CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CMSCE)

How to Register for the PQRS
Group Practice Reporting Option in 2014
(MLN Connects™ Call, 10apr2014)

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Activity Description:
This MLN Connects™ National Provider Call gives a walkthrough of the Physician Value (PV)-Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Registration System. The PV-PQRS Registration System is an application that serves the Physician Value Modifier and PQRS programs. The PV-PQRS Registration system will allow physician group practices to select/change their CY 2014 PQRS Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) reporting mechanism and if applicable, supplement the groups' reporting mechanism with the Clinician and Group Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CG-CAHPS) survey in 2014. GPROs can begin registering via the PV-PQRS Registration System beginning April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014.

In 2016, physicians in groups with 10 or more Eligible Professionals (EPs) will be subject to the Value Modifier based upon satisfactory participation in PQRS in 2014. To avoid the -2% automatic Value Modifier downward adjustment and the -2% PQRS payment adjustment in 2016, groups with 10 or more EPs will need to register for one of the reporting options available to groups in 2014 and meet the criteria to avoid the PQRS payment adjustment in 2016. Or, ensure that at least 50 percent of the EPs in the group report PQRS individually and meet the criteria to avoid the PQRS payment adjustment in 2016.

Target Audience:
Physicians, physician group practices, practice managers, medical and specialty societies, payers, and insurers.

Learning Objective:
By the end of the teleconference, the participant should be able to:
- Recognize the components of the Value-Based Payment Modifier, and;
- Identify components of the PV-PQRS Registration System.
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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:
This activity was developed without commercial support.

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Ms. Ahmed has nothing to disclose.

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Ms. Smith has nothing to disclose.

Credits Available:

ACCME Designation Statement:
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Credit for this course expires April 25, 2014.

IACET Designation Statement:
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is authorized by IACET to .1 CEU(s) for this program. CEU will be awarded to participants who meet all criteria for successful completion of this educational activity. CEU credit for this course expires April 25, 2014.

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 **here** to proceed with registration. 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 click "Search."
3. Select "**10APR2014 Registering for PQRS Group Practice Reporting Option in 2014**" 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 the 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 at CMSCE@cms.hhs.gov via e-mail.