

## **ESRD Quality Incentive Program: Reviewing Your Facility's Payment Year 2014 Performance Data — Register Now**

*Wednesday, August 7; 3-4pm ET*

*To Register:* Visit [MLN Connects Upcoming Calls](#). Space may be limited, register early.

*Target Audience:* Dialysis clinics and organizations, nephrologists, hospitals with dialysis units, billers/coders and quality improvement experts.

CMS will host an MLN Connects Call on the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP). The ESRD QIP is a pay-for-performance initiative that ties a facility's quality scores to a payment percentage reduction over the course of a payment year (PY). This call will focus on the steps dialysis facilities need to take to review the data CMS will use to evaluate performance as part of the PY 2014 program.

On July 15, 2013, CMS will make available to each facility a preliminary PY 2014 Performance Score Report (PSR) that "previews" how well it scored on the quality measures CMS will use for determining any payment reductions. CMS encourages every dialysis facility to carefully review its PSR before CMS makes the information available publicly at the end of 2013. Facilities will have from July 15 through August 15, 2013 to complete this important review. Also during this period, facilities will have an opportunity to ask questions about how their scores were calculated, and also have the ability to submit *one* formal inquiry if they find or suspect an error in the score calculations.

### *Agenda:*

- How to access and review facility's PSR;
- How CMS calculated a facility's ESRD QIP performance score using quality data;
- What the performance score means to a facility's PY 2014 payment rates;
- When and where to ask questions regarding a PSR, including how to submit formal inquiry;
- Duties and responsibilities to make ESRD QIP performance data transparent to patients;
- Where to access help and get additional information

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## **ESRD Quality Incentive Program Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Payment Year 2016 — Registration Now Open**

*Wednesday, August 14; 3-4:30pm ET*

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This call will focus on the [proposed rule](#) for operationalizing the ESRD QIP in PY 2016. This proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on July 8. The public will have until August 30, 2013, to submit their comments about the content of the rule. CMS encourages every dialysis facility and ESRD stakeholder to carefully review the proposed rule and participate in the comment period.

After the presentation, participants will have an opportunity to ask questions.

*Agenda:*

- ESRD QIP legislative framework
- Proposed measures, standards, scoring methodology, and payment reduction scale for PY 2016
- Methods for reviewing and commenting on the proposed rule
- Question and answer session

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