

## **CMS Extends Deadline for Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Informal Review Process**

CMS is extending the 2014 Informal Review period. Individual eligible professionals (EPs), Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) practice sites, PQRS group practices, and Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) that believe they have been incorrectly assessed the 2016 PQRS negative payment adjustment **now have until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on December 16, 2015** to submit an informal review requesting CMS investigate incentive eligibility and/or payment adjustment determination. This is an extension from the previous deadline of December 11, 2015.

All informal review requestors will be contacted via email of a final decision by CMS within 90 days of the original request for an informal review. **All decisions will be final and there will be no further review.**

All informal review requests must be submitted electronically via the [Quality Reporting Communication Support Page \(CSP\)](#) which will be available September 9, 2015 through **December 16, 2015** at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Please note:** Informal review will **experience downtime December 3, 2015 through December 7, 2015**. If you plan to file an informal review request, please do so outside of this window.

Please see *2014 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS): Incentive Eligibility & 2016 Negative Payment Adjustment - Informal Review Made Simple* (available on the [PQRS Analysis and Payment webpage](#)) for more information.

For additional questions regarding the informal review process, contact the **QualityNet Help Desk** at **1-866-288-8912** (TTY 1-877-715-6222) or [Qnetsupport@hcqis.org](mailto:Qnetsupport@hcqis.org) Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time. To avoid security violations, do not include personal identifying information, such as Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), in e-mail inquiries to the QualityNet Help Desk.