



# Physician Compare

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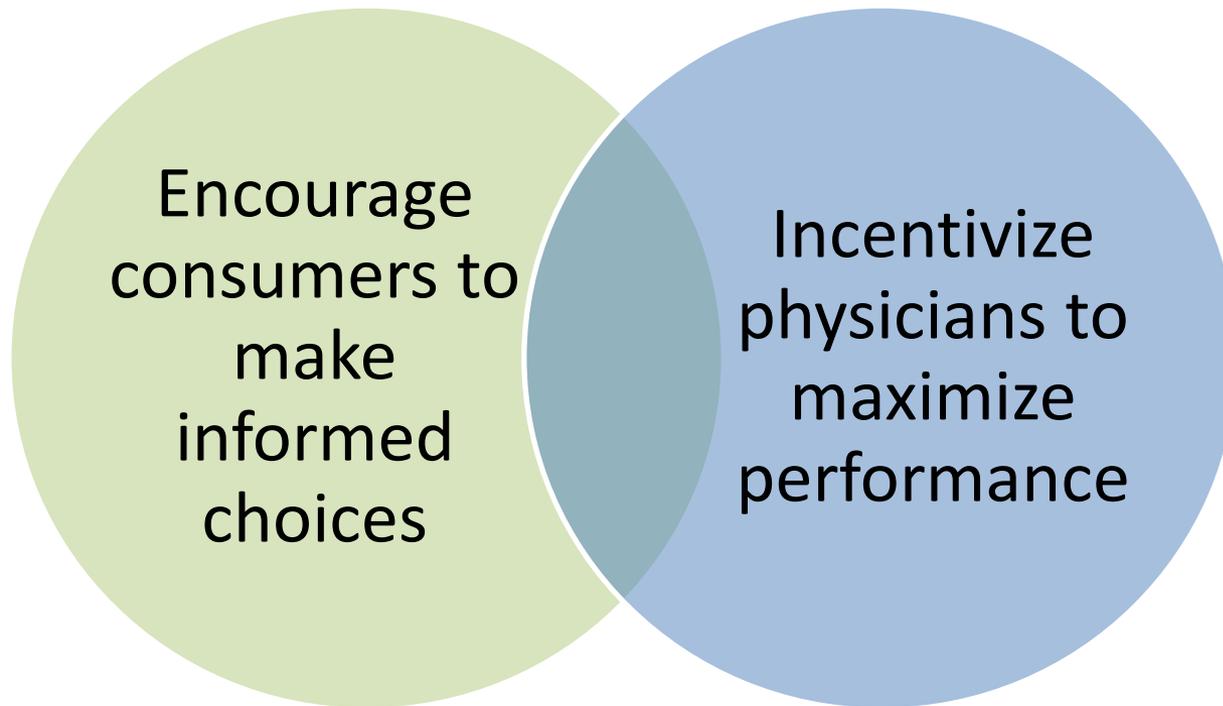
# Welcome

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- Purpose of the Session
- Overview of Agenda

# Overview of Physician Compare

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# Overview of Physician Compare

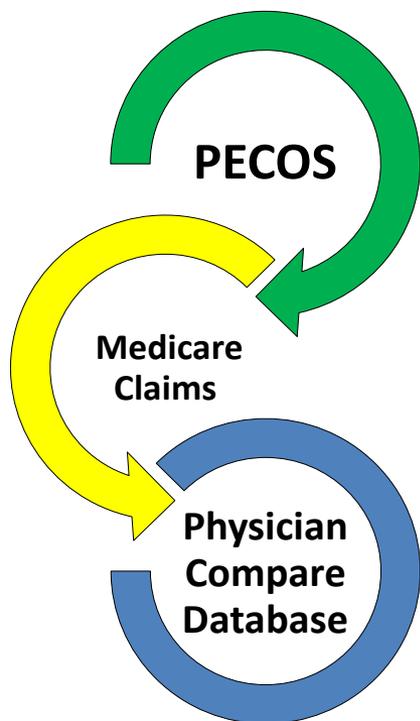
CMS repurposed the Medicare.gov Healthcare Provider Directory into Physician Compare

- Medicare Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System (PECOS) as the underlying data source
- Ability to search by location and specialty
- Basic contact and demographic information

# Overview of Physician Compare

Improved Database

Intelligent Search Functionality



Find Physicians and Other Healthcare Professionals | Find Group Practices | Search Another Way

A field with an asterisk (\*) is required.

\* Location: BALTIMORE, MD

\* What are you searching for? Heart

Search | Advanced Search

Specialties related to "Heart":  
Cardiac Electrophysiology  
Cardiac Surgery  
Cardiovascular Disease (Cardiology)  
Physical Therapy  
Thoracic Surgery

Spotlight: Getting the Most from Physician Compare

Physician Compare information Current Database (Updated: 12/20/2013)

# Physician Compare Data

## Inclusion criteria for Physician Compare

<b>Individual Health Care Professionals (HCPs) must:</b>	<b>Group Practices must:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be in approved status in PECOS</li><li>• Provide at least one practice location address</li><li>• Have at least one specialty noted in PECOS</li><li>• Have submitted a Medicare claim within the last 12 months or be newly enrolled in PECOS within the last 6 months</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be an approved Medicare provider</li><li>• Have a Legal Business Name</li><li>• Have a valid mailing address</li><li>• Have a Tax Identification Number (TIN)</li><li>• Have at least two health care professionals submit a Medicare claim under the group's TIN within the last 12 months or be newly enrolled in PECOS within the last 6 months</li></ul>

# Physician Compare Data

## Primary information from PECOS and claims

For Individual HCPs:	For Group Practices:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First and Last Name</li><li>• Specialty</li><li>• Addresses/phone numbers</li><li>• Group practice affiliation</li><li>• Medicare Assignment status</li><li>• Gender</li><li>• Education</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Business Name and/or Doing Business As (DBA) name, if available</li><li>• Practice Locations</li><li>• Addresses/phone numbers</li><li>• Affiliated HCPs</li><li>• Specialties</li><li>• Medicare Assignment status</li></ul>

# Physician Compare Data

## Practice Locations

- Cross-reference PECOS and Medicare claims data

## Hospital Affiliation

- Self-report
- Inpatient hospital claims
- Outpatient hospital claims
- Physician and ancillary service claims

# Physician Compare Data

## American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Board Certification and Residency Information

- Database compiled by Elsevier in cooperation with ABMS
- Email [abms.feedback@elsevier.com](mailto:abms.feedback@elsevier.com) for questions about the board certification information on your profile pages

# Physician Compare Data

## Medicare Assignment

- Group practices and HCPs identify their status when they enroll in Medicare

## Medicare Assignment Icons

- “Accepts Medicare Assignment”
- “May Accept Medicare Assignment”

## Icon display on Physician Compare

- Depends on group practice and/or individual HCP’s PECOS enrollment

# Physician Compare Data

## Downloadable Database

- General information and Medicare quality program participation for individual HCPs
- 2013 Physician Quality Report System (PQRS) Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) performance rates
- [www.data.medicare.gov/physician-compare](http://www.data.medicare.gov/physician-compare)

# Quality Measure Data

Date of Publication	Rule	PQRS GPROs	ACOs	Patient Experience of Care Measures	Individual Eligible Professionals (EPs)
February 2014	<p>2012 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Final Rule</p> <p>2012 Medicare Shared Savings Program (SSP) Final Rule</p>	<p>2012 PQRS GPRO measures collected via the Web Interface</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Diabetes Mellitus (DM) and Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) measures only</li> </ul>	<p>2012 ACO measures collected via the Web Interface for Medicare Shared Savings Program (SSP) &amp; Pioneer ACOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Diabetes Mellitus (DM) and Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) measures only</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A

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Date of Publication	Rule	PQRS GPROs	ACOs	Patient Experience of Care Measures	Individual Eligible Professionals (EPs)
December 2014	2013 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Final Rule	2013 PQRS GPRO measures collected via the Web Interface ❖ DM and CAD	2013 ACO measures collected via the Web Interface ❖ DM and CAD	2013 Clinician and Group Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CG-CAHPS) for ACOs ❖ Group practices of 100 or more EPs reporting via Web Interface - Not technically feasible ❖ CMS will administer data collection	N/A

# Physician Compare Website Demo

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<http://medicare.gov/physiciancompare>

# Public Reporting by Year

Date of Publication	Rule	PQRS GPROs	ACOs	Patient Experience of Care Measures	Individual Eligible Professionals (EPs)
Late 2015*	2014 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Final Rule	<p>2014 PQRS GPRO measures collected via the Web Interface</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ All measures</li> </ul> <p>2014 PQRS GPRO data collected via Registry and EHR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Sub-set of Measures</li> </ul>	<p>2014 ACO measures collected via the Web Interface</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ All measures</li> </ul> <p>3 claims-based and 1 administrative claims measure</p>	<p>2014 CAHPS for PQRS and CAHPS for ACOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Group practices of 25-99 EPs reporting via a CMS-approved certified survey vendor</li> <li>❖ Group practices of 100 or more EPs reporting via the Web Interface or other CMS-approved tool or interface</li> <li>❖ CMS will administer data collection for GPROs participating via the Web Interface and ACOs</li> </ul>	<p>2014 PQRS measures collected through an EHR, Registry, or Claims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Measures in line with Web Interface measures</li> <li>❖ Sub-set of 20 possible measures</li> </ul> <p>2014 Cardiovascular Prevention measures group in support of Million Hearts</p>

\* If technically feasible

# Public Reporting by Year

Date of Publication	Rule	PQRS GPROs	ACOs	Patient Experience of Care Measures	Individual Eligible Professionals (EPs)
Late 2016*	2015 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Final Rule	<p>All 2015 PQRS GPRO measures collected via the Web Interface, Registry, and EHR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Minimum sample size of 20 patients.</li> </ul>	<p>All 2015 measures reported by ACOs regardless of reporting mechanism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Minimum sample size of 20 patients.</li> </ul>	<p>2015 CAHPS for PQRS and CAHPS for ACOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Group practices of 2 or more EPs and ACOs reporting via a CMS-approved certified survey vendor.</li> </ul>	<p>All 2015 PQRS measures collected via an EHR, Registry, or Claims</p> <p>2015 Individual PQRS measures in support of Million Hearts.</p> <p>2015 QCDR measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Individual EP-level.</li> <li>❖ PQRS and Non-PQRS measures.</li> <li>❖ No first year measures.</li> </ul>

\* All data will be reported if technically feasible.

# Benchmarking

- Evaluating options for a publicly reported benchmark
- Stakeholders engagement
  - Suggestions may be sent to [PhysicianCompare@Westat.com](mailto:PhysicianCompare@Westat.com)
  - All suggestions received by Tuesday, March 3, 2015 may be considered in development of the 2016 PFS Proposed Rule

# For More Information

- Please direct inquiries regarding Physician Compare to [PhysicianCompare@Westat.com](mailto:PhysicianCompare@Westat.com)
- Find additional information at CMS.gov – just search for “Physician Compare Initiative”