



2010 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Made Simple

For Reporting the Preventive Care Measures Group

January 2010

The Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) is a voluntary individual reporting program that provides an incentive payment to identified eligible professionals who satisfactorily report data on quality measures for covered Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) services furnished to Medicare Part B Fee-for-Service (FFS) beneficiaries. A web page dedicated to providing all the latest news on PQRI is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

Is This Your Situation?

- You have not begun to participate in PQRI in 2010;
- You don't currently submit data to a registry; and
- You would like to participate in PQRI in 2010 using claims.

Solution

- Report on the Preventive Care Measures Group for 30 unique Medicare Part B PFS patients between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010.

How to Start Using this Measures Group

- Select a start date on which you want to begin submitting quality data (e.g., February 15, 2010);
- Identify the next Medicare Part B PFS patient you will be seeing who is 50 years of age or older and for whom you will bill an evaluation and management (E/M) code of 99201-99205 or 99212-99215. No specific diagnosis is required for this measures group;
- Report the measures group specific intent G-code (G8486) with your first patient; and
- Refer to the following table to see which measures apply to the patient based on their age and gender.

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Table 1: Preventive Measures Group Demographic Criteria

Age	Measures for Male Patients	Measures for Female Patients
<50 years	Patient does not qualify for measures group analysis	Patient does not qualify for measures group analysis
50-64 years	110, 113, 114, 115, 128, 173	110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 128, 173
65-69 years	110, 111, 113, 114, 115, 128, 173	39, 48, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 128, 173
70-75 years	110, 111, 113, 114, 115, 128, 173	39, 48, 110, 111, 113, 114, 115, 128, 173
≥76 years	110, 111, 114, 115, 128, 173	39, 48, 110, 111, 114, 115, 128, 173

How to Report Using this Measures Group

- When you identify your first patient, place intent G-code G8486 on the claim you submit for that patient. This signals CMS that you plan to submit the Preventive Care Measures Group on 30 unique Medicare Part B PFS patients. (Note this is a change from the prior program year: for 2010 PQRI, the 30 patients do not have to be seen on consecutive dates.)
- Look at the **Data Collection Worksheet** ([Appendix A](#)) for a brief description of the measures in the Preventive Care Measures Group and the codes to report depending on the quality action or service you provide to the patient. The appropriate quality-data codes (QDCs) for the measures you are reporting for each patient will need to be included on the claim you submit for the patient during the 12-month reporting period. It is generally easier to report all of the applicable measures at one time on the same claim when the patient is seen. However, if a particular service has yet to be performed (e.g., a mammogram) and you expect to see that patient again before the end of the reporting period (December 31, 2010) at which time the patient will have had her mammogram, you can report the mammography measure when the patient returns for her next visit later in the year. If all quality actions for the patient have been performed for the group, the composite G-code G8496 (all quality actions for the applicable measures in the Preventive Care Measures Group have been performed for this patient) may be reported in lieu of the individual QDCs for each of the measures within the group.
- Check the Measures Codes section of the PQRI web page for the full measures groups' specifications at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI> on the CMS website.
- Report **all** of the **applicable** measures (using the appropriate QDCs) on the claim you submit for each Medicare Part B PFS patient. To help you keep track, you might consider photocopying the **Data Collection Worksheet** ([Appendix A](#)) and highlighting or circling the appropriate measures (for the patient you are seeing) and the measure codes (QDCs) you need to submit and then staple the worksheet to your superbill. Your

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billing staff or company can use this information to report the appropriate measures codes on the patient's claim.

- Use the worksheet following the **Data Collection Worksheet** ([Appendix A](#)) to track each of your 30 unique patients. You can list the measures which still need to be reported to help guide you during the patient's next visit. This is an informal suggested worksheet intended for your office's internal use only and should **not** be sent to CMS or your Medicare Contractor.

