



## Provider Inquiry Assistance

### Program Overview: 2009 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) – JA6394A

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**Contractors Affected**

- Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)
- Medicare Carriers

**Provider Types Affected** Physicians and other practitioners who qualify as eligible professionals to participate in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) PQRI Program



Change Request (CR) 6394 provides high-level overviews of the 2009 PQRI implementation and the new 2009 E-Prescribing Incentive Program implementation.

**Note:** There is another Job Aid (JA6394B) associated with CR6394 that addresses the new 2009 E-prescribing Incentive Program implementation.

### 2009 PQRI Implementation

Provider Needs to Know...

#### Eligible Professionals

- Beginning with the 2009 PQRI, the definition of “eligible professional” has been

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expanded to include qualified audiologists, as required by the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA).

- For the 2009 PQRI, the following professionals are eligible to participate in PQRI:
  1. **Medicare physicians**
    - Doctor of Medicine;
    - Doctor of Osteopathy;
    - Doctor of Podiatric Medicine;
    - Doctor of Optometry;
    - Doctor of Oral Surgery;
    - Doctor of Dental Medicine; and
    - Doctor of Chiropractic.
  2. **Practitioners**
    - Physician Assistant;
    - Nurse Practitioner;
    - Clinical Nurse Specialist;
    - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (and Anesthesiologist Assistant);
    - Certified Nurse Midwife;
    - Clinical Social Worker;
    - Clinical Psychologist;
    - Registered Dietician;
    - Nutrition Professional; and
    - Audiologists (as of January 1, 2009).
  3. **Therapists**
    - Physical Therapist;
    - Occupational Therapist; and
    - Qualified Speech-Language Therapist.
- All Medicare-enrolled professionals in these categories are eligible to participate in the 2009 PQRI, regardless of whether the professional has signed a Medicare participation agreement to accept assignment on all claims.

### **Professionals Eligible to Participate But Not Able to Participate**

- Some professionals are eligible to participate but are not able to participate for one or more reasons.
- Professionals eligible to participate but not able to participate include:

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1. Professionals paid under or based upon the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) billing Medicare Carriers or MACs who do not bill directly.

For example, Qualified Speech-Language Therapists who do not currently bill Medicare directly. It is anticipated that Qualified Speech-Language Therapists will begin billing Medicare directly on July 1, 2009, at which point they would be able to participate.

2. Professionals paid under the MPFS, billing Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs) or MACs. The FI/MAC claims processing systems currently cannot accommodate billing at the individual physician or practitioner level:
  - Critical access hospital (CAH), method II payment, where the physician or practitioner has reassigned his or her benefits to the CAH. In this situation, the CAH bills the FI/MAC for the professional services provided by the physician or practitioner.
  - All institutional providers that bill for outpatient therapy provided by physical and occupational therapists and speech language pathologists (for example, hospital, skilled nursing facility Part B, home health agency, comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility, or outpatient rehabilitation facility). This does not apply to skilled nursing facilities under Part A.

### **Services Not Included**

- Services payable under fee schedules or methodologies other than the MPFS are not included in PQRI. For example services provided in the following:
  - Federally qualified health centers;
  - Independent diagnostic testing facilities;
  - Independent laboratories;
  - Hospitals (including method I critical access hospitals);
  - Rural health clinics;
  - Ambulance providers; and
  - Ambulatory surgery center facilities.

### **Form and Manner of Reporting**

- For 2009, eligible professionals can continue to choose whether to report through claims-based submission or through a qualified PQRI registry. Also, they can continue to choose to report on individual quality measures or on measures groups.

### **Claims-based Submission**

- Eligible professionals are not required to enroll or register to begin claims-based reporting for the 2009 PQRI.
- Participating eligible professionals whose Medicare patients fit the specifications of the 2009 PQRI quality measures and/or measures groups will simply report the appropriate current procedural terminology (CPT) Category II codes or G-codes (where CPT

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Category II codes are not yet available) on their claims.

- CPT Category II codes and G-codes are Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for reporting quality data.
- Claims-based reporting may be via: (1) the paper-based CMS 1500 Claim form or (2) the equivalent electronic transaction claim, the 837-P.
- The applicable CPT Category II code or G-code quality data must be reported on the same claim as the patient diagnosis and service to which the quality-data code applies.
- Additional guidance about how to implement 2009 PQRI claims-based reporting of measures to facilitate satisfactory reporting of quality data codes by eligible professionals for the 2009 PQRI is available in the *2009 PQRI Implementation Guide*, which is available as a downloadable document in the Measures/Codes section of the CMS PQRI website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI> on the CMS website.

