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2015 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule (MLN Connects™ National Provider Call, 2DEC2014)

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Activity Information

Activity Description

This MLN Connects™ National Provider Call provides an overview of changes to the Physician Quality Reporting Programs in the 2015 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) final rule, including the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), Value-based Payment Modifier, Physician Compare, Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program, Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative (CPC), and Medicare Shared Savings Program. A question and answer session follows the presentations.

PQRS: Topics covered include changes to reporting mechanisms, individual measures and measures groups for inclusion in 2015, criteria for satisfactory reporting under claims-based reporting, qualified registry-based reporting, and EHR-based reporting options. Additionally, this presentation covers satisfactory participation under the qualified clinical data registry option to avoid future payment adjustments and requirements for eligible professionals wanting to report one time across several Medicare quality reporting programs.

Value-based Payment Modifier: Learn how CMS continues to phase in and expand the application of the Value-based Payment Modifier in 2017, based on performance in 2015. CMS also describes how the Value-based Payment Modifier aligns with the reporting requirements under the PQRS.

Target Audience

Physicians, eligible professionals, therapists, medical group practices, practice managers, medical and specialty societies, payers, and insurers.

Learning Objectives

After completion of the teleconference, participants should be able to correctly:

- Identify 2017 payment adjustments for the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive, and Value-based Payment Modifier (VM) programs; and
- Identify changes to PQRS, EHR, the VM program, Physician Compare, and the Medicare Shared Savings Program under the 2015 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule.

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 planners/developers of this activity have signed a disclosure statement indicating that he/she has no relevant financial interests. This activity was developed without commercial support.



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Credits Available

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is evaluating this activity for continuing education (CE) credit. The number of credits awarded will be calculated following the activity based on the actual learning time and will be reflected on the post activity continuing education announcement. Final CE information on the amount of credit and post activity assessment and evaluation instructions will be forwarded to participants after the activity is finished.

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 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 the click "Search."
3. Select “**2DEC2014 MLN Connects™ Call 2015 MPFS**” 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 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@cms.hhs.gov via e-mail.