Appendix A: Data Collection Worksheet

Data Collection Worksheet: PQRI Preventive Care Measures Group Measures in the Preventive Care Measures Group (G8486) and the Quality Data Codes to be Reported on Patient Claim Depending on Action/Service Performed			
Patient Name:	Date of Service:	Physician:	
Measure number and title*	Action performed	Action not performed / Reason documented	Action not performed / Reason not documented
39: Screening or Therapy for Osteoporosis (females only)	G8399 DXA ordered, documented or patient on Rx treatment	G8401 DXA not ordered or patient not on meds for documented reasons	G8400 DXA not ordered, no Rx treatment, reason not specified.
48: Assessment of Presence or Absence of Urinary Incontinence (females only)	1090F Incontinence assessed within past 12 months	1090F-1P Medical reason for not assessing incontinence	1090F-8P Incontinence not assessed, reason not specified.
110: Influenza Immunization (September through February)	G8482 Influenza immunization ordered or administered	G8483 Influenza immunization not ordered or administered for reasons documented by clinician	G8484 Influenza immunization not ordered or administered, reason not specified.

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Patient Name:	Date of Service:	Physician:	
Measure number and title*	Action performed	Action not performed / Reason documented	Action not performed / Reason not documented
111: Pneumonia Vaccination	4040F Pneumococcal vaccine administered or previously received	4040F-1P Pneumococcal vaccine not administered or previously received for medical reasons	4040F-8P Pneumococcal vaccine not administered or previously received, reason not specified.
112: Screening Mammography (females only)	3014F Screening mammography results documented and reviewed	3014F-1P Mammogram not performed for medical reasons (e.g., mastectomy)	3014F-8P Screening mammography results were not documented and reviewed, reason not specified.
113: Colorectal Cancer Screening	3017F Colorectal cancer screening results documented and reviewed	3017F-1P Colorectal cancer screening not performed for medical reasons	3017F-8P Colorectal cancer screening results not documented and reviewed, reason not specified.

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Measure number and title*	Action performed	Action not performed / Reason documented	Action not performed / Reason not documented
114: Inquiry Regarding Tobacco Use	1000F Tobacco use assessed AND either: 1034F Current tobacco smoker OR 1035F Current smokeless tobacco user (e.g., chew, snuff) OR 1036F Current tobacco non-user	Not applicable.	1000F-8P Tobacco use not assessed, reason not specified.

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Patient Name:	Date of Service:	Physician:	
Measure number and title*	Action performed	Action not performed / Reason documented	Action not performed / Reason not documented
115: Advising Smokers and Tobacco Users to Quit	G8455 Current tobacco smoker OR G8456 Current smokeless tobacco user (e.g., chew, snuff) AND either: 4000F Tobacco use cessation intervention, counseling OR 4001F Tobacco use cessation intervention, pharmacologic therapy	G8457 Current tobacco non-user	4000F-8P Tobacco use cessation intervention not counseled or tobacco use not assessed, reason not specified.

Data Collection Worksheet: PQRI Preventive Care Measures Group Measures in the Preventive Care Measures Group (G8486) and the Quality Data Codes to be Reported on Patient Claim Depending on Action/Service Performed			
Patient Name:	Date of Service:	Physician:	
Measure number and title*	Action performed	Action not performed / Reason documented	Action not performed / Reason not documented
128: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up	G8420 Calculated BMI within normal parameters and documented OR G8417 Calculated BMI above the upper parameter and a follow-up plan was documented OR G8418 Calculated BMI below the lower parameter and a follow-up plan was documented	G8422 Patient not eligible for BMI calculation for documented reasons	G8421 BMI not calculated OR G8419 Calculated BMI outside normal parameters, no follow-up plan documented
173: Unhealthy Alcohol Use – Screening	3016F Screened for unhealthy alcohol use using a systematic screening method	3016F-1P Medical reason(s) for not screening for unhealthy alcohol use	3016F-8P Not screened, reason not specified.

* Note: Medicare coverage may differ from PQRI measures specification.

Worksheet to Track Unique Medicare Part B PFS Patients for Reporting Preventive Care Measures Group				
Unique Patient #	Date of Service	Patient Identifier	All Applicable Measures Submitted for this Patient?	Measure Numbers that still need to be submitted for this Patient (if any)
Example A	02/15/2010	MS	No	112
Example B	02/16/2010	PF	Yes	None
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Appendix B: CMS-1500 Claim [Detailed Measures Group] – Sample 1 (continues on the next page)

The following is a claim sample for reporting the Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) Measures Group on a CMS-1500 claim and it continues on the next page. Two samples are included: one is for reporting of individual measures for the RA measures group; the second sample shows reporting performance of all measures in the group using a composite G-code. See http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp for more information.

