CMS PQRS Listserv Message: EIDM Remote Identity Proofing Multi-Factor Authentication Requirement

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) would like to remind Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) participants and their staff of an important system update scheduled to be in place on Monday, July 13, 2015.

The Individuals Authorized Access to CMS Computer Services (IACS) system will be retired, but current IACS user accounts will transition to an existing CMS system called Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM). The EIDM system provides a way for business partners to apply for, obtain approval of, and receive a single user ID for accessing multiple CMS applications.

Part of this transition is the adoption of Remote Identity Proofing (RIDP) and Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) services. This transition will help improve CMS' ability to reduce fraud and ensure system security.

For more information on the RIDP-MFA component of the new EDIM system, please refer to the EIDM Quick Reference Guides, which will be live in the next few weeks on the Physician and Other Health Care Professionals Quality Reporting Portal (click on the "Quick Reference Guides" link).

For more information on the IACS to EIDM transition, as well as tips for existing and new PQRS users, view the *"CMS PQRS Listserv Message: Additional Information on July 2015 Transition from IACS to EIDM"* on the PQRS Spotlight page.

Please Note: During the weekend of July 10, 2015, access to the Physician and Other Health Care Professionals Quality Reporting Portal may be intermittent due to the IACS to EIDM conversion.

For additional assistance regarding IACS or EIDM, contact the QualityNet Help Desk at 1-866-288-8912 (TTY 1-877-715-6222) from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday, or via email at qnetsupport@hcqis.org.