



CMS Extends Deadline for 2016 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Electronic Health Record (EHR) Submission

CMS extends the submission deadline for 2016 Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) data submission for the EHR reporting mechanism of the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) program. Individual eligible professionals (EPs), PQRS group practices, qualified clinical data registries (QCDRs), and qualified EHR data submission vendors (DSVs) now have until Friday, March 31, 2017 to submit 2016 EHR data via QRDA. The deadline is extended to March 31, 2017 for EPs to electronically report electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs) for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program.

Please Note: The deadline for eCQM data submission for hospitals participating in the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program and to meet the electronic reporting of Clinical Quality Measures (QCMs) portion of the EHR Incentive Program is Monday, March 13, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time (PT). The deadline for reporting via attestation and Meaningful Use objective and measure submission for providers participating in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program is Monday, March 13, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

A complete list of 2016 data submission timeframes is below:

- March 13, 2017 deadline:
 - eCQM reporting for hospitals – 1/3/17 - 3/13/17
 - CQM reporting via attestation – 1/3/17 - 3/13/17
 - Meaningful Use objectives and measures – 1/3/17 - 3/13/17
- March 17, 2017 deadline:
 - Web Interface – 1/16/17 - 3/17/17
- March 31, 2017 deadlines:
 - EHR Direct or Data Submission Vendor (QRDA I or III) – 1/3/17 - 3/31/17
 - Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QRDA III) – 1/3/17 - 3/31/17
 - Qualified Registries (Registry XML) – 1/3/17 - 3/31/17
 - QCDRs (QCDR XML) – 1/3/17 - 3/31/17
 - eCQM reporting for EPs – 1/3/17 - 3/31/17

Submission ends at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on the end date listed for PQRS reporting. An Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM) account with the “Submitter Role” is required for these PQRS data submission methods. Please see the [EIDM System Toolkit](#) for additional information.

EPs who do not satisfactorily report 2016 quality measure data to meet the PQRS requirements will be subject to a downward PQRS payment adjustment on all Medicare Part B Physician Fee

Schedule (PFS) services rendered in 2018. For questions, please contact the QualityNet Help Desk at 1-866-288-8912 or via email at Qnetsupport@hcqis.org from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Central Time. Complete information about PQRS is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/index.html>.