

# Don't Miss Your Chance to Earn PQRS Incentives and Improve Health for Populations and Communities



**IFMC–IL has received funding to assist Illinois physicians and other eligible professionals to report PQRS using their electronic health record systems.**

Physician Quality Reporting System is a voluntary quality reporting program that provides a financial incentive to physicians and other eligible professionals who successfully report quality data related to covered services provided under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. The goal of PQRS is to improve quality and provide an opportunity for providers to begin using objective, evidence-based guidelines to assess the quality of care they provide.



**IFMC – IL has  
quality  
improvement  
experts who can  
help!**

**IFMC–IL is Illinois’ federally-designated Quality Improvement Organization and has assisted physicians over the last 7 years in the implementation and use of EHRs for quality measurement, improvement and reporting.**

As an active participant, you will receive information, materials and intervention tools at no cost to you. Quality improvement experts at IFMC–IL also will provide ongoing support with office workflow, data collection and reporting.

**Direct advantages to your practice include:**

- Improvement in the quality of care you provide
- Aligns with EHR Meaningful Use
- Preparation for future changes to the health care delivery system
- Electronic submission (via EHR) can be accomplished more efficiently and in less time than with the claims-based or registry submission methods

**Assistance under this program is limited to the first 90 eligible professionals.** To be eligible for assistance, you must:

- Use an EHR that has been qualified by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- Be committed to reporting PQRS using the EHR method
- Choose to report at least three of the following PQRS EHR measures:
  - #110: Influenza Immunization for Patients  $\geq 50$  years
  - #111: Pneumonia Vaccination for Patients 65 Years and Older
  - #112: Screening Mammography for Women 40 to 69 Years
  - #113: Colorectal Cancer Screening for Patients Age 50 through 75 Years
  - #226: Tobacco Use Screening and