PQRS Corner

2016 Clinical Quality Measures Updated

On May 1, CMS updated some of the clinical quality measures that will be reported electronically in 2016 (eCQMs). These eCQMs will be used to report for PQRS, EHR Incentive Programs, and the Inpatient Quality Reporting Program (IQR).

You can view/download the 64 updated measures for eligible professionals (EPs) here. *(Scroll down to **May 2015 Update for eReporting for the 2016 Reporting Year** for measure and specifications.)*

You can download eCQM value set packages in multiple file formats from the Value Set Authority Center "Downloads" page.

2015 Program Year Testing Tool Now Available

CMS has announced that the Submission Engine Validation Tool (SEVT) is available for program year 2015 testing, and will now accept the following 2015 file formats:

- Registry XML
- Quality Reporting Data Architecture (QRDA) Category I
- QRDA Category III

*Please note: the SEVT is **not** currently able to validate 2015 QCDR XML files; this capacity will be added in December 2015.*

The SEVT is located on the Physician and Other Health Care Professionals Quality Reporting Portal (Portal). An IACS account is needed to access the SEVT. To request an IACS account, please see the IACS Quick Reference Guides.

Need help? This PQRS SEVT User Guide provides the information you need.

Want more information about PQRS?

Make sure to visit the CMS PQRS website for the latest news and updates on PQRS. You can also contact the QualityNet Help Desk at 1-866-288-8912 or via qnetsupport@hcqis.org. They are available from 7 am - 7 pm Central Time, Monday - Friday.