2015 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS):

Resources for the 2015 PQRS Feedback Reports

November 2016

Background

In compliance with Section 1848(a)(8) of the Social Security Act, in 2015 CMS began to apply a downward payment adjustment to payments under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) for individual eligible professionals (EPs) and group practices who do not meet the criteria for satisfactory reporting in the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS).

Purpose

This document provides helpful resources for 2015 PQRS participants who would like to access and understand their PQRS feedback reports and determine whether or not the 2017 PQRS downward payment adjustment will be applied.

The PQRS Feedback Report Quick Reference Guide and User Guides

CMS has posted a new quick reference guide (QRG) and a new user guide specific to 2015 PQRS feedback reports. Existing Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM) guides may also be helpful for users who have not yet obtained an EIDM account.

- "Quick Reference Guide for Accessing 2015 PQRS Feedback Reports" and "2015 PQRS Feedback Report User Guide" are both located on the PQRS Analysis and Payment webpage.
- To view the EIDM QRGs and user guides, access the Physician and Other Health Care Professionals Quality Reporting Portal and click on the "Quick Reference Guides" link.
- Users may also contact the QualityNet Help Desk for additional support.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

There are several PQRS FAQs available to assist users with 2015 PQRS feedback report and EIDM questions.

- FAQ ID 16933 – What is EIDM and how does it relate to PQRS?
- FAQ ID 16925 – Are EIDM accounts required to access PQRS feedback reports?
- FAQ ID 16561 – Who will receive a 2015 PQRS feedback report?
- FAQ ID 3589 – PQRS feedback report timing.

For Additional Assistance Regarding 2015 PQRS Feedback Reports

For additional questions, contact the QualityNet Help Desk at 1-866-288-8912 (TTY 1-877-715-6222) from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday, or via email at qnetsupport@hcqis.org. To avoid security violations, please do not include personal identifying information such as Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number in email inquiries to the QualityNet Help Desk.