### ***Registry-based Reporting***

- Eligible professionals should submit information to a qualified PQRI clinical data registry.
- They should authorize or instruct the registry to submit quality measures results and numerator and denominator data on quality measures to CMS on their behalf.
- For 2009, CMS will conduct another self-nomination process for registries so additional registries can potentially be approved for submitting quality measures data for the 2009 PQRI.
- Registries qualified to submit data on behalf of their eligible professionals in 2008 are not required to self-nominate again for 2009 unless they are unsuccessful at submitting 2008 data by March 31, 2009.
- The list of qualified registries for the 2009 PQRI will be available on the CMS PQRI website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI> in the summer of 2009.

### **Reporting Periods**

- There are no changes to the PQRI reporting period or the alternative reporting periods for measures group reporting or for registry-based reporting for 2009.
- The 2009 PQRI reporting period continues to be the entire calendar year.
- There continues to be two alternative reporting periods for measures group reporting and for registry-based reporting (i.e., the entire calendar year and a six-month reporting period beginning July 1, 2009).

### **Payment for Reporting**

- Participating eligible professionals who satisfactorily report as prescribed by the 2009 MPFS final rule with comment period (and as summarized below in the Determination of Satisfactory Reporting section) may earn a 2.0% incentive payment.
- Because claims processing times may vary, participating eligible professionals should submit claims from the end of 2009 promptly, so that those claims will reach the

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Medicare's National Claims History (NCH) file by February 28, 2010. PQRI incentive payments will be paid as a lump sum in mid-2010.

- The PQRI incentive payment will apply to allowed charges for all covered professional services, under the MPFS and not just those charges associated with reported quality measures.
- The term "allowed charges" refers to total charges, including the beneficiary deductible and co-payment, not just the 80% paid by Medicare or the portion covered by Medicare where Medicare is the secondary payer.
- Other Part B services and items that may be billed by eligible professionals but are not paid under or based upon the MPFS do not apply to the PQRI incentive payment.
- For 2009, the analysis of satisfactory reporting will continue to be performed at the individual eligible professional level using individual-level National Provider Identifier (NPI) data.
- CMS will continue to use the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) as the billing unit, so any PQRI incentive payments earned will be paid to the TIN holder of record.
- PQRI incentive payments will be paid to the holder of the TIN, aggregating individual incentive payments for groups that bill under one TIN.
- For eligible professionals who submit claims under multiple TINs, CMS will continue to group claims by TIN for payment purposes.
- A provider with multiple TINs who qualifies for the PQRI incentive payment under more than one TIN will receive a separate PQRI incentive payment associated with each TIN.
- Where eligible professionals who are employees or contractors have assigned their payments to their employers or facilities, Section 1848(m)(1)(A)(ii) of the Act specifies that any PQRI incentive payment earned will be paid to the employers or facilities.

### Individual Quality Measures

- The 2009 PQRI includes a total of 153 quality measures. This total includes 52 new measures.
- Whereas all of the 2008 PQRI quality measures were reportable either through claims-based submission or registry-based reporting, 18 of the 153 PQRI quality measures for 2009 are reportable **only** through registries.
- A complete list of the 2009 PQRI individual quality measures can be found in the *2009 PQRI Quality Measures List*, which is available as a downloadable document in the Measures/Codes section of the CMS PQRI website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI> on the CMS website.

### Measures Groups

- There are seven measures groups for the 2009 PQRI.
- More detailed information on these measures groups is available in the fact sheet at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/downloads/PQRIWhatsNew2009Final.pdf> on the CMS website.

