

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
2010 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI)
and Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Programs:
Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO)
Thursday, January 14, 2010 3:30-5:00 pm ET
Conference Call Only

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a Special Open Door Forum on the 2010 PQRI and eRx Incentive programs. This Special Open Door Forum will focus on a new reporting option, available for the 2010 PQRI and eRx Incentive Program, known as the Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO). Group practices that are interested in participating in the GPRO for PQRI and/or the eRx Incentive Program must submit a self-nomination letter to CMS by no later than January 31, 2010. Once a group practice (Tax Identification Number or TIN) is selected to participate in the GPRO for PQRI or eRx, this is the only method of PQRI or eRx reporting available to the group and all individual eligible professionals (National Provider Identifier or NPI) who bill Medicare under the group's TIN for 2010.

During this call, CMS will:

- Provide information on the eligibility requirements for participating in the 2010 PQRI GPRO and/or the 2010 eRx Incentive Program GPRO;
- Provide instructions for self-nominating to participate in the 2010 PQRI GPRO and/or 2010 eRx Incentive Program GPRO;
- Provide an overview of the data submission process for PQRI and the eRx Incentive Program;
- Describe the measures for the 2010 PQRI GPRO;
- Discuss the criteria for satisfactory reporting of PQRI quality measures under GPRO; and
- Discuss the criteria for successful reporting of the eRx measure under GPRO.

Following the presentation, the telephone lines will be opened to allow participants to ask questions of the CMS subject matter experts as well as of individuals who have experience with the data submission process that will be used for quality reporting under the PQRI GPRO.

The 2010 GPRO for the PQRI and eRx Incentive Programs was finalized in the 2010 Physician Fee Schedule final rule with comment period. The final regulation was published in the Federal Register on November 25, 2009. To view the entire 2010 PFS final rule with comment period, go to the CMS PQRI website <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI> and click on the "Statute/Regulations/Program Instructions" section page. PQRI GPRO information is also available by clicking on the "Group Practice Reporting Option" section page of the CMS PQRI website. eRx Incentive GPRO information is available by clicking on the "Group Practice Reporting Option" section page of the CMS eRx Incentive Program website located at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/erx incentive> .

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Forum Participation Instructions:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935 Conference ID 45243499

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An audio recording and transcript of this Special Forum will be posted to the Special Open Door Forum website at, http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp and will be accessible for downloading beginning on or around January 27, 2009.

For automatic emails of Open Door Forum schedule updates (E-Mailing list subscriptions) and to view Frequently Asked Questions please visit our website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/opendoorforums/>.

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