

PQRS Corner

2015 PQRS Data: Report It or Lose in 2017

There has been a little confusion about the payment adjustment for not reporting PQRS in 2015. Is it -4%? -7%? -9%?

Here's a breakdown of how failure to successfully report PQRS in 2015 can hurt your practice in 2017:

PQRS / VM

- 1** Not reporting (or incorrectly reporting) your 2015 **PQRS** data will result in an automatic **-2.0%** PQRS payment adjustment to your Medicare Part B payments in 2017.
- 2** It will also **trigger** an additional **-2.0% Value Modifier (VM)** payment adjustment to your 2017 Medicare payments for solo and small groups of 2 to 9 Eligible Professionals (EPs). For groups of **10+ EPs**, VM can bump that up to **-4.0%**.
- 3** Added to that combined PQRS/VM hit is an another **-3.0%** if you didn't demonstrate **Meaningful Use** in 2015.

Reporting deadlines are coming up fast ([click to view reporting deadlines](#)). Make sure you're ready to report, and join us for these free encore presentations of **PQRS: What You Need to Know in 2016**.

We're offering 2 convenient times:

- [Wednesday, February 17 @ 4 pm](#)
- [Thursday, February 18 at 12:15 pm](#)

In other PQRS reporting news, CMS has announced February and March maintenance timeframes during which the reporting portal may be unavailable.

- 2/26/2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET – 2/29/2016 at 6:00 a.m. ET
- 3/11/2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET – 3/14/2016 at 6:00 a.m. ET
- 3/16/2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET – 3/21/2016 at 6:00 a.m. ET

Questions? Contact the QualityNet Help Desk at 1-866-288-8912 or via email at Qnetsupport@hcqis.org from 7 am - 7 pm Central Time.

Public Comment Period on Draft Quality Measure Development Plan Now Open

CMS is soliciting comments on the [Draft Quality Measure Development Plan \(MDP\)](#) through March 1, 2016. The MDP will support the transition to the Merit-Based Payment System (MIPS) and Alternative Payment Models (APM).

The MDP, as mandated by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA), builds on efforts to shift Medicare payments from volume to value. The final MDP will be posted on the CMS website by May 1, 2016.

- Blog: [CMS Quality Measure Development Plan Supporting the Transition to the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System \(MIPS\) and Alternative Payment Models \(APMs\)](#)
- [MIPS and APMs](#) webpage