



Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) 2013 Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO)



Public Reporting

***Program Year
2013***

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Agenda

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Physician Compare

- Physician Compare is a CMS website that allows consumers to find and choose physicians and other healthcare professionals enrolled in Medicare
- <http://www.medicare.gov/physiciancompare/>
- Required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010 and launched on December 30, 2010
- Purpose
 - Provides information and encourages informed healthcare decisions by consumers
 - Allows consumers to find and choose Physicians and Other Healthcare Professionals enrolled in the Medicare program
 - Encourages physicians to maximize performance

Physician Compare (cont.)

- CMS redesigned Physician Compare in 2013
 - New version includes:
 - An improved, more accurate database
 - Improved search features
 - New and updated information
 - New version also provides a foundation for the future inclusion of quality measures

Physician Compare (cont.)

Medicare.gov
The Official U.S. Government Site for Medicare

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Physician Compare Home

 **Physician Compare**



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Information Available on Physician Compare

- Information about 860,000 physicians and other healthcare professionals who serve Medicare patients including:
 - Name, address, phone number, specialties, clinical training, and gender
 - Languages spoken (other than English)
 - Affiliated hospitals
 - Whether physicians and other healthcare professionals accept the Medicare-approved amount
 - American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) certification
- Group practice information including:
 - Location addresses, phone numbers, maps and directions, specialties
 - A list of physicians and other healthcare professionals within that practice

Information Available on Physician Compare (cont.)

- Names of eligible professionals (EPs) who satisfactorily reported in the following programs:
 - Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)
 - Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program
 - Medicare EHR Incentive Program
 - Maintenance of Certification Program (MOCP)*
 - PQRS Cardiovascular measures group (Million Hearts Initiative)*
- Names of Group Practices who participated:
 - PQRS Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO)
 - Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program

*Data to be added to Physician Compare in 2014

Public Reporting

- CMS is using data reported under PQRS as an initial step for making physician quality information public on Physician Compare
- CMS will begin publicly reporting quality information reported by GPRO group practices and Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) starting with data that was submitted through the GPRO Web Interface for program year 2012
- CMS will continue to expand the reporting of quality information in subsequent years

2013 Public Reporting

- For 2013, CMS will publicly report performance information on the following measures reported through the GPRO Web Interface:
 - Diabetes Mellitus (DM) Composite Measures
 - Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) Composite Measures
- CMS will also post Clinician and Group Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CG-CAHPS) data for PQRS GPROs and ACOs with 100+ EPs reporting through the GPRO Web Interface
- Data will be posted in late 2014 or early 2015
- Data must meet the minimum 20-patient sample size and prove to be statistically valid and reliable to be posted on Physician Compare

2013 Public Reporting (cont.)

- CMS will post CG-CAHPS data for PQRS GPROs and ACOs with 100+ EPs reporting through the GPRO Web Interface in 2013
- These measures capture patients' experiences with clinicians and their staff and patients' perception of care
- The following CAHPS measures will be included:
 - Getting Timely Care, Appointments, and Information
 - How Well Your Doctors Communicate
 - Patients' Rating of Doctor
 - Access to Specialists
 - Health Promotion and Education
 - Shared Decision Making (Shared Savings ACOs only)
- CMS will administer the surveys for these groups

Public Reporting Timeline

2013

- 2011 PQRS, GPRO, eRx, & EHR Incentive Program Participation
- 2012 PQRS, GPRO, eRx, & EHR Incentive Program Participation
- Information on ABMS board certification

2014

- 2013 PQRS, GPRO, eRx, & EHR Incentive Program Participation
- 2013 PQRS Maintenance of Certification Incentive Program & Million Hearts Initiative Participation
- 2012 PQRS GPRO & ACO GPRO measures (early 2014)
- 2013 PQRS GPRO & ACO GPRO measures (late 2014)
- GPRO Composite Measures (DM & CAD)
CG-CAHPS data for PQRS GPROs and ACO GPROs

2015 and beyond

- 2014 PQRS, GPRO, eRx, EHR, Maintenance of Certification, & Million Hearts Incentive Program Participation
- 2014 PQRS GPRO & ACO GPRO measures
- 2014 CG-CAHPS data for PQRS & ACO GPROs
- Individual Quality Measures (targeted for publication in 2015)
- Specialty Society Measures

Data Preview

- There will be a 30-day preview period prior to posting data on Physician Compare to allow GPROs and ACOs to see their data as it will appear on the website before it is posted
- Groups will receive communication regarding logging in and accessing their preview data and the timeline for preview
 - There will not be an appeal process
 - If a group notices an error with their data they can report it to the Physician Compare helpdesk, who will investigate the discrepancy

Registration Reminder

- Register to participate as a PQRS GPRO by **October 15, 2013** through the registration system
 - The PV-PQRS Registration System can be accessed at <https://portal.cms.gov> using your IACS User ID and password
 - If you self-nominated in January 2013, you do not need to register, but may make changes to your self-nomination selections if you choose

List of 2013 GPRO Webinars

- Look out for these other 2013 PQRS GPRO Webinars on the CMS YouTube site:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CMSHHSgov>

- 2013 PQRS GPRO 101 Part 1
- 2013 PQRS GPRO 101 Part 2
- 2013 GPRO Reporting Mechanisms Part 1
- 2013 GPRO Reporting Mechanisms Part 2
- 2013 GPRO Value-Based Modifier

Upcoming Webinars

- Please also check the CMS YouTube site for these upcoming webinars:
 - Measures
 - Individuals Authorized Access to the CMS Computer Services (IACS)
 - CAHPS Overview
- Note: CMS will host live training sessions on GPRO Web Interface reporting following the close of registration

Resources/Where to Begin

- GPRO page of the CMS PQRS website:
[http://cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/Group Practice Reporting Option.html](http://cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/Group_Practice_Reporting_Option.html)
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