## Determination of Satisfactory Reporting

- To qualify to earn an incentive payment, eligible professionals must meet the criteria for satisfactorily reporting data on PQRI quality measures.
- There are nine reporting options, or ways in which an eligible professional can attempt to satisfactorily report.
- Although there are multiple reporting options for satisfactory reporting, an eligible professional only needs to satisfactorily report under one option to qualify for the 2.0% incentive payment for the applicable reporting period.
- An eligible professional who qualifies for more than one reporting period will receive the incentive payment for the longest reporting period for which the professional qualifies.
- The 2009 PQRI reporting options, including any changes, are detailed in the fact sheet at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/downloads/PQRIWhatsNew2009Final.pdf> and are included in CR6394 at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R4590TN.pdf> on the CMS website.
- The analysis of whether an eligible professional has satisfactorily reported will continue to be performed at the individual eligible professional level using the individual-level NPI.
- The eligible professional's individual NPI must be listed along with HCPCS codes for services, procedures, and quality data on the claim.
- To participate in the 2009 PQRI, eligible professionals must have their individual-level NPIs and must consistently use their individual NPIs to correctly identify their services, procedures, and quality-data codes for an accurate determination of satisfactory reporting.
- Eligible professionals select the quality measures and/or measures groups that are applicable to their practices.
- If an eligible professional submits data for a quality measure or a measures group, that measure or measures group is presumed to be applicable for the purposes of determining satisfactory reporting.
- For eligible professionals choosing to report on individual quality measures, CMS recommends that eligible professionals report on every quality measure that is applicable to their patient populations to increase the likelihood that they will reach the 80% satisfactorily reporting requirement for the requisite number of measures.
- As detailed information, education, and tools to support satisfactory claims-based reporting of individual quality measures and/or measures groups become available, they will be posted on the CMS PQRI website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI> on the CMS website.

## Validation

- Section 1848(m)(5)(D)(ii) of the Social Security Act (the Act) permits CMS to validate, using sampling or other means, whether quality measures applicable to the services furnished by a participating eligible professional have been reported.
- Under the claims-based reporting method of individual measure(s), the determination of satisfactory reporting, as defined by statute, will serve as a general validation because the analysis will assess whether quality-data codes are appropriately submitted by an eligible professional in a sufficient proportion of the instances when a reporting opportunity exists.
- In addition, for those eligible professionals who satisfactorily submit quality-data codes for fewer than three (3) PQRI measures, a two-step measure-applicability validation (MAV) process will determine whether they should have submitted quality-data codes for additional measures.
- If CMS finds that eligible professionals who have reported fewer than three quality measures have not reported additional measures that are also applicable to the services they furnished during the reporting period, then CMS cannot pay those eligible professionals the incentive payment.
- More information on the MAV process for the 2009 PQRI is available in the Analysis and Payment section of the CMS PQRI website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI> on the CMS website.

## Appeals

- For the 2009 PQRI, the statute specifically states that there will be no administrative or judicial review of the determination of:
  - Quality measures applicable to services furnished by eligible professionals,
  - Satisfactory reporting, or
  - Incentive payment.
- CMS will establish a process for eligible professionals to inquire about these matters.

## Confidential Feedback Reports

- CMS will provide confidential feedback reports on 2009 PQRI reporting to participating eligible professionals at or near the time that the lump sum incentive payments are made in 2010.
  - Access to confidential feedback reports may require eligible professionals to complete an identity-verification process to obtain a login identification and password for a secure interface.
  - This process is not required to participate in the 2009 PQRI or to receive an incentive payment.
  - Section 1848(m)(5)(G) of the Act requires CMS to post on the CMS website, in an easily understandable format, a list of the names of the eligible professionals who satisfactorily
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submitted data on quality measures under PQRI.

- The names of eligible professionals who satisfactorily submitted data on quality measures for the 2009 PQRI will be posted at <http://www.medicare.gov> on the Internet after the lump sum incentive payments are made in 2010.

Background

- The 2006 Tax Relief and Health Care Act (P.L. 109-432) required CMS to establish a physician quality reporting system, including an incentive payment for eligible professionals who satisfactorily report data on quality measures for covered services furnished to Medicare beneficiaries during the second half of 2007.
- CMS named this program PQRI.
- For the 2009 PQRI, the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children’s Health Insurance Program Extension Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-173) required the Secretary to select measures for 2009 through rulemaking and to establish alternative reporting criteria and alternative reporting periods for reporting measures groups and for registry-based reporting.
- In addition, MIPAA was enacted on July 15, 2008 includes many provisions that impact the 2009 PQRI.
- The 2009 PQRI requirements are outlined in the 2009 MPFS final rule with comment period that was published in the Federal Register on November 19, 2008 (visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-26213.pdf> on the Internet) and are summarized above.

Operational Impact

N/A

Reference Materials

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6394.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6394) issued regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R4590TN.pdf> on the CMS website.

