PQRS Payment Adjustment:

Eligible professionals who do not report under PQRS in 2014 will receive a 2.0% downward payment adjustment in 2016.

Participating as a Group Practice

Group practices with 2 or more eligible professionals may register to participate in GPRO via the below listed reporting mechanisms to earn an incentive for the 2014 PQRS program year and avoid the 2016 PQRS payment adjustment:

- Qualified PQRS Registry
- CEHRT via a Data Submission Vendor (DSV)
- Directly from your EHR if you are using certified EHR Technology (CEHRT)

If your group practice has 25 or more eligible professionals, you can also participate in the Group Practice Reporting Option via the following:

- Web interface (if 100+ EPs then CG CAHPS are also required)
- CG CAHPS via CMS-certified survey vendor (supplement to other PQRS reporting mechanisms)

****If you are a provider planning to report via registry using a measures group (e.g. Perioperative Care or Diabetes Measures Groups), do not register under the Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO). Measures Group reporting is not an option for any practice that has registered to report under the Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO).****

EHR Incentive Program/Meaningful Use

CMS has also released information on a new interactive tool to assist providers to understand the Meaningful Use program and where they stand in their participation. This tool can be accessed [HERE](#)

September 30, 2014 marks the end of the 2014 fiscal year and end of the 2014 reporting period for eligible hospitals.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services has released the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), which includes information on the proposal (for the 2014 reporting year) that providers would be able to use 2011 Edition CEHRT for either Stage 1 or Stage 2, and would have the option to attest to the 2013 definition of meaningful use core and menu objectives, and use the 2013 definition CQMs.

The proposed rule also includes a provision that would formalize CMS and ONC's recommended timeline to extend Stage 2 through 2016. If finalized, the earliest a provider would participate in Stage 3 of meaningful use would be 2017. To read the proposed rule about the above mentioned topics, you can visit [HERE](#)

To learn more about the Meaningful Use/EHR Incentive Program, click [HERE](#).

Value-based Modifier (VM) for groups of 10+ EPs

In 2014, groups of 10+ eligible professionals (EPs) will be subject to the upward, neutral and downward value-modifier payment adjustment. Groups of 10 to 99 EPs will only be subject to the upward or neutral value-modifier payment adjustment (not the downward payment adjustment).

Groups of 10+ EPs who want to report under the Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) and groups of 100+EPs will need to register in 2014 in order to register to

report under the GPRO. This registration period is open from April 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014.

Groups of 10+ EPs who do not wish to report under the Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) can avoid a downward value-based payment adjustment of 2% as long as they satisfactorily report on at least 50% of all eligible professionals under their Tax ID Number.

In the fall of 2014, Quality and Resource Use Reports (QRURs) will be released for groups of 10+ EPs and will include your two composite scores (quality of care; cost of care) based on your group's standardized performance (e.g. how far away your 2013 scores are from the national mean).

How Do I...

... Access my feedback reports from 2013 PQRS reporting? Please note that feedback reports are not available from CMS until the Fall of the year following the reporting year. Each provider will need to register to create an IACS account to access their feedback reports from a given reporting year. This can be done [HERE](#)

... Register to report under the Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO)? When you and your group is ready to register, you can access the PV-PQRS Registration System at <https://portal.cms.gov>. You will need to use a valid IACS User ID and password to choose your group's reporting mechanism. The registration system will be open **until September 30** for the 2014 PQRS program.

Upcoming Shows...

ReportingMD will be on display at the
2014 MGMA Annual Conference
in Las Vegas, NV
October 26-29, 2014.

Meet us in Las Vegas as we exhibit among more than 3,200 medical practice professionals and industry experts at the [MGMA 2014 Annual Conference](#), Oct. 26-29.

Save 15% on the standard conference registration fee, courtesy of **ReportingMD**. Just enter discount code EXHSAVE when registering online.

Be sure to visit ReportingMD in booth 1305.

Is this conference for you? [Learn more](#) about education sessions, networking opportunities and other events surrounding the MGMA 2014 Annual Conference.

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Recent Shows...

ReportingMD was on display at the 2014 HealthData Management Analytics Symposium in Chicago at the Swissotel in July of 2014.

We hope you found this newsletter informative. Please provide us with any feedback and/or topics you would like addressed in future publications. You can email us at [Contact Us](#)

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