21. Review and determine if ANY diagnosis (Dx) listed in Item 21 meets the patient sample criteria for the RA measures group.

24D. Procedures, Services, or Supplies – CPT/HCPCS, Modifier(s) as needed

Quality-Data Codes (QDCs) must be submitted with a line-item charge of \$0.00. Charge field cannot be blank.

21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY (Relate Items 1, 2, 3 or 4 to Item 24E by										23. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER									
1. 714 0										ORIGINAL REF. NO.									
2. Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)																			
24. A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE From To B. PLACE OF SERVICE C. EMG D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances) E. DIAGNOSIS POINTER F. \$ CHARGES G. DAYS OR UNITS H. EPICD I. ID. QUAL J. RENDERING PROVIDER ID. #																			
1	01	12	10	01	12	10	11		99202		45	00		NPI	0123456789				
2	01	12	10	01	12	10	11		G8490		0	00		NPI	0123456789				
3	01	12	10	01	12	10	11		4817F		0	00		NPI	0123456789				
4	01	12	10	01	12	10	11		3455F		0	00		NPI	0123456789				
5	01	12	10	01	12	10	11		4195F		0	00		NPI	0123456789				
6	01	12	10	01	12	10	11		3471F		0	00		NPI	0123456789				

25. FEDERAL TAX I.D. NUMBER SSN EIN 26. PATIENT'S ACCOUNT NO. 27. ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT? (For govt. claims, see back) 28. TOTAL CHARGE 29. AMOUNT PAID 30. BALANCE DUE

XX-XXXXXXX X XXXXX X YES NO \$ 45.00 \$ 45.00

32. SERVICE FACILITY LOCATION INFORMATION 33. BILLING PROVIDER INFO

SIGNED DATE NUCC Instruction Manual available at: www. The NPI of the billing provider is entered here. If a solo practitioner, then enter the individual NPI; if a Group is billing, enter the NPI of the group here. This is a required field. a. XXXXXXXXXX For group billing, the rendering NPI number of the individual Eligible Professional (EP) who performed the service will be used from each line-item in the PQRI calculations.

The patient was seen for an **office visit (99202)**. The provider reports **all measures (#108, #176, #177, #178, #179, and #180)** in the RA Measures Group:

- Intent **G-code (G8490)** was submitted to initiate the EP's submission of the RA Measures Group.
- Measure **#108** (RA-DMARD Therapy) with **QDC 4187F** + RA line-item diagnosis (24E points to **Dx 714.0** in **Item 21**);
- Measure **#176** (RA-Tuberculosis Screening) with **QDCs 3455F + 4195F** + RA line-item diagnosis (24E points to **Dx 714.0** in **Item 21**);
- Measure **#177** (RA-Periodic Assessment of Disease Activity) with **QDC 3471F** + RA line-item diagnosis (24E points to **Dx 714.0** in **Item 21**);

RA Measures Group Sample 1 continues on the next page.

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Appendix B: CMS-1500 Claim [Detailed Measures Group] – Sample 1 (cont.)

If billing software limits the line items on a claim, you may add a nominal amount such as a penny to one of the QDC line items on that second claim for a total charge of \$0.01.

21. Review and determine if ANY diagnosis (Dx) listed in Item 21 meets the patient sample criteria for the RA measures group.

24D. Procedures, Services, or Supplies – CPT/HCPCS, Modifier(s) as needed

QDC(s) must be submitted with a line-item charge of \$0.00 or \$0.01. Charge field cannot be blank.

