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## **2014 Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) for the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)**

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# Agenda

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- What Is a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR)?
- Role of QCDR in PQRS and Other Quality Reporting Programs
- Reporting Data through a QCDR
- Additional Resources
- Question & Answer Session

# What Is a QCDR?

A **qualified clinical data registry (QCDR)** is a reporting mechanism available for Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) beginning in program year 2014.

For 2014, a QCDR is a CMS-approved entity that collects medical and/or clinical data for the purpose of patient and disease tracking to foster improvement in the quality of care provided to patients.

**A QCDR is different from a qualified registry in that it is not limited to measures within PQRS.**



# The Functions of a QCDR

A qualified clinical data registry must perform the following functions:

1. Submit quality measures data or results to CMS

- Must have in place mechanisms for the transparency of data elements, specifications, risk models, and measures

2. Submit to CMS quality measures data on multiple payers

3. Provide timely feedback

4. Possess benchmarking capacity

# Role of QCDR in PQRS and Other Quality Reporting Programs

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# EPs Can Participate in PQRS through a QCDR

The Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) is a reporting program that uses a combination of incentive payments and payment adjustments to promote reporting of quality information by eligible professionals (EPs).



# Criteria for Incentive and/or Avoiding a Payment Adjustment



EPs may earn the 2014 PQRS incentive by meeting the following criteria:

- Report on a minimum of nine measures covering three National Quality Strategy (NQS) domains for at least 50% of the EP's applicable patients seen during the 2014 participation period
  - At least one of the nine measures submitted must be an outcome measure



EPs may avoid the 2016 payment adjustment by meeting one of the following criteria:

- Satisfactorily participate and earn the 2014 PQRS incentive
- Report at least three measures covering one NQS domain for at least 50% of the EP's applicable patients seen during the 2014 participation period

More information is available in the Measures Codes section of the 2014 PQRS Implementation Guide at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/MeasuresCodes.html>

# Participating Quality Reporting Programs

## Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)

- Individual EPs are able to satisfactorily participate in PQRS through a QCDR to earn the 2014 PQRS incentive payment (0.5%) and avoid the 2016 PQRS payment adjustment (2.0%).

## Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program

- Individual EPs are able to satisfactorily participate in a QCDR for purposes of meeting the electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) reporting component of meaningful use for the 2014 Medicare EHR Incentive Program.
- They must, however, be using a certified EHR system and meet other reporting/formatting requirements in the Stage 2 MU rule.

## Value-based Payment Modifier (VM)

- Individual EPs within a group practice of 10 or more EPs are able to participate in a QCDR to earn the 2016 VM upward or neutral adjustment and, for group practices with 100 or more EPs, avoid the 2016 VM downward adjustment.

# Reporting Data through a QCDR

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# QCDR: Who Can Participate?

## EPs

Eligible Professionals (EPs) may satisfactorily participate in PQRS through a QCDR and:

- earn the 2014 incentive payment (0.5%)
- avoid the 2016 payment adjustment (2.0%).

## Entities

Entities may be considered a QCDR for purposes of PQRS by self-nominating and successfully completing a qualification process. The 2014 self-nomination deadline has passed (1/31/2014).



# How EPs Can Successfully Participate: Step 1

**Determine if the professional is eligible to participate.**

The list of EPs able to participate as individuals is available on the PQRS website at:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/>



# How EPs Can Successfully Participate: Step 2

## Choose the appropriate QCDR



A list of CMS-designated QCDRs is available on the CMS PQRS website and includes:

- QCDR name
- Contact information
- Cost information
- Measures the QCDR has been approved to report

Visit the CMS PQRS website at:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/index.html>

# How EPs Can Successfully Participate: Step 3

## Work directly with the QCDR

- **Enter into a legal agreement:** Once a QCDR is selected, the EP will be required to enter into and maintain an appropriate legal agreement.
- **Instructions will be provided by the QCDR:** The QCDR will provide the EP with instructions on how to collect and provide patient data for use by the QCDR.
- **Submit data to CMS:** The QCDR will submit 2014 data during the first quarter of 2015. EPs will work directly with their QCDR to ensure data is submitted appropriately for PQRS incentive and avoiding the payment adjustment.



# Additional Resources

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- **CMS PQRS Website - Qualified Clinical Data Registry Reporting Section:** <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/Qualified-Clinical-Data-Registry-Reporting.html>
- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):** <https://questions.cms.gov/>
- **List of Eligible Professionals:** [http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/Downloads/PQRS\\_List-of-EligibleProfessionals\\_022813.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/Downloads/PQRS_List-of-EligibleProfessionals_022813.pdf)
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# Question & Answer Session

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