

QRURs for Medical Practice Groups

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[Medicare Fee-For Service 2011 Quality and Resource Use Report and Physician Quality Reporting System Feedback Report \(template for 2011 QRUR for Medical Practice Groups\)](#)

In December 2012, CMS provided group-level QRURs to 54 large medical practice groups (each with 200 or more physicians submitting Medicare claims under a single tax identification number), that participated in the PQRS web-interface group reporting option.

[Detailed Methodology for the 2011 Medical Group Practice Quality and Resource Use Reports](#)

This document provides details of the technical methodology used to produce the 2011 QRURs for medical practice groups.

[Ambulatory Care Sensitive Condition \(ACSC\) and Care Coordination Outcome Measures for the 2011 Medical Group Practice Quality and Resource Use Reports](#)

Ambulatory Care Sensitive Condition (ACSCs) are conditions for which good outpatient care can prevent complications or more serious disease. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) developed measures of potentially avoidable hospitalizations for ACSCs as part of a larger set of Prevention Quality Indicators (PQIs). The measures rely on hospital discharge data but are not intended to measure hospital quality. Rather, high or increasing rates of hospitalization for these conditions in a defined population of patients may indicate inadequate access to high-quality ambulatory care. The group-level QRUR presents ACSC admission rates per thousand Medicare beneficiaries attributed to medical group practices, for diabetes (a composite measure), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or asthma, heart failure, and acute conditions (a composite measure). The admission rates are calculated from 2011 Medicare Part A claims data.

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[Physician Quality Reporting System \(PQRS\)](#)

Link to CMS webpages covering the PQRS program and information about how medical practice groups can self-nominate and participate as a group during calendar year 2013.

[Changes in the QRURs for Medical Practice Groups between Program Year 2010 and Program Year 2011](#)

This document provides an overview and enumerates changes in the format and content of the Group QRUR between program year 2010 and program year 2011. Many changes are a result of feedback and suggestions that CMS received.

[Self-Nomination/Registration in 2013](#)

This section of the Physician Feedback Program website provides helpful information on the self-nomination/registration process for 2013.

[How PQRS Quality Data Are Used in 2011 Group QRURs](#)

In addition to displaying scores for the 26 PQRS quality indicators that each group submitted as a participant in PQRS, CMS has used both group and individual PQRS data in creating a national benchmark for each measure.

For this reason, the percentile distribution of all 55 medical group practices that participated in the 2011 PQRS group reporting option and the average performance of all PQRS physicians may differ from comparative data in 2011 PQRS reports.