

**Hospital Value-based Purchasing
Fiscal Year 2013 Dry-Run
National Provider Call**

Please join CMS for an upcoming **National Provider Call** that has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, February 28, 2012. During this call, we will discuss the Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (Hospital VBP) Program related to the FY 2013 performance standards, measures and dimensions, and performance scoring.

Information for Joining the National Provider Call (NPC)

Tuesday, February 28, 2012 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Registration for the NPC: *Registration Information* – Please visit <http://www.eventsvc.com/blhtechnologies/> to register for this informative session. Registration will close at 12:00 p.m. ET on February 28, 2012, or when available space has been filled. No exceptions will be made. Please register early.

Questions Prior to the NPC: CMS welcomes your questions prior to the NPC. Providers will be able to submit their questions during registration.

Questions During the NPC: Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

Purpose of the National Provider Call

CMS is currently conducting a Dry Run of the FY 2013 Hospital VBP Program. As part of the Dry Run, CMS will create hospital-specific performance reports that simulate the FY 2013 Program for each hospital to review. The simulated reports will employ hospital data from prior years to construct each hospital's baseline period and performance period scores. To prepare providers for interpreting the Dry Run simulated report, the National Provider Call will discuss a sample report that shows what hospitals can expect when they receive their own reports.

Non-Eligible Hospitals

Some hospitals will not be eligible for the FY 2013 Hospital VBP Program, either because they are not Inpatient Prospective Payment System hospitals (such as Critical Access Hospitals) or because they did not meet the program's minimum requirements for cases, measures, or completed surveys. Hospitals that are not eligible during the Dry Run performance period will not receive a hospital-specific Dry Run report for review but will receive a sample report to assist in their understanding of the Hospital VBP Program. Non-eligible hospitals for the Dry Run may still be eligible for the FY 2013 Program due to its different performance period. Non-eligible hospitals are welcome to join the National Provider Call to learn more about this program.

What Hospitals Can Expect

Following the **National Provider Call** and starting February 29, CMS will make available to each hospital eligible for the FY 2013 Program its own "Simulated Hospital VBP Performance Report". This report will be specific to your hospital and will follow a report format similar to what CMS will present during the National Provider Call. Hospitals that are not eligible will receive a sample report.

The Simulated Hospital VBP Performance Report will be accessible through your QualityNet account. If you have an **inactive** QualityNet account, please make sure that you **re-activate** it by contacting the QualityNet Help Desk at qnetsupport@sdps.org or (866) 288-8912. This will ensure that you can access your simulated hospital-specific report after the National Provider Call.

Where Hospitals Can Send Questions

Hospitals can submit questions prior to the National Provider Call during registration. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation. **Providers that registered for the December 6, 2011 NPC will need to re-register for this call.** However, questions submitted during that registration have been captured and do not need to be re-submitted to CMS.

After the National Provider Call, a feedback form will be made available for 30 days on QualityNet for hospitals to submit questions about their Dry Run report. CMS will post frequently asked questions about the Dry Run, the National Provider Call, and the simulated reports on CMS's website at <http://www.cms.gov/Hospital-Value-Based-Purchasing/>.

We look forward to your involvement in the Hospital VBP Program.