



## PQRS Corner

### Share Your Thoughts: CMS Quality Measures Reporting

CMS is seeking public comment/feedback on several items, including:

- Certification of health information technology (IT), including EHR products used for reporting to PQRS
- How often to require recertification
- The number of clinical quality measures (CQMs) a certified Health IT Module should be required to certify
- Testing of certified Health IT Module(s)

The CMS Request for Information (RFI) was issued on 12/31/15, and the comment period is open through 5 pm on February 1, 2016. Comments may be submitted via email, mail, express/overnight mail, or by hand. [Details available here.](#)

This is a great opportunity to share your thoughts and experiences with these Medicare quality measures reporting issues. Contact CSMS SVP for Government Affairs Ken Ferrucci if you have questions or need additional information.

### CSMS Webinars

Join us for ***PQRS: What You Need to Know in 2016***, a new CSMS webinar that will help you avoid negative 2017 payment adjustments, learn about changes in the PQRS and VM programs, and preview the transition from PQRS to the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).

The free webinar will be offered live on **January 12 at 12:15 pm**, and again on **January 21 at 4 pm**. Visit [CSMS.org](http://CSMS.org) for details and registration information.

### 2015 PQRS Data Submission Deadlines

<i>Submission Method</i>	<i>Submission Dates</i>
<a href="#">EHR Direct or Data Submission Vendor</a>	<b>1/1/16 - 2/29/16</b>
<a href="#">Qualified clinical data registries (QCDRs)</a>	<b>1/1/16 - 2/29/16</b>
<a href="#">Group practice reporting option (GPRO) Web Interface</a>	<b>1/18/16 - 3/15/16</b>
<a href="#">Qualified registries (Registry XML)</a>	<b>1/1/16 - 3/31/16</b>
<a href="#">QCDRs (QCDR XML)</a>	<b>1/1/16 - 3/31/16</b>

Submission ends at **8 pm Eastern Time** on the end date listed. An Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM) account with the “Submitter Role” is required for these PQRS data submission methods. Please see the [EIDM System Toolkit](#) for additional information.



Eligible Professionals who do not satisfactorily report quality measure data to meet the 2015 PQRS requirements will be subject to a negative PQRS payment adjustment on all Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) services rendered in 2017.

**Questions?** Contact the QualityNet Help Desk 7 am – 7 pm Central Time: [1-866-288-8912](tel:1-866-288-8912) or [Qnetsupport@hcqis.org](mailto:Qnetsupport@hcqis.org)

**NEW: PQRS Search Tool**

<https://pqrs.cms.gov/#/home>

This new interactive tool from CMS allows users to search for individual claims and registry-based measure specifications. *Please note: electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) specifications are not included in this measure search tool.*