

March CMS and ONC eHealth Vendor Workgroup

March 19, 2015
2:00 PM ET

Agenda Item	Speaker(s)
ONC Health IT Certification Program Announcements/Updates	Scott Purnell-Saunders The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)
EHR Incentive Programs Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attestation Deadline Extended • HIMSS15 	Vidya Sellappan Division of Health IT Initiatives (DHIT) Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ)
PQRS Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PQRS Submission Deadline Extended for EHR and QCDR • PQRS Submission Timeframes 	Alexandra Mugge CCSQ
eCQI Resource Center	Mike Nosal, MITRE
Questions	All

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ONC HIT Certification Program Announcements / Updates

Scott Purnell-Saunders, MSIS, CISSP
March 2015

- Review of 2014 Edition Release 2 Certification criterion
 - Upcoming release of Edge Testing Tool
- ONC CHPL 4.0 Release Update
- Certification Program Continuous Quality Improvement / Mini Kaizen Review
- Participation with ONC FACA committees

2014 Edition Release 2

Certification Criteria



Optional Certification Criteria		Revised Certification Criteria	
Regulation Section	Title of Regulation Paragraph	Regulation Section	Title of Regulation Paragraph
§ 170.314(a)(18)	Optional – computerized provider order entry – medications	§ 170.314(e)(1)	View, download, and transmit to 3 rd party
§ 170.314(a)(19)	Optional – computerized provider order entry – laboratory	§ 170.314(g)(3)	Safety-enhanced design
§ 170.314(a)(20)	Optional – computerized provider order entry – diagnostic imaging		
§ 170.314(b)(8)	Optional – transitions of care		
§ 170.314(b)(9)	Optional – clinical information reconciliation and incorporation		
§ 170.314(f)(7)	Optional – ambulatory setting only – Transmission to public health agencies – syndromic surveillance		
§ 170.314(g)(1)	Optional – automated numerator recording		
§ 170.314(h)(1)	Optional – Applicability Statement for Secure Health Transport		
§ 170.314(h)(2)	Optional – Applicability Statement for Secure Health Transport and XDR/XDM for Direct Messaging		
§ 170.314(h)(3)	Optional – SOAP Transport and Security Specification and XDR/XDM for Direct Messaging		

- Vendors please contact an ONC Accredited Testing Laboratory to use the Edge Testing Tool which will be released in the near future for use in the program
- <http://www.healthit.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/certification-bodies-testing-laboratories>

- ONC CHPL 4.0 will be released in early May 2015
 - Front End User Interface changes
 - Streamlined search options
 - Refined product selection process
- Contact me for demo opportunities with the new version of the ONC CHPL
 - Scott.purnell-saunders@hhs.gov

- Continuous Quality Improvement / Mini Kaizen
 - February 11-12, 2015 at ONC in Washington, DC
 - Complete end to end program review
 - Participants from all stakeholder groups
 - Major Program “Pain Points” identified by participants
 - Smaller affinity workgroups will work on solutions to identified “Pain Points” during the next 6 months

- Health IT Standards Committee
- Implementation, Certification, and Testing Workgroup
 - Upcoming Meeting on March 23, 2015 3:30PM – 5PM EST
 - <http://www.healthit.gov/FACAS/health-it-standards-committee/hit-sc-workgroups/implementation-certification-and-testing-workgroup>

Vidya Sellappan

**DIVISION OF HEALTH IT
INITIATIVES (DHIT) UPDATE**

Medicare Attestation Deadline Extended

- Eligible professionals now have until **11:59 pm ET on March 20, 2015**, to attest to meaningful use for the 2014 Medicare EHR Incentive Program
- Medicare eligible professionals must attest to meaningful use every year to receive an incentive and avoid a payment adjustment
- Providers who successfully attest for the 2014 program year will:
 - Receive an incentive payment
 - Avoid the Medicare payment adjustment, which will be applied January 1, 2016

How to Attest

- Submit your data to the [Registration and Attestation System](#), which includes [2014 Certified EHR Technology \(CEHRT\) Flexibility Rule](#) options.

For more information visit: <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/EducationalMaterials.html>

For help, call the EHR Info Center: 1-888-734-6433 8:30 am – 7:30 pm ET (M-F)

HIMSS15 Annual Conference & Exhibition

CMS Education Sessions

TITLE	SESSION	TIME & LOCATION
MONDAY, APRIL 13		
CMS EHR Incentive Programs Overview	10	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Room S100C
CMS Meaningful Use Stage 3 Requirements	40	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Room S100C
TUESDAY, APRIL 14		
Keynote Address by Patrick Conway, MD: The Intersection of Quality and Innovation at CMS	67	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Room W196C
CMS Quality Strategy	86	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Room S100C
CMS Quality Reporting Update	116	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Room S100C

Visit CMS at Booth #6039

HIMSS15 Annual Conference & Exhibition (cont.)

CMS Education Sessions

TITLE	SESSION	TIME & LOCATION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15		
CMS Future Directions in Quality Measurement	131	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Room S100C
CMS and ONC: Stage 3 Meaningful Use		11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Room S100C
LEAN at HHS		1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Room S102D

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Alexandra Mugge

**CENTER FOR CLINICAL
STANDARDS AND QUALITY
(CCSQ)**

PQRS Submission Deadline for EPs Extended

Eligible professionals now have until **March 20, 2015 at 8 pm ET** to submit the following reporting methods:

- **EHR Direct or Data Submission Vendor** that is CEHRT
 - **Qualified clinical data registries (QCDRs) (using QRDA III format)** reporting for PQRS and the CQM component of meaningful use for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program
- An Individuals Authorized Access to CMS Computer Services (IACS) account with the “PQRS Submitter Role” is required for these PQRS data submission methods. Please see the [IACS Quick Reference Guides](#) for specifics.
 - Those who do not meet the 2014 PQRS reporting requirements will be subject to a negative payment adjustment on all Medicare Part B PFS services rendered in 2016.
 - **Note:** The deadline listed above does apply to individual EPs and Group Practices participating in other CMS programs such as the Medicare EHR Incentive Program and Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative that are utilizing the reporting methods listed above.

For more information visit: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/index.html>

PQRS Submission Timeframes for 2014

Reporting Method	Submission Period
EHR Direct or Data Submission Vendor that is certified EHR technology	1/1/15 - 3/20/15
Qualified clinical data registries (QCDRs) (using QRDA III format) reporting for PQRS and the CQM component of the Medicare EHR Incentive Program	1/1/15 - 3/20/15
Group practice reporting option (GPRO) Web Interface	1/26/15 - 3/20/15
Qualified registries	1/1/15 - 3/31/15
QCDRs (using XML format) reporting for PQRS only	1/1/15 - 3/31/15
Maintenance of Certification Organizations (MOCs)	1/1/15 - 3/31/15

All submission times are 8 PM ET.

QualityNet Help Desk

- 1-866-288-8912, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. CT
- Qnetsupport@hcqis.org
- Complete information about PQRS is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/index.html>

Mike Nosal, MITRE

ECQI RESOURCE CENTER

The Electronic Clinical Quality Improvement (eCQI) Resource Center

eCQI Resource Center
The one-stop shop for the most current resources to support electronic clinical quality improvement.

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Learn about eCQI resources and connect with the community of professionals who are dedicated to clinical quality improvement for better health

Getting Started

A gentle introduction to understanding electronic clinical quality improvement and measures

More information

Putting eCQMs to Work

An overview of the eCQM lifecycle, including actors and their responsibilities

More information

Latest News

Thu 12 Mar

Advance Notice of Proposed Changes for the 2015 eCQM Annual Update

In response to feedback from the community, CMS and ONC are providing here links to the proposed 2015 annual update changes in advance of final measure publication. The goal is to provide implementers early insight into the content they may be expected to change once the measures are published and to evaluate the approaches proposed by measure stewards and developers. In addition, some implementers may be able to use this information to do advance planning for their own update activities. While the content may be further changed, we anticipate that most of these changes will be represented in the measure update and look forward to feedback regarding the utility of and improvements to this type of advance notice.

Events

Mar 25 2015

Getting Started with Electronic Quality Measures (eCQM 101) for Quality Reporting Programs

CMS eHealth has launched a biweekly National Provider Webinar series for the health care community. This webinar will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. ET. This webinar will provide useful background information and context for those involved in the collection and reporting of electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs), including practice administrators, quality leadership, clinicians, physician assistants, and other professionals. The content of the webinar was developed by those familiar with the challenges of implementing and reporting CQMs as part of quality reporting programs. You will need to register for the eCQM 101 webinar.

Interest Areas

eCQM

Electronic Clinical Quality Measures

Learn more

QDM

The Quality Data Model Standard

Learn more

eCQM Tools

Authoring, testing and implementation tools

Learn more

QRDA

The Quality Reporting Document Architecture

Learn more

Learn about eCQI resources including:

Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs)

Quality Data Model (QDM)

eCQI standards

Measure testing and development tools

Documentation and implementation guides

Glossary of eCQI terms

Links to related sites

Visit at <http://healthit.gov/ecqi-resource-center>

The eCQI Resource Center is brought to you by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)

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