

## **CMS PQRS Listserv Message: Additional Information on July 2015 Transition from IACS to EIDM**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) would like to remind Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) participants and their staff of an important system update scheduled to be in place on Monday, July 13, 2015.

The Individuals Authorized Access to CMS Computer Services (IACS) system will be retired, but current IACS user accounts will transition to an existing CMS system called Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM). The EIDM system provides a way for business partners to apply for, obtain approval of, and receive a single user ID for accessing multiple CMS applications. Please read below for important information and tips to help make sure the transition runs smoothly for PQRS participants and their staff.

### **Useful Information and Tips for Existing PQRS Users:**

- Existing PQRS IACS users, their data, and their roles will move to EIDM and will be accessible from the “CMS Secure Portal” portion of the CMS Enterprise Portal at <http://portal.cms.gov>.
- Users will then access the “PQRS Portal” to submit data, retrieve submission reports, view feedback reports, and conduct various administrative and maintenance activities.
- Users should ensure that their IACS account is active and current, and that they’re able to log in.
- Users should reset their IACS password if they think their password might expire before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, July 3, 2015.
- Users should not make changes to their user profile or submit a request of any type that cannot be approved prior to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, July 3.
- Users should not register for a new account in EIDM prior to the system update on July 13, 2015. This will only complicate moving their IACS account to the new EIDM system.
- For additional information, reference the EIDM Quick Reference Guides, which will be available in July on the [Physician and Other Health Care Professionals Quality Reporting Portal](#), and [the CMS EIDM User Guide](#).

### **Useful Information and Tips for New PQRS Users:**

- To register for an IACS account, visit the CMS Enterprise Portal at <http://portal.cms.gov> and click “New User Registration” under “Login to CMS Secure Portal.” **NOTE: New IACS registration requests will be cut off as of 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, July 3, 2015. After that point, new users will need to wait until the EIDM system launches on Monday, July 13, 2015 to request a new account.**
- Work with the QualityNet Help Desk to get any pending IACS account requests approved before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, July 3, 2015. Also, do not register for a new account in IACS if it cannot be approved prior to this date.

- For additional information, reference the EIDM Quick Reference Guides, which will be available in July on the [Physician and Other Health Care Professionals Quality Reporting Portal](#), and [the CMS EIDM User Guide](#).

**For Additional Assistance Regarding IACS or EIDM:**

- 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](mailto:qnetsupport@hcqis.org).