

## FAQ 9952 – Program Year 2014 and 2015 CAH-II Participation in PQRS

### Question:

Are eligible professionals (EPs) working in critical access hospitals (CAHs), who bill using Method II, eligible to participate in the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)?

### Answer:

Yes, beginning in 2014 EPs at CAHs who bill Medicare Part B using Method II can participate in PQRS (and the EHR Incentive Program) if they add their Individual NPI on the **CMS-1450 Institutional Claim form** (NOT the CMS-1500 form). For the 5010 version of the 837 I, Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) shall accept rendering physician/practitioner information at the line level (loop 2420C).

**For the 2014 PQRS program year**, EPs who bill using CAH Method II will **NOT** be able to report via the claims-based reporting mechanism in 2014, as the claims system would have needed to be updated to pull PQRS quality-data codes (QDCs) off the 1450 claim form and only pulled off of the CMS 1500 claim form in 2014. However, EPs who bill using CAH Method II **WILL** be able to report PQRS via Registry, Electronic Health Record (EHR), qualified clinical data registry (QCDR), and Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO).

**For the 2015 PQRS program year**, EPs who bill using CAH Method II **WILL** be able to report via the claims-based reporting mechanism as the claims system has been updated to pull PQRS quality-data codes (QDCs) off the 1450 claim form. EPs who bill using CAH Method II **WILL** also be able to report PQRS via Registry, Electronic Health Record (EHR), qualified clinical data registry (QCDR), and Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO). Please refer to your Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) if you need assistance determining whether or not you bill Medicare Part B PFS services. See the Contact Center Directory at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip>.

If you need assistance determining whether or not your provided services are included in PQRS measures, please contact the QualityNet Help Desk at 1-866-288-8912 (TTY 1-877-715-6222) or via [qnetsupport@hcqis.org](mailto:qnetsupport@hcqis.org). The QualityNet Help Desk is available from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time Monday through Friday.