



Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Reporting Periods for 2010

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2010 PQRI Reporting Periods

The 2010 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) has two reporting periods:

- 12-month (January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010); and
- 6-month (July 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010).

For 2010, eligible professionals who satisfactorily report PQRI measures for the 6-month reporting period will become eligible to receive a PQRI incentive equal to two percent of their total Medicare Part B allowed charges for services performed during the reporting period.

Four 6-Month PQRI Reporting Period Options

There are four 6-month PQRI reporting period options. The reporting period options are provided in the *2010 PQRI Implementation Guide*, Appendix C, page 21, as follows:

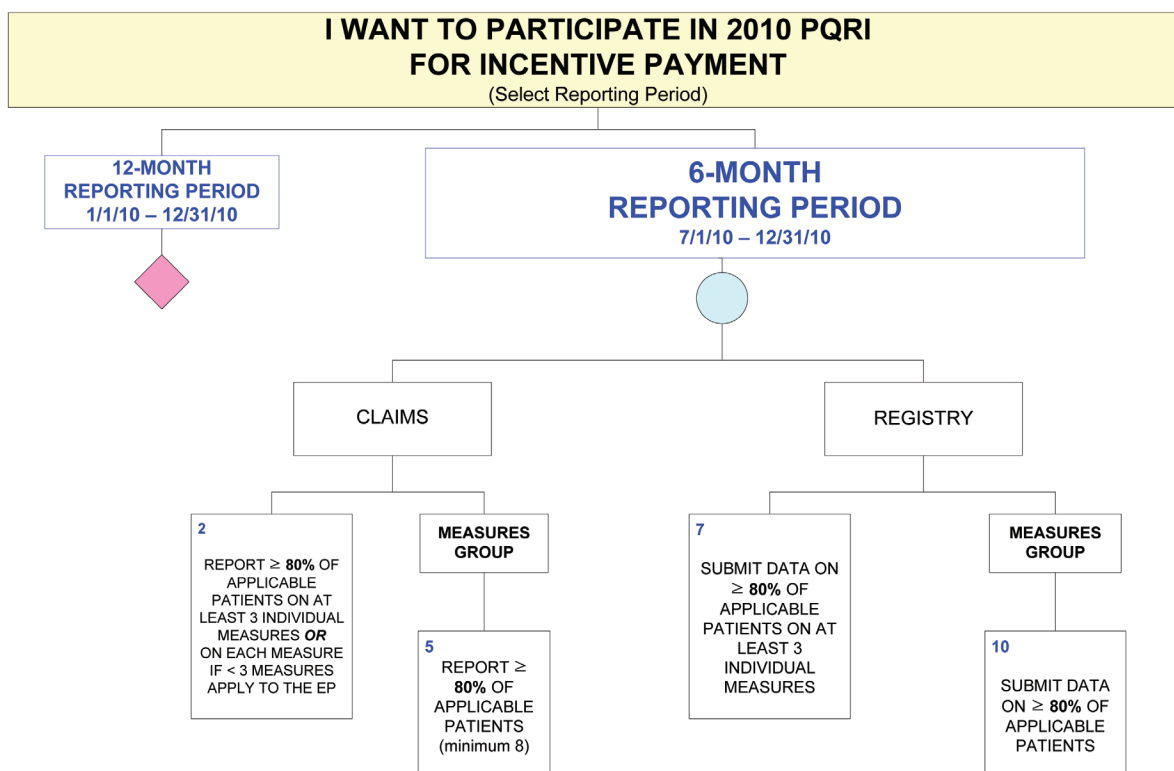
- **Claims-based reporting of individual measures for 80 percent or more** of applicable Medicare Part B Fee-for-Service (FFS) patients of each eligible professional on **at least 3 individual measures or on each measure if less than 3 measures** apply (July 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010);
- **Claims-based reporting of one measures group for 80 percent or more** of applicable Medicare Part B FFS patients of each eligible professional (**with a minimum of 8 patients**) (July 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010);
- **Registry-based reporting of at least 3 individual PQRI measures for 80 percent or more** of applicable Medicare Part B FFS patients of each eligible professional (July 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010); and
- **Registry-based reporting of one measures group for 80 percent or more** of applicable Medicare Part B FFS patients of each eligible professional (**with a minimum of 8 patients**) (July 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010).

PQRI claims-based reporting involves the addition of quality-data codes (QDCs) to claims submitted for services when billing Medicare Part B. Eligible professionals also have the option of using a qualified registry to assist in collecting PQRI measure data. The registry will submit this quality data directly to Medicare, eliminating the need for adding QDCs to the Medicare Part B claim.

PQRI Resources

The *2010 PQRI Implementation Guide* is provided to promote understanding about how to implement PQRI claims-based reporting of measures in clinical practice and to facilitate satisfactory reporting of quality data by eligible professionals. Please visit the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website at http://www.cms.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2010_PQRI_ImplementationGuide_02-10-2010_FINAL.pdf for additional information.

Qualified Registries for 2010 PQRI Reporting can be obtained by visiting http://www.cms.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp on the CMS website.



Questions

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