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**PQRS: Reporting Across Medicare Quality
Reporting Programs in 2014
MLN Connects™ National Provider Call, 18MAR2014**

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Activity Information

Activity Description:

This MLN Connects™ National Provider Call provides an overview of how to report across various 2014 Medicare Quality Reporting Programs – including the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program, Value-Based Modifier (VBM), and Accountable Care Organizations (ACO).

CMS subject matter experts guide individual eligible professionals, group practices, Medicare Shared Savings Program ACOs, and Pioneer ACOs wishing to report quality measures one time during the 2014 program year to maximize their participation in the various Medicare reporting programs.

Target Audience:

Physicians and other health care professionals, medical group practices, practice managers, medical and specialty societies, payers, and insurers.

Learning Objective:

By the end of the teleconference, the participant should be able to identify the 2014 Medicare Quality Reporting Programs you can report once for in 2014.

By the end of the teleconference, the participant should be able to recall which professionals/groups are only eligible to report once if they are beyond their first year of Meaningful Use.

Participation:

Register for the teleconference, participate in the teleconference, and access and complete the assessment and evaluation, per the [Instructions for Continuing Education Credit](#), at the end of this document.

Speaker Bios & Disclosures:

No one in a position to control the content of this activity has anything to disclose. The planner/developer of this activity has signed a disclosure statement indicating that he has no relevant financial interests. This activity was developed without commercial support.

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Credits Available:

ACCME Designation Statement:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Credit for this course expires March 28, 2014.

IACET Designation Statement:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is authorized by IACET to .1 CEU(s) for this program. CEU will be awarded to participants who meet all criteria for successful completion of this educational activity. CEU credit for this course expires March 28, 2014.

Accreditation Statements:

[Please click here for accreditation statements.](#)

Instructions for Continuing Education Credit

Learning Management System (LMS) Instructions

In order to receive continuing education credits for this teleconference, you must pass the session post-assessment and complete the evaluation. The continuing education post-assessment and evaluation are being administered through the Medicare Learning Network®.

Registering To Take a Post-Assessment

If you have previously taken Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) web-based training courses, you may use the login ID and password you created for those courses. If you are a new user, you will need to register.

To register:

1. Go to <http://go.cms.gov/MLNProducts> on the CMS website.
2. Under “Related Links” click on “Web-Based Training (WBT) Courses”.
3. Click on a course title (not the icon next to the title) to open a Course Description Window.
4. At the top of the Course Description Window, click “Register”.
5. You will be redirected to a page that instructs you to enter an e-mail address and click “Submit.”
6. The screen returned will read: No account was found matching your search criteria. Please click **here** to proceed with registration. Click the word “Here” to continue with registration. After completing this registration, you will be re-directed to your home page.

To login if you already have an account:

1. Go to <http://go.cms.gov/MLNProducts> on the CMS website.
2. Under “Related Links” click on “Web-Based Training (WBT) Courses.”
3. Click on a course title (not the icon next to the title) to open a Course Description Window.
4. At the top of the Course Description Window, click “Login.”
5. Enter your login ID and password. You will be re-directed to your home page.

Finding the Post-Assessment

Once you are logged into the LMS:

1. Click on the Web-Based Training Courses link.
2. At the top of the page on the right-hand side, you will see “Topic.” Scroll through the topics and select “**MLN Connects™ Call**” and click “Search.”
3. Select “**18MAR2014 Reporting Across Medicare Quality Reporting Programs**” in the left column.
4. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Use the radio buttons to select Certification of Completion or Certificate of Continuing Education.
5. Click the “Take Course” button. The course will appear in a new pop-up window.

Viewing Your Transcript and Certificates

1. Go to <http://go.cms.gov/MLNProducts> on the CMS website.
2. Click on the Web-Based Training Modules link at the bottom of the page.
3. Click on the title of a course and click on Login.
4. Log in using your CMS LMS credentials.
5. To access your certificate, click on “My Homepage” in the left hand menu.
6. Click on “Transcript/Certificate.”

7. Click on the Certificate link next to the course title. The course evaluation will display. Once you complete the course evaluation, your certificate will display.

Hardware/Software Requirements:

[Please click here for hardware and software requirements.](#)

CMS Privacy Policy:

[Please click here for CMS' Privacy Policy.](#)

Help:

- For help with registration or technical teleconference assistance e-mail us at cms-mlnconnectsnpc@blhtech.com or view the HELP page frequently asked questions at <http://www.eventsvc.com/blhtechnologies/apage/faq.html>.
- For assistance with the Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) Learning Management System, your assessment or certificate, contact CMSCE at CMSCE@cms.hhs.gov via e-mail.