MLN Matters® article MM6514 (Coding and Reporting Principles for the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI)) can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6514.pdf> on the CMS website.

## Attachment 1

## Additional PQRI Program Information Resources

2009 Resource	Description	Link/Navigation
2009 PQRI Tip Sheet: Satisfactorily Reporting 2009 PQRI Measures [PDF, 267KB]	Provides information on how to get started with PQRI reporting as well as tips to assist professionals and their staff with reporting 2009 PQRI measures data accurately	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/pqri_satisfactorily508.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/pqri_satisfactorily508.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/30_EducationalResources.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/30_EducationalResources.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
Status Update on CPT II Coding Issue for the 2009 PQRI and Options for Eligible Professionals (EPs) [PDF, 34KB]	CMS has identified a technical problem affecting 20 QDCs used for reporting 13 quality measures through the claims-based method for 2009 PQRI.	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/StatusUpdateCodingIssue2009PQRIandOptionsForEPs_021909.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/StatusUpdateCodingIssue2009PQRIandOptionsForEPs_021909.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
Eligible Professionals	Lists professionals who are eligible and able to participate in PQRI and those eligible but <i>not</i> able.	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/10_EligibleProfessionals.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/10_EligibleProfessionals.asp#TopOfPage</a>
2009 PQRI Implementation Guide [PDF 364KB]	Provides guidance on how to implement 2009 PQRI claims-based reporting of measures to facilitate satisfactory reporting of QDCs by EPs for 2009 PQRI. Includes sample specification, sample CMS 1500 form, PQRI decision tree, and glossary.	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009_PQRI_ImplementationGuide_062209_508.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009_PQRI_ImplementationGuide_062209_508.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
2009 PQRI Quality Measures List [PDF, 520KB]	Identifies the 153 quality measures selected for the 2009 PQRI and the measure developer.	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009_PQRI_MeasuresList_030409.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009_PQRI_MeasuresList_030409.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
2009 PQRI Quality Measure Specifications Manual and Release Notes [ZIP 1MB]	Zip file contains two authoritative documents that describe 1) 2009 measure specifications (including codes and reporting instructions) for the 153 individual PQRI quality measures for claims or registry-based reporting and 2) changes from the 2008 PQRI Measure Specifications (in the form of release notes delineated by measure number).	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009PQRIQualityMeasureSpecificationsManualandReleaseNotes.zip">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009PQRIQualityMeasureSpecificationsManualandReleaseNotes.zip</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
2009 PQRI Code Master Single Source [ZIP 470 KB]	Code master that identifies codes used in PQRI analysis	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009PQRICodeMasterSingleSource.zip">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009PQRICodeMasterSingleSource.zip</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/31_PQRIToolkit.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/31_PQRIToolkit.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads

2009 Resource	Description	Link/Navigation
<p>2009 PQRI Measures Groups Specifications Manual and Release Notes [ZIP 395 KB]</p>	<p>PQRI measures can be reported for seven measures groups in 2009. Measures groups were created for specific conditions that are addressed by at least four measures that share a common denominator.</p> <p>Measures groups specifications are different from those of the individual measures specifications: Diabetes Mellitus, Chronic Kidney Disease, Preventive Care, Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Perioperative Care, and Back Pain.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009PQRI/MeasuresGroupsSpecificationsManualandReleaseNotes.zip">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009PQRI/MeasuresGroupsSpecificationsManualandReleaseNotes.zip</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage</a> &gt; Downloads</p>
<p>Getting Started with 2009 PQRI Reporting of Measures Groups [PDF 144 KB]</p>	<p>A guide to implementing the 2009 PQRI measures groups</p>	<p><a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/GettingStartedwith2009PQRIReportingofMeasuresGroups.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/GettingStartedwith2009PQRIReportingofMeasuresGroups.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage</a> &gt; Downloads</p>
<p>2009 PQRI Tip Sheet: PQRI Made Simple- Reporting Preventive Care Measures Group [PDF 416KB]</p>	<p>Guidance on how to report the preventive measures group using the 30 consecutive patient sample</p>	<p><a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/PQRIMadeSimple2009Final508123008.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/PQRIMadeSimple2009Final508123008.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/30_EducationalResources.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/30_EducationalResources.asp#TopOfPage</a> &gt; Downloads</p>
<p>2009 PQRI Measures Groups 1500 Claim Sample</p>	<p>CMS-1500 claim samples for 2009 PQRI measures groups reporting 1) individual measures within a measures group and 2) using the measures group composite G-code</p>	<p><a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009_MeasuresGroups_1500ClaimExample_040909v2_1.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009_MeasuresGroups_1500ClaimExample_040909v2_1.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp</a> &gt; Downloads</p>
<p>American Medical Association (AMA) – PQRI Participation Tools</p>	<p>Individual measure tools and measures groups tools for 2009 PQRI</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/clinical-practice-improvement/clinical-quality/participation-tools-individual.shtml">http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/clinical-practice-improvement/clinical-quality/participation-tools-individual.shtml</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/31_PQRIToolKit.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/31_PQRIToolKit.asp#TopOfPage</a> &gt; Related Links Outside CMS</p>
<p>2009 FAQs</p>	<p>Frequently Asked Questions</p>	<p><a href="http://questions.cms.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/cmshhs.cfq/php/enduser/std_alp.php?%20p_p_v=3.945&amp;p_prods=8%2C61%2C945&amp;p_cats=&amp;hiddlen_prods=&amp;prod_lv1=8&amp;prod_lv2=61&amp;prod_lv3=945">http://questions.cms.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/cmshhs.cfq/php/enduser/std_alp.php?%20p_p_v=3.945&amp;p_prods=8%2C61%2C945&amp;p_cats=&amp;hiddlen_prods=&amp;prod_lv1=8&amp;prod_lv2=61&amp;prod_lv3=945</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/01_Overview.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/01_Overview.asp#TopOfPage</a> &gt; Related Links Inside CMS</p>

