2014 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)  
List of Eligible Professionals

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Under Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), covered professional services are those paid under or based on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS). To the extent that eligible professionals are providing services which get paid under or based on the PFS, those services are eligible for PQRS incentive payments and/or payment adjustments.

Eligible and Able to Participate  
The following professionals are eligible to participate in PQRS:

1. Medicare physicians  
   Doctor of Medicine  
   Doctor of Osteopathy  
   Doctor of Podiatric Medicine  
   Doctor of Optometry  
   Doctor of Oral Surgery  
   Doctor of Dental Medicine  
   Doctor of Chiropractic

2. Practitioners  
   Physician Assistant  
   Nurse Practitioner*  
   Clinical Nurse Specialist*  
   Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist* (and Anesthesiologist Assistant)  
   Certified Nurse Midwife*  
   Clinical Social Worker  
   Clinical Psychologist  
   Registered Dietician  
   Nutrition Professional  
   Audiologists  
   *Includes Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)

3. Therapists  
   Physical Therapist  
   Occupational Therapist  
   Qualified Speech-Language Therapist

Note: Beginning in 2014, professionals who reassign benefits to a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) that bills professional services at a facility level, such as CAH Method II billing, can now participate (in all reporting methods except for claims-based). To do so, the CAH must include the individual provider NPI on their Institutional (FI) claims.
Eligible But Not Able to Participate

Some professionals may be eligible to participate per their specialty, but due to billing method may not be able to participate:

- Professionals who do not bill Medicare at an individual National Provider Identifier (NPI) level, where the rendering provider’s individual NPI is entered on CMS-1500 type paper or electronic claims billing, associated with specific line-item services.

Services payable under fee schedules or methodologies other than the PFS are not included in PQRS.

Eligible professionals participating in PQRS should familiarize themselves and their office staff with the PQRS measures that appear to apply to their patients for the relevant program year. To access the measures list and related materials, click on the "Measures Codes" page in the left-hand column of the CMS PQRS website at http://cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS.