



PQRS Corner

CMS Informal Review Deadline Extended

CMS has extended the deadline for informal review of 2016 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) and Value-Based Payment Modifier (VM) to **11:59 pm on November 23, 2015**.

If you have reviewed your 2014 AQRUR and think that:

- you have been incorrectly assessed the 2016 PQRS negative payment adjustment (-2.0% of 2016 Medicare FFS payments) OR
- there is a perceived error in your 2016 VM calculation (applicable to groups of 10+ Eligible Professionals as identified by Tax ID Number/TIN)

you can submit an informal review request for CMS to investigate your incentive eligibility and/or payment adjustment determination.

Submit your request through the [Quality Reporting Communication Support Page \(CSP\)](#). All informal review requestors will be contacted via email of a final decision by CMS within 90 days of the original request for an informal review. **All decisions will be final and there will be no further review.**

CMS has provided this guide: [2014 Physician Quality Reporting System \(PQRS\): Incentive Eligibility & 2016 Negative Payment Adjustment – Informal Review Made Simple](#)

For additional questions regarding the informal review process, contact the **QualityNet Help Desk** at **1-866-288-8912** (TTY 1-877-715-6222) or Qnetsupport@hcqis.org Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time. To avoid security violations, do not include personal identifying information, such as Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), in e-mail inquiries to the QualityNet Help Desk.

Additional information about the 2014 QRURs and how to request an informal review is available on the [2014 QRUR website](#) and through the QRUR Help Desk at pvhelppdesk@cms.hhs.gov or [888-734-6433](tel:888-734-6433) (select option 3).

Don't forget to check out the free [CSMS webinar series](#) for basic information about Medicare quality programs (PQRS, AQRUR, VM). The webinars are available for download as PDFs and as recordings (.wmv files). [Click here](#) to learn more.