2009 Resource	Description	Link/Navigation
2009 Electronic Health Record Specifications	The specifications for the submission of PQRI measures through an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system. EHR-based submission of these measures will not be accepted for 2009 PQRI incentive payment purposes, as they are made available only for the purpose of testing submission via an EHR.	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009EHRDocuments071509.zip">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009EHRDocuments071509.zip</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
2009 Electronic Health Record Requirement [PDF 33KB]	Requirements for EHR vendors to participate	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009EHRDocuments071509.zip">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009EHRDocuments071509.zip</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
Registry Requirement for Submission of 2009 PQRI Data [PDF, 36.0KB]	Requirements for registries to submit 2009 PQRI data	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/Registry%20Requirements%20for%20Submission%20of%202009%20PQRI%20Data.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/Registry%20Requirements%20for%20Submission%20of%202009%20PQRI%20Data.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
CMS Sponsored Calls	CMS periodically holds national conference calls on a variety of PQRI-related topics. Once the call is announced, registration information will be provided on this page. All calls are free. If you are unable to participate in a scheduled call, options to hear the call or read a transcript will be made available.	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/04_CMSSponsoredCalls.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/04_CMSSponsoredCalls.asp#TopOfPage</a>
CR 5640 – Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Coding & Reporting Principles [PDF, 1MB]	Coding and reporting principles for PQRI	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R2770TN.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R2770TN.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/05_StatuteRegulationsProgramInstructions.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/05_StatuteRegulationsProgramInstructions.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Related Links Inside CMS
2009 Measure-Applicability Validation (MAV) Process for Claims-Based Participation [PDF 113KB]	Details on the MAV process and measure clusters	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009MAVProcessforClaimsBasedReportingIndividualMeasures01082009.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009MAVProcessforClaimsBasedReportingIndividualMeasures01082009.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/25_AnalysisAndPayment.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/25_AnalysisAndPayment.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
2009 Measure-Applicability Validation (MAV) Process for Claims-Based Participation Flow Chart [PDF 32KB]	Flow detailing the MAV process	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009PQRIMAVFlowchart012209.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009PQRIMAVFlowchart012209.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/25_AnalysisAndPayment.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/25_AnalysisAndPayment.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads

2009 Resource	Description	Link/Navigation
2009 Patient-Level Measures	List of 2009 measures for which the reporting frequency is a minimum of once per reporting period per each individual EP (NPI). Scenario included.	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009PQRIPatientLevelMeasures011609.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2009PQRIPatientLevelMeasures011609.pdf</a> or <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/30_EducationalResources.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/30_EducationalResources.asp#TopOfPage</a> > Downloads
<i>Coming Soon – 2009 Tools</i>	Will include Tip Sheets and other helpful resources related to PQRI.	---