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2014 Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) for the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)
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1. New PQRS Remittance Advice Codes Effective beginning July 1, 2014

Are you a PQRS eligible professional participating in claims-based reporting this year? Effective July 1, 2014, you will have to use the updated Remittance Advice Remark Codes (RARCs) for PQRS claims-based reporting that went into effect on April 1, 2014.

CMS has released a new [FAQ](#) with information about the updated codes.

What are the New Codes and What Do They Mean?

Eligible professionals who bill on a \$0.00 Quality-Data Code (QDC) line item will receive the N620 code, which replaces the current N365 code. Also, eligible professionals who bill on a \$0.01 QDC line item will receive the CO 246 N572 code.

The new RARC code N620 will be your indication that the PQRS codes were received into the CMS National Claims History (NCH) database.

The new RARC N572 with the Claim Adjustment Reason Code 246 (with Group Code CO or PR) indicates that the procedure is not payable unless non-payable reporting codes and appropriate modifiers are submitted.

Remember: The new codes will be effective on July 1, 2014. The old codes will be deactivated on the same date.

2. New PQRS Frequently Asked Questions Now Available

To keep you updated with information on the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), CMS has recently added three new FAQs to the website. Review these FAQs to learn more about PQRS EHR reporting, Adult Treatment Panel clinical guidelines, and Joint National Committee clinical guidelines.

New FAQs:

- a) If an eligible professional's (EP) or group practice's 2014 EHR system was not ready to report 2014 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) measures as of January 1, 2014, can it still be used to report 2014 PQRS measures via direct electronic health record (EHR) product or EHR data submission vendor after January 1, 2014 and what percentage of clinical quality measure (CQM)-eligible Medicare patients must be reported? [Read the answer here.](#)
- b) How should clinicians continue current practice and report 2014 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) measures, which still reflect the old clinical guidelines through the PQRS

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claims, Registry or GPRO Web Interface reporting option? [Low-density lipid control clinical concepts and Adult Treatment Panel clinical guidelines] [Read the answer here.](#)

- c) How should clinicians continue current practice and report 2014 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) measures, which still reflect the old clinical guidelines through the PQRS claims, Registry or GPRO Web Interface reporting option? [Blood pressure clinical concepts and Joint National Committee clinical guidelines] [Read the answer here.](#)

3. Eligible Professionals: Review the Lists of Qualified Registries and QCDRs for 2014 PQRS Participation

Interested in participating in PQRS this year using a [qualified registry](#) or a [Qualified Clinical Data Registry](#) (QCDR)? You can now review the lists of approved registries and QCDRs for 2014 on the CMS website.

Registry and QCDR Lists Now Available

For individual eligible professionals and group practices that wish to report using the qualified registry method, review the [2014 Qualified Registries](#) list.

For individual eligible professionals who wish to report using the new QCDR method, review the [2014 Qualified Clinical Data Registries](#) list. This reporting option is not available to group practices.

These lists include detailed information regarding:

- The services each QCDR/registry offers
- The cost incurred by their clients
- The measures they have available

Some of the 2014 QCDRs are in the process of publishing their non-PQRS measures. For these QCDRs, a TBD is displayed in the “Non-PQRS Measures Information” column. The list will be updated and reposted once all of the non-PQRS measure publications are finalized.

More Information on 2014 Registry and QCDR Reporting

For more information about reporting using QCDRs and qualified registries, review the [2014 PQRS: QCDR Participation Made Simple](#) and [2014 Registry Reporting Made Simple](#) documents. To learn more about PQRS, visit the [CMS PQRS website](#).

Do you need additional information regarding PQRS participation?

If you require further information, please contact the QualityNet Help Desk at 1-866-288-8912 or via qnetssupport@hcqis.org. They are available from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. CST Monday through Friday. Also, please visit the [PQRS webpage](#) for downloadable resources.