

Dear e-MDs User,

All e-MDs users in Tennessee are invited to participate in a joint initiative being offered by e-MDs and Qsource to receive free assistance with earning incentives under the Physician's Quality Reporting System (PQRS). This letter contains an overview of this exclusive opportunity. **We encourage you to complete the Expression of Interest form as soon as possible, as only a limited number of providers will be accepted into this program.**

Current PQRS Initiative

Consistent with national healthcare goals to expand electronic health record (EHR) system use and functionality, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is encouraging providers to begin reporting PQRS measures using the EHR option (as opposed to claims- or registry-based). Since e-MDs is one of only 27 EHRs "qualified" to report PQRS data using the EHR option, e-MDs users are part of an exclusive group of providers being invited to join this initiative.

Benefits of Participation

- Ability to successfully participate in PQRS and achieve financial incentives
 - Incentives of 1 percent for 2011 (if ready to report) and 0.5 percent for 2012, based on Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule charges
- Coordination of goals to achieve incentives through EHR Incentive Program – "Meaningful Use" and other available programs
- Technical assistance provided
- Routine monitoring of PQRS measures throughout the year to ensure that there are no surprises once data are actually submitted to CMS for incentive payment and future public reporting
- Qsource and e-MDs will lead you through all steps necessary to be successful
- Eliminate failure to report PQRS measures resulting in payment penalties beginning in 2015
- Prepare your practice for the public reporting of performance on quality measures via "Physician Compare" in 2013

Eligibility

To be eligible to participate, the provider must be:

- Using (or planning to use) a "Qualified" EHR
- Eligible for the PQRS incentive program, as defined by CMS*
- Willing and able to report three of six PQRS preventive care measures in 2012

About Qsource

Qsource is the federally designated quality improvement organization (QIO) for Tennessee.

The mission of the QIO Program is to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, economy and quality of services delivered to Medicare beneficiaries.

QIOs are federally funded and provide services related to specific initiatives free-of-charge to providers.

Qsource, in cooperation with e-MDs, will provide the following assistance to providers:

- Enable EHR functionality needed to conduct PQRS EHR reporting
- Identify exactly where and how to record specific data elements for each measure
- Establish workflows to allow efficient and consistent data capture
- Develop routine reports that allow monthly monitoring of PQRS measures
- Implement a continuous quality improvement program to improve performance rates
- Submit data to CMS to receive incentive payments
- Share best practices and expertise from topic experts on new developments in prevention services (for example, the CDC and physician specialists)
- Provide assistance based on practice needs

If you are interested in signing up for free assistance on earning PQRS incentives, please fill out the Expression of Interest form below.

* Consult the CMS PQRS website (www.cms.gov/pqrs) for specific information on PQRS-certified EHRs and eligibility. In general, most providers that will qualify under Medicare Part B PFS are eligible for participation.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST		
Name of Practice:		
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP:
Contact Person:	Title:	
Email:	Phone:	
How many providers are there in your practice?	Which EHR do you currently use?	
Did any provider in your practice submit PQRS in 2010? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
What method was used to submit PQRS? <input type="checkbox"/> Claims <input type="checkbox"/> Registry <input type="checkbox"/> EHR		

Please return the completed form by email or fax to:

Alyssa Chase
achase@qsource.org
Fax: 901-273-2697

Thank you for your interest! We will contact you shortly.