



2016 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS): Resources for the 2016 PQRS Feedback Reports

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Background

In compliance with Section 1848(a)(8) of the Social Security Act, in 2015 CMS began to apply a downward payment adjustment to payments under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) for individual eligible professionals (EPs) and group practices who do not meet the criteria for satisfactory reporting in the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS).

Note: 2016 was the last program year for the PQRS quality reporting program. PQRS transitioned to the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) under the Quality Payment Program. The final data submission timeframe for reporting 2016 PQRS quality data to avoid the 2018 PQRS downward payment adjustment was January through March 2017. The first MIPS performance period is January through December 2017. For more information, please visit the [Quality Payment Program website](#).

Purpose

This document provides helpful resources for 2016 PQRS participants who would like to access and understand their PQRS feedback reports and determine whether or not the 2018 PQRS downward payment adjustment will be applied.

The PQRS Feedback Report Quick Reference Guide and User Guides

CMS posted a quick reference guide (QRG), its condensed version called quick access guide, and a user guide specific to 2016 PQRS feedback reports. Existing Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM) guides may also be helpful for users who have not yet obtained an EIDM account.

- “Quick Reference Guide for Accessing 2016 PQRS Feedback Reports”, “Quick Access Guide for the 2016 PQRS Feedback Reports,” and “2016 PQRS Feedback Report User Guide” are located on the [PQRS Analysis and Payment webpage](#).
- Users may also contact the [QualityNet Help Desk](#) for additional support.

For Additional Assistance Regarding 2016 PQRS Feedback Reports

For additional questions, 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 gnetsupport@hcgis.org. To avoid security violations, please do not include personal identifying information such as Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number in email inquiries to the QualityNet Help Desk.

The QualityNet Help Desk can also help you with information on the Annual Quality Use and Resource Reports (QRURs). Visit the [How to Obtain a Quality Resource and Usage Report \(QRUR\) webpage](#). Both the PQRS Feedback Reports and QRURs can be accessed at <https://portal.cms.gov> using the same EIDM account.