

eQHealth ACA Physician Compare



PUBLIC REPORTING/PHYSICIAN PROFILING

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Background

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced that they will begin publishing physician performance data on a ***Physician Compare*** website by January 1, 2011.
- Included will be claims-based data on individual quality measures from the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI).
- Threshold of claims-based reporting of individual measures will be lowered from 80% to 50% in order to qualify for incentive payments.
- Rules to be propagated by the end of October 2010.

Different types of profiling

In addition to PQRI data on *Physician Compare* web site...

- The RAND report states that various insurance companies are to list relative cost of care rendered by individual physicians on their websites.

<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMsa0906323>

- AETNA's *Aexcel*, CIGNA's *Care Designation*, United Health Care's *Premium Designation*, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield's *Incent & Reward Best Practice*

The Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals, will begin listing physician data on their *Consumers' Right to Know* website: <http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=365>

Measures for Diabetes

eQHealth is helping physicians reach these performance measures that improve care for diabetic Medicare patients:

- Hemoglobin A1c once yearly
- Lipid Panel once yearly
- Retinal Eye Exam once yearly

Bonus Payments & Penalties

- PQRI incentive bonus payment will apply as soon as 2011 thru 2014.
- Successful reporting means incentive payment of 2% per year.
- Additional bonus payment of **0.5 %** per year for those who participate in a maintenance of certification (MOC) for board re-certification per year.
- PQRI penalties will begin in 2015 for those who have not satisfactorily submitted quality data.

Pay for Performance

- New methods of paying physicians for patient care will no longer be based on Fee-for-Service payment for production rewarding volume and intensity, but rather on value of service.
- Future financial incentives will be based on best practice and better coordination of care leading to better patient outcomes.
- *Physician Compare* website will list all physicians by quality and patient experience by 2013

Free Resources Available

CMS makes available eQHealth's Quality Improvement Specialists (QIS):

- Assistance for identifying your diabetic patients.
- Making a registry in order to easily locate diabetic patients in your practice.
- Instituting other processes to help you reach the measures.

Next Steps

Contact your assigned
eQHealth QI Specialist

Our Main Office Number:

225-926-6353

Our toll free number for your
Medicare diabetics to call to
sign up for a free education
class near them:

1-888-321-3555

- James Huval, MSW
- Mike Madona
- Annette Martijn
- Diana Norton, RN
- Ashley Pugh
- Karen Ziecker RN
- Lisa Solomon, RN

Helpful Links

eQHealth Solutions website: <http://louisianaqio.eqhs.org>

General CMS website: <http://www.cms.gov/>, then use the “Search” function in the top right-hand corner

For the PQRI website: <http://www.cms.gov/pqri/>

You can download the PQRI Implementation Guide:

http://www.cms.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2010_PQRI_ImplementationGuide_02-10-2010_FINAL.pdf

To get started with PQRI:

http://www.cms.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2010_GettingStartedwithPQRIReportingofMeasuresGroups_020510_FINAL_2.pdf

For details on all CMS provisions in the Affordable Care Act, refer to this downloadable document from the CMS website: <http://www.cms.gov/LegislativeUpdate/downloads/PPACA.pdf>

Q & A

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR OCTOBER WEBINAR:
“Quality Measures in the Care of Diabetic Patients”
(Dates and times to be announced.)

