

ESRD Quality Incentive Program: Two Upcoming MLN Connects National Provider Calls – Register Now

Wednesday, August 7; 3-4pm ET – Reviewing Your Facility's Payment Year 2014 Performance Data

Wednesday, August 14; 3-4:30pm ET – ESRD Quality Incentive Program Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Payment Year 2016

To Register: Visit the [MLN Connects Upcoming Calls](#) web page. 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 two MLN Connects Calls 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.

The first 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 payment year 2014 program.

The second call will focus on the [proposed rule](#) for operationalizing the ESRD QIP in payment year 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.

On July 29, 2013, CMS will make available to each facility a preliminary payment year 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 29 through August 29, 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 for August 7 call:

- 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

Agenda for August 14 call:

- 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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