



Informal Review Deadline Extended - One More Time

CMS has announced an extension of the deadline to request informal review of 2014 Annual Quality and Resource Use Reports (AQRUR): **December 16, 2015** at **11:59 pm**.

Your 2014 AQRUR shows whether you successfully participated in PQRS in 2014. **If you didn't report PQRS in 2014, you will receive an automatic -2.0% adjustment in your 2016 Medicare payments.** For groups of 10+, 2014 non-participation in PQRS results in an **additional automatic -2.0%** Value-Based payment Modifier (VM) adjustment in 2016 Medicare payments.

Review your 2014 AQRUR to make sure your PQRS and VM status are listed correctly. If you feel that there is an error, you can request an informal CMS review. [Learn how to request an informal review.](#)

Don't forget: [CSMS AQRUR and other Medical quality webinars](#) are available free on-demand.

PQRS Reporting Year Ending Soon

The 2015 PQRS reporting year comes to a close at the end of December - are you ready to report?

Remember: if you don't report PQRS in 2015, you will receive an **automatic -4.0%** adjustment in your 2017 Medicare payments (**-2.0% PQRS + -2.0% Value Modifier payment adjustments**).

Reporting 2015 data using EHR? [Click here](#) for a step-by-step reporting guide, plus resource links.

PQRS Changes in 2016 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule

CMS has issued the final rule updating the payment policies and payment rates for services furnished under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) on or after **January 1, 2016**.

The rule changes several of the quality reporting initiatives associated with MPFS payments, including PQRS. Major highlights include:

- Individual eligible professionals (EPs) and group practices that meet the criteria for 2016 PQRS satisfactory reporting/participation will avoid the PQRS negative payment adjustment in 2018
- PQRS group practices can participate in 2016 PQRS via the Qualified Clinical Data Registry mechanism in 2016
- There are 281 measures in the PQRS measure set and 18 measures in the group practice reporting option (GPRO) Web Interface for 2016

Please note that the 2018 PQRS payment adjustment is the last adjustment that will be issued under PQRS. [Learn more.](#)