

Physician Quality Reporting System 2016 Informal Review Process

In 2016, CMS will apply a negative payment adjustment to individual eligible professionals (EPs), Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) practice sites, and group practices participating in the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) group practice reporting option (GPRO) (including Accountable Care Organizations [ACOs]) that did not satisfactorily report PQRS in 2014. Individuals and groups that receive the 2016 negative payment adjustment will not receive a 2014 PQRS incentive payment.

EPs, CPC practice sites, PQRS group practices, and ACOs that believe they have been incorrectly assessed the 2016 PQRS negative payment adjustment may submit an informal review between **September 9, 2015 and November 9, 2015** requesting CMS investigate incentive eligibility and/or payment adjustment determination. 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 November 9, 2015 until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

Please see 2014 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS): Incentive Eligibility & 2016 Negative Payment Adjustment - Informal Review Made Simple (available on the [Analysis and Payment](#) section of the PQRS website) 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@hccjis.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.