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Physician Quality Reporting System

The Physician Quality Reporting System (formerly known as Physician Quality Reporting Initiative) is a voluntary, incentivized program where eligible physicians report quality and clinical data collected during office visits to the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). Participating is a way to prepare for future pay-for-performance programs. Eventually, participation in Physician Reporting will be mandated. There are multiple ways to report data including: claims-based or registry-based reporting of either individual measures or measures groups.

Individual eligible professionals do not need to sign-up or pre-register in order to participate in the program. However to qualify for the incentive payment an eligible professional must meet the criteria for satisfactory reporting specified by CMS to a particular reporting period. A "List of Eligible Professionals" who may participate in Physician Quality Reporting is available on the CMS website at <http://www.cms.gov/pqrs>.

Did You Know?

- \$75 million in first payments of the Medicare EHR Incentive Program were distributed on May 19th and as of October 31st, 2011 the total of Medicare EHR Incentive Program payments is over \$527 million.
- In November, twelve states launched Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs – Arkansas, California, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Utah, and Vermont. More states will launch in December.
- As of October 31st, 2011 over \$711 million has been paid in Medicaid EHR incentives since the program began in January.
- There are 138,570 active registrations of eligible professionals and eligible hospitals for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs.

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