

CMS releases physician quality and cost performance reports

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services released 2 separate reports the week of September 28th which describe physician group practice results in the PQRS and Value-Based Payment Modifier programs during the 2015 calendar year. These reports display individual physician and group practice results. Practices that performed well may receive a Medicare payment bonus in 2017. Those practices that did not satisfactorily participate are subject to penalties of up to **6%**. CMS is mailing letters to notify physicians and groups who are scheduled to receive a penalty in 2017 based on 2015 PQRS reporting.

These feedback reports can be accessed on the CMS Enterprise Portal using an active Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM) account. After reviewing the reports, providers or practices who feel that a penalty is unwarranted or believe that the group's participation was evaluated incorrectly by CMS, will have until November 30, 2016 to appeal by submitting an informal review request. If you have specific questions about the information contained in your reports, contact the following Medicare help desks:

- For questions about your PQRS Feedback Report, contact the Quality Net Help Desk at (866) 288-8912 or qnetsupport@hcqis.org.
- For questions about your Value Modifier Quality and Resource Use Report, contact the Physician Value Help Desk at 1-888-734-6433 (select option 3) or pvhelpdesk@cms.hhs.gov.

MBU strongly encourages providers to review their reports and submit an appeal if any information is incorrect to avoid any unwarranted penalties for 2017.

Questions? Call Angie at 915-774-5506

1. MGMA, Week of September 28, 2016, *MGMA Washington Connection*
2. CMS.gov
3. MGMA, Week of October 12, 2016, *MGMA Washington Connection*

