2013 PQRS Resource Guide

This resource guide provides a list of helpful materials for eligible professionals (EPs) participating in the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) program. Resources are organized by PQRS topic area, including how to get started, selecting quality measures, reporting methods, payment information, and feedback on participation.

Where Should I Go To Get Started?

Resource	Description
PQRS Overview Fact Sheet	This fact sheet provides an overview of PQRS and how to participate, as well as information on reporting methods, selecting measures, and receiving incentive payments.
List of PQRS Eligible Professionals	This fact sheet provides a list of eligible professionals (EPs) who are able to participate in PQRS.
PQRS Updates for 2013	This fact sheet discusses changes for PQRS in 2013, including information on payments, measures, and reporting criteria.
Quality Reporting Programs Comparison Matrix for 2013	This table provides information on the Value-Based Payment Modifier, PQRS, and Electronic Prescribing (eRx) programs. The chart includes information on which providers will be affected by each program, when to report quality measures, and where to find additional information.
PQRS Help Desk Support	This webpage includes information about the PQRS Help Desk, including the phone number: 1-866-288-8912 (TTY: 1-877-715-6222), the email address: Qnetsupport@sdps.org, help desk hours, and types of issues handled by the help desk.

Where Should I Go For Assistance With Measure Selection?

Resource	Description
Measure Specifications and Resources for 2013	
PQRS Measure List Implementation Guide*	This zip file includes an implementation guide with a list of quality measures and information on how to implement claims-based reporting for the 2013 reporting year.
PQRS Supporting Documents for Individual Measures*	This zip file includes PQRS supporting documents with information on the 2013 quality-data code (QDC) categories and the claims/registry measure specifications manual for individual measures.

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PQRS Supporting Documents for Measure Groups *	This zip file includes PQRS supporting documents with information on the 2013 quality-data code (QDC) categories and the claims/registry measure specifications manual for measure groups.
PQRS Measure Applicability Validation Documents*	This zip file includes PQRS supporting validation documents with information on validation of individual measures under the claims-based reporting method for the 2013 program year.

How Do I Choose A Reporting Method?

Resource	Description
1. Claims Reporting	
Claims Reporting Made Simple 2013	This fact sheet describes claims-based reporting and outlines steps EPs or practices should take prior to participating in PQRS.
Claims-Based Coding and Reporting Principles	This fact sheet provides information on claims-based coding and reporting, including how to get started, coding and billing principles, and principles for submitting and reporting quality-data codes.
CMS-1500 Claim Example for PQRS	This document provides an example of a CMS-1500 claim for the 2013 PQRS program year.
Reporting the Preventive Care Measures Group Via Claims for 2013	This document provides information on how to report the preventive care measures group for the PQRS 2013 program year.
2. Registry Reporting (for EPs and Vendors)	
PQRS Registry Reporting Made Simple for 2013	This fact sheet provides information on registry-based reporting and outlines steps that EPs or groups participating in GPRO should take in selecting a registry for the 2013 PQRS program year.
Participating Registry Vendors for 2013	This fact sheet provides a list of registry vendors for the 2013 PQRS program year. The list specifies if they are accepting new clients and the measures they support.
2013 Registry Vendor Criteria	This guide lists vendor requirements for submitting data from a source other than an EHR on behalf of EPs.
3. EHR Reporting (for EPs and Vendors)	
PQRS and EHR Reporting Made Simple for 2013	This fact sheet outlines steps that EPs should take in selecting an EHR to report measures for the 2013 PQRS program year.

