

eHealth Vendor Workgroup

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Agenda

Agenda Item	Speaker
EHR Incentive Programs	
• 2014 CEHRT NPRM	Beth Myers and Elise Anthony
• July 1 Hardship Application Deadline	Beth Myers
Quality Reporting Updates	
• New PQRS FAQs	Carol Jones
• Draft 2015 Combined QRDA Guide	Deborah Krauss
• Updated QRDA I and III Packages	Deborah Krauss
• June 1 Eligible Professional Annual Update	Beth Myers

About the CEHRT NPRM

- » CMS and ONC published the NPRM on May 20
- » If finalized, the NPRM would:
 - Allow providers to meet meaningful use with EHRs certified to the 2011 or the 2014 Edition criteria, or a combination of both Editions in 2014
 - Require providers to report using 2014 Edition CEHRT for 2015 EHR Reporting Period
 - Extend Stage 2 through 2016

Proposed Options: Stage 1

Proposed options for providers scheduled to meet Stage 1 in 2014

2011 CEHRT

- 2013 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2013 CQMs

2011 & 2014 CEHRT

- 2013 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2013 CQMs; **or**
- 2014 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs

2014 CEHRT

- 2014 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs

Proposed Options: Stage 2

Proposed options for providers scheduled to meet Stage 2 in 2014

2011 CEHRT

- 2013 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2013 CQMs

2011 & 2014 CEHRT

- 2013 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2013 CQMs; **or**
- 2014 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs; **or**
- 2014 Definition Stage 2 objectives and 2014 CQMs

2014 CEHRT

- 2014 Definition Stage 2 objectives and 2014 CQMs; **or**
- 2014 Definition Stage 1 objectives and 2014 CQMs

NPRM Comments

- » CMS and ONC now accepting public comment:
 - Submit online through Regulations.gov:
<http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=CMS-2014-0064-0002>
 - Deadline: July 21, 2014

EHR Incentive Programs: Hardship Exception Reminder

- » Applications for the 2015 payment adjustments are due **July 1, 2014** for Medicare EPs
- » All required supporting documentation must be included at the time of submission
- » Apply online via EHRhardship@provider-resources.com, with all documentation, to reduce processing time
- » Do not submit hand-written applications
- » Now Available: New Hardship Exception Tool
 - » Helps EPs determine if they will avoid upcoming 2015 and 2016 Medicare payment adjustments, or if they should apply for a hardship exception
 - » Available on eHealth University and the Payment Adjustment and Hardship Exception page

QUALITY REPORTING UPDATES

New PQRS FAQs

- » CMS has recently released new FAQs that provide guidance on the following topics:
 - How to successfully report for PQRS and the EHR Incentive Programs using CEHRT (FAQ [#10018](#))
 - Reporting 2014 PQRS measures that were not updated to match the latest clinical guidelines (FAQs [#10020](#) and [#10022](#))

New PQRS FAQs, *cont.*

- » CMS released new guidance on the updated Remittance Advice codes (FAQ [#9836](#))
 - Effective July 1, EPs participating in claims-based reporting in 2014 will have to use the updated Remittance Advice Remark Codes (RARCs) that went into effect on April 1, 2014
 - EPs who bill on a \$0.00 Quality-Data Code line item will receive the N620 code, which replaces the current N365 code. Also, EPs who bill on a \$0.01 QDC line item will receive the CO 246 N572 code
 - The new RARC code N620 will be an EP's indication that the PQRS codes were received into the CMS National Claims History database
 - The new RARC N572 with the Claim Adjustment Reason Code 246 (with Group Code CO or PR) indicates that the procedure is not payable unless non-payable reporting codes and appropriate modifiers are submitted

Draft 2015 Combined QRDA Guide

- » Provide Feedback on the Draft Combined 2015 QRDA Implementation Guide
 - CMS posted the draft combined QRDA guide for eligible professionals and eligible hospitals to use for 2015 CQMs
 - Commenters may submit feedback on the overall usefulness of the guide and areas that need improvement
 - CMS is accepting feedback through JIRA until June 27:
<http://jira.oncprojectracking.org/browse/HQRIG-11>

Updated QRDA I and III Packages for Eligible Professionals

- » CMS posted updated versions of QRDA I and III packages for EPs to use to report CQMs this year
 - The updates correct the sample files that were part of the download packages
 - There are not changes to the technical specifications
 - Each package includes a supplementary implementation guide and a change log
 - Visit the CQM Library page under Additional Resources to download the packages

June 1 EP Annual Update

- » CMS posted the EP 2014 eCQMs Annual Update for 2015 reporting on June 1
 - Measure representations and recent code system versions updated to reflect the best understanding of standards and logic
 - CMS encourages the use of the updated electronic specifications for the 2015 EHR Reporting Period
 - Only the most recent versions can be used for *electronic reporting*
 - Updated files can be found on the eCQM Library
http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/eCQM_Library.htm
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