

Informal Review Deadline Extended - Last Chance!

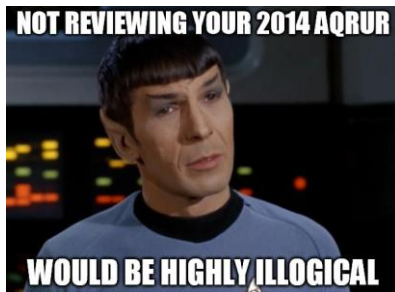
CMS has announced an extension to request informal review of 2014 AQRUR - **December 16, 2015 at 11:59 pm**. Your 2014 AQRUR (Annual Quality and Resource Use Report) shows whether you successfully participated in PQRS in 2014, so review AQRUR to make sure your PQRS and VM status are listed correctly. If you feel that there is an error, you can [request an informal CMS review](#).

Why bother reviewing?

If you are listed as **not reporting** PQRS in 2014, you will receive:

- **An automatic -2.0%** adjustment in your 2016 Medicare payments
- **Groups of 10+ get an additional automatic -2.0%** VM adjustment in 2016 payments

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PQRS Changes in 2016 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule

CMS has issued the final rule updating the payment policies and payment rates for services furnished under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) on or after January 1, 2016. The rule changes several of the quality reporting initiatives associated with MPFS payments, including PQRS. Highlights include:

- Individual eligible professionals (EPs) and group practices that meet the criteria for 2016 PQRS satisfactory reporting/participation will avoid the PQRS negative payment adjustment in 2018
- PQRS group practices can participate in 2016 PQRS via the Qualified Clinical Data Registry mechanism in 2016
- There are 281 measures in the PQRS measure set and 18 measures in the group practice reporting option (GPRO) Web Interface for 2016

The final rule was published in the Federal Register on November 16, 2015. For more information about participating in PQRS in 2016, visit the CMS PQRS website.

Please note: the 2018 PQRS payment adjustment is the last adjustment that will be issued under the PQRS.