



## Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)

### **Informal Review Request Period for the 2017 Value Modifier Open Now Through November 30, 2016**

In 2017, CMS will apply a negative payment adjustment to individual eligible professionals (EPs), Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) practice sites, and group practices participating in the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) group practice reporting option (GPRO), including Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) that did not satisfactorily report PQRS in 2015.

The 2015 Annual Quality and Resource Use Reports (QRURs) were released on September 26, 2016. The 2015 Annual QRURs show how physician groups and physician solo practitioners performed in 2015 on the quality and cost measures used to calculate the 2017 Value Modifier as well as their 2017 Value Modifier payment adjustment. **Access and review your 2015 Annual QRUR now to determine whether you are subject to the 2017 Value Modifier payment adjustment.**

An Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM) account with the appropriate role is required for groups and solo practitioners to obtain their 2015 Annual QRURs. The [How to Obtain a QRUR webpage](#) contains instructions for signing up for the appropriate role in EIDM and instructions for accessing the QRUR.

Physician groups or physician solo practitioners may request an informal review of perceived errors in their 2017 Value Modifier calculation during the informal review period of **September 26, 2016 through November 30, 2016 at 11:59 pm at Eastern Time.**

Follow these steps to submit an informal review request:

1. Go to the [Quality Reporting Communication Support Page \(CSP\)](#)
2. In the upper left-hand corner of the page, under "Related Links," select "Communication Support Page"
3. Select "Informal Review Request"
4. Select "PQRS Informal Review"
5. A new page will open
6. Enter Billing/Primary Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), Individual Rendering National Provider Identifier (NPI), OR Practice Site ID # and select "submit"
7. Complete the mandatory fields in the online form, including the appropriate justification for the request to be deemed valid. Failure to complete the form in full will result in the inability to have the informal review request analyzed. CMS or the QualityNet Help Desk may contact the requestor for additional information if necessary

Additional information about the 2015 Annual QRURs and how to request an informal review is available on the [2015 QRUR and 2017 Value Modifier webpage](#).

#### **Helpdesk Information:**

- For additional assistance regarding EIDM, contact the QualityNet Help Desk at 1-866-288-8912 (TTY 1-877-715- 6222) from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday, or via email at [qnetsupport@hcqis.org](mailto:qnetsupport@hcqis.org).
- For additional assistance regarding the QRUR or the Value Modifier, contact the Physician Value Help Desk at [pvhelpdesk@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:pvhelpdesk@cms.hhs.gov) or 888-734-6433 (select option 3).