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Customer Questions

Q: What is the value-based payment modifier (VM) and to whom does it apply?

A: The VM is essentially a score given to a group of eligible providers (applies to all groups with ≥ 100 eligible providers). The VM is calculated based on quality of care compared to cost of care furnished during the performance period

Q: Will there be a PQRS incentive offered in 2014?

A: Yes, the PQRS incentive of .5% will continue to be offered in 2014. The Center for Medicare Services (CMS) has not yet disclosed plans for the PQRS incentive beyond 2014.

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It's Not Too Late...

... to avoid the 2014 ePrescribe payment adjustment of 2%. Get your 10 ePrescribing events in via claims no later than June 30, 2013 to avoid the 2014 penalty. June 30th, 2013 is also the last day to apply for the 2014 eRx payment adjustment hardship exemption via the [COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT PAGE](#).

... to register to report under the Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) for PQRS or to change your reporting option if you already self-nominated as a GPRO in January 2013. Self-nomination to report under the PQRS GPRO or to change your reporting option is from July 15, 2013 to October 15, 2013.

[Contact us](#) to learn more about the 2013 ePrescribe incentive criteria and/or GPRO registration.

Did You Know...

... you can report just 1 applicable measure or, for individual eligible professionals only 1 measures group to avoid the 2015 PQRS payment adjustment? This pathway has been offered to assist EP's during their first year of PQRS reporting. CMS has stated that this option will not extend beyond 2013 so EPs should strongly consider complete PQRS program reporting if possible. [Contact us](#) for more information.

How Do I...

... navigate from IACS setup through self-nomination for the Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO)? Your first step is to set up an IACS account, which is required to self-nominate. The process to obtain an IACS account for self-nomination can be overwhelming so here are some resources to get you started:

- National Provider Call "Getting Started with PQRS Reporting: Implications for the Value-based Payment Modifier" will be held June 5, 2013 from 1:30 to 3 pm EDT. [REGISTER HERE](#).

Q: Will the PQRS payment adjustment change in 2014?
A: Yes, the PQRS payment adjustment will increase from 1.5% in 2013 to 2.0% in 2014 on all MPFS covered professional services to be applied in 2016.

Send us your question(s)
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Important Links

[Feedback Reports website](#)

[CMS PQRS website](#)

[Physician Compare website](#)

ReportingMD Brochures

[Medical Informatics Calculator \(MICMD\)](#)

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New Hampshire Trivia

Which species of trout is native to Lake Sunapee in New Hampshire and is sometimes referred to as Golden Trout?

[Trivia Answer](#)

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EHR Incentive Program/Meaningful Use

The following Medicare Specialty Codes related to anesthesiology, radiology and pathology are the codes used in determining the granting of a hardship exception from the payment adjustments in the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program:

- Diagnostic radiology (30)
- Nuclear medicine (36)
- Interventional radiology (94)
- Anesthesiology (05)
- Pathology (22)

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

Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO)

For GPROs of ≥ 100 eligible professionals, CMS will administer a survey with your patients. The National Implementation Survey questions will be asked to your patients by CMS directly starting in January 2014 through March 2014. See the survey questions by clicking the survey hyperlink here: [SURVEY](#)

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

Self-nominate as a group 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).

Groups can elect to have a 0.0% VM or they can elect quality-tiering, which could result in an upward, downward or no payment adjustment. The deadline to elect the quality-tiering approach to the value-based modifier is October 15, 2013

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

ePrescribe (eRx)

Hardship Exemptions to avoid the 2014 eRx Payment Adjustment:

- * The eligible professional or eRx GPRO practices in an area with limited high-speed Internet access
- * The eligible professional or eRx GPRO practices in an area with limited available pharmacies for electronic prescribing

* The eligible professional or eRx GPRO is unable to electronically prescribe due to local, state, or federal law or regulation

* The eligible professional or eRx GPRO has limited prescribing activity, as defined by an eligible professional generating fewer than 100 prescriptions during a 6-month reporting period

Individual EPs requesting a hardship exemption from the 2014 eRx payment adjustment will be able to submit their request for one of the following hardship exemptions via the CMS Quality Reporting [COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT PAGE](#).

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)

Physician Compare

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](#)

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ReportingMD is a silver sponsor at the Healthcare Analytics Symposium and invites you to the:

Health Data Management
2013 Healthcare Analytics Symposium
Chicago - July 15-17
Booth # 7

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2013 MGMA National Conference
San Diego - October 6-9
Booth # 1038

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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