Resource	Description
PQRS and Medicare EHR Incentive Pilot Reference Guide	This guide provides information for EPs participating in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program on reporting requirements through the PQRS-Medicare EHR Incentive Pilot.
EHR Direct Vendors List	This fact sheet provides a list of EHR vendors whose systems have been qualified to submit data for the 2013 PQRS program year.
EHR Data Submission Vendors	This fact sheet provides a list of EHR data submission vendors who are able to submit PQRS data on behalf of EPs participating in the PQRS and eRx programs.
EHR Data Submission Vendor Criteria	This guide provides information on EHR vendor criteria for submitting data for 2013 PQRS measures.
EHR Reporting Supporting Documents for EPs*	This zip file includes EHR supporting documents with information on the EHR measure specifications for EPs participating in PQRS in 2013.
EHR Reporting Supporting Documents for Vendors*	This zip file includes EHR supporting documents for vendors with information on data requirements for vendor reporting.
4. Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO)	
GPRO Made Simple for 2013	This fact sheet provides information for group practices participating in the GPRO for the 2013 PQRS reporting year.
GPRO Requirements for 2013	This document provides a list of 2013 requirements for group practices participating in the GPRO to submit PQRS data.
GPRO Measures List Supporting Documents for 2013*	This zip file of GPRO supporting documents provides information on measure specifications and release notes.

Where Can I Find More Information on Payments, Adjustments, and Other Quality Programs?

Resource	Description
1. Incentive Payments	
2013 PQRS Measure Applicability Validation Documents*	This zip file includes materials to help providers understand the 2013 PQRS Measure-Applicability Validation (MAV) Process for Claims-Based Reporting of Individual Measures.
Decision Tree for Incentive Payments	This chart outlines the different participation options for the 2013 PQRS program year.

PQRS Incentive Payment User Guide for 2012	This guide describes how the 2012 PQRS incentive payments were calculated for EPs and group practices participating in PQRS.
Tips for Using the Quality Reporting Support Page	This document provides tips on how to navigate the Quality Reporting Communication Support Page, including tips for entering a PQRS/eRx Feedback Report Request, a PQRS Informal Review Request and a Self-Nomination Request.
2. Payment Adjustments	
PQRS 2015 Payment Adjustment Fact Sheet	This fact sheet provides information on the 2015 payment adjustments and guidance on how to avoid payment adjustments.
3. Maintenance of Certification Program	
Maintenance of Certification Program Incentive Made Simple	This fact sheet outlines steps for participation in the Maintenance of Certification Program Incentive.
Maintenance of Certification Requirements	This fact sheet outlines 2013 requirements in the Maintenance of Certification Program Incentive.

Where Can I Find More Information On Feedback and Experience Reports?

Resource	Description
1. Feedback Reports	
2013 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) and Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program: Steps for IACS Defined "Organizations" to Access Their PQRS and eRx Incentive Program Feedback Reports	This document provides steps for IACS defined "organizations" to access their PQRS and eRx Incentive Program Feedback Reports.
2013 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) and Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program: Process for Individual Eligible Professionals to Access National Provider Identifier (NPI)-Level PQRS and eRx Incentive Program Feedback Reports	This document provides the process for individual eligible professionals to access National Provider Identifier (NPI)-Level PQRS and eRx Incentive Program Feedback Reports.
2013 Interim Feedback Dashboard User Guide	This guide provides information to EPs participating in PQRS on how to access and interpret the 2013 interim dashboard data.

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2012 PQRS Feedback Report User Guide	This guide provides the 2012 PQRS feedback reports with information on reporting rates, clinical performance, and incentives payments allocated.
2012 Interim Feedback Dashboard User Guide	This guide provides information to EPs participating in PQRS on how to access and interpret the 2012 interim dashboard data.
Guide for Individual Practitioners to Access PQRS and eRx Incentive Program Feedback Reports	This document provides information on how individual practitioners who participated in the PQRS or the eRx Incentive Program can access feedback reports.
Tips for Using the Quality Reporting Support Page	This document provides tips on how to navigate the Quality Reporting Communication Support Page, including tips for entering a PQRS/eRx Feedback Report Request, a PQRS Informal Review Request and a Self-Nomination Request.
2. Experience Report	
2011 PQRS and eRx Experience Report*	This zip file summarizes the reporting experience of EPs in the PQRS and eRx Incentive Program in 2011, as well as historical trends and preliminary results for the 2012 program year.

Please note the asterisk indicates zip files available for download.

For more information or support on PQRS, please visit the PQRS website or the Help Desk.