

PQRS Corner: Be Prepared

PQRS Negative Payment Adjustment Notification

PQRS participants are now being [notified by letter](#) regarding the 2017 negative payment adjustments. If you did not participate in PQRS in 2015, or did not satisfactorily participate in 2015, all of your 2017 Medicare Part B reimbursement will be subject to a -2.0% adjustment.

If you think that this negative payment adjustment has been applied incorrectly, you can request an informal review -- but you must request a review **on or before November 30, 2016 at 11:59 pm**. CMS will investigate the merits of your request and issue a decision within 90 days of receipt.

Start with these steps:

- [Review your Feedback Report and 2015 AQRUR](#)
- [Request an informal review](#) (note: there are no hardship exemptions for the PQRS negative payment adjustment)
- [Register for the live CSMS AQRUR webinars](#)
- [Download the CSMS on-demand PQRS webinars](#)

Questions? Please contact the QualityNet Help Desk at 1-866-288-8912 (TTY 1-877-715-6222) or qnetsupport@hcqis.org. They are available from 7 am - 7 pm Central Time, Monday through Friday.

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Although Medicare won't release the Final Rule until November, it takes effect on January 1, 2017. That's not much time, but you can take steps now to prepare your practice:

- [Visit the new member-only MACRA resource page on the CSMS website](#) (log-in is required)
- [Register for the free CSMS MACRA 101 webinars](#)
- Stay tuned for more information from CSMS

