

Summary of HPMS Releases
For the week ending July 4, 2008

Title: Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) 2007 Data File

Date: 6/30/08

Summary: A physician or qualified practitioner who is eligible to receive up to a 1.5% PQRI bonus for services furnished to an original Medicare beneficiary not enrolled in an MA plan is also entitled to a PQRI bonus for services furnished to an MA plan enrollee for services provided under a “deemed” contract (PFFS only) or as a non-contracting physician/practitioner (all MA plan types). This is so because the physician or practitioner is entitled to the same amount that Medicare would have paid for the service. We are providing MAOs a file via HPMS that tells them how much of a PQRI bonus, if any, a specific non-contracting physician or practitioner is due.

Title: HPMS Maintenance Notice for July 12, 2008

Date: 7/2/08

Summary: CMS will be performing critical system maintenance on the HPMS infrastructure on Saturday, July 12, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. EDT. HPMS will not be accessible to users for the duration of this maintenance window.