21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY (Relate Items 1, 2, 3 or 4 to Item 24E by)										ORIGINAL REF. NO.									
1. 714 0										Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)									
2.										23. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER									
24. A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE										B. PLACE OF SERVICE									
From To										C. EMG									
MM DD YY MM DD YY										D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances)									
										E. DIAGNOSIS POINTER									
1 01 12 10 01 12 10 11										99202									
2 01 12 10 01 12 10 11										G8490									
3 01 12 10 01 12 10 11										G8499									
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5																			
6																			
25. FEDERAL TAX I.D. NUMBER										26. PATIENT'S ACCOUNT NO.									
XX-XXXXXXX										XXXXX									
27. ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT?										28. TOTAL CHARGE									
X YES NO										\$ 45.00									
29. AMOUNT PAID										30. BALANCE DUE									
										\$ 45.00									
32. SERVICE FACILITY LOCATION INFORMATION										33. BILLING PROVIDER INFO									
a. XXXXXXXXXX										b. XXXXXXXXXX									

Identifies claim line-item

Patient encounter during reporting period
RA Measures Group Intent G-code
RA Measures Group QDC indicating all quality actions were performed for this patient

Solo practitioner - Enter individual NPI here

For group billing, the rendering NPI number of the individual EP who performed the service will be used from each line-item in the PQRI calculations.

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- Measure **#178** (RA-Functional Status Assessment) with **QDC 1170F** + RA line-item diagnosis (24E points to **Dx 714.0** in **Item 21**);
- Measure **#179** (RA-Assessment & Classification) with **QDC 3476F** + RA line-item diagnosis (24E points to **Dx 714.0** in **Item 21**); and
- Measure **#180** (RA-Glucocorticoid Management) with **QDC 4192F** + RA line-item diagnosis (24E points to **Dx 714.0** in **Item 21**).
- **Note:** All diagnoses listed in **Item 21** will be used for PQRI analysis. (Measures that require the reporting of two or more diagnoses on a claim will be analyzed as submitted in Item 21.)
- **NPI placement:** **Item 24J** must contain the NPI of the individual provider that rendered the service when a group is billing.

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Appendix B: CMS-1500 Claim [Sample Measures Group] – Sample 2

A detailed sample of an individual NPI reporting the RA Measures Group on a related CMS-1500 claim is shown below. This sample shows reporting performance of all measures in the group using a composite G-code. See http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp for more information.

21. Review and determine if ANY diagnosis (Dx) listed in Item 21 meets the patient sample criteria for the RA measures group.

24D. Procedures, Services, or Supplies – CPT/HCPCS, Modifier(s) as needed

QDC(s) must be submitted with a line-item charge of \$0.00 or \$0.01. Charge field cannot be blank.

Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)

Report ALL measures' QDCs within the RA measures group

Identifies claim line-item

Solo practitioner - Enter individual NPI here

For group billing, the rendering NPI number of the individual EP who performed the service will be used from each line-item in the PQRI calculations.

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1. 714 0																					
2. 1																					
24. A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE				B. PLACE OF SERVICE		C. EMG		D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances)		E. DIAGNOSIS		F. \$ CHARGES		G. DAY OF WEEK		H. EP/ST/ Family Plan		I. ID. QUAL.		J. RENDERING PROVIDER ID. #	
MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY	SERVICE	EMG	CPT/HCPCS	MODIFIER	POINT											
01	12	10	01	12	10	11		1170F		1		0.00					NPI	0123456789			
								3476F		1		0.01					NPI	0123456789			
								4192F		1		0.00					NPI	0123456789			
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25. FEDERAL TAX I.D. NUMBER		SSN EIN		26. PATIENT'S ACCOUNT NO.		27. ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT? (For gov't claims, see back)		28. TOTAL CHARGE		29. AMOUNT PAID		30. BALANCE DUE	
XX-XXXXXXX		X		XXXXXX		X	YES		\$ 0.01		\$	0.01	

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33. BILLING PROVIDER INFO

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- Intent **G-code (G8490)** was submitted to initiate the EP's submission of the RA Measures Group.
- Measures Group **QDC Composite G-code G8499** (indicating all quality actions related to the RA Measures Group were performed for this patient) + RA line-item diagnosis (24E points to **Dx 714.0 in Item 21**). The composite G-code G8499 may not be used if performance modifiers (1P, 2P, 3P, or G-code equivalent) or the 8P reporting modifier apply.
- **Note:** All diagnoses listed in **Item 21** will be used for PQRI analysis. (Measures that require the reporting of two or more diagnoses on claim will be analyzed as submitted in Item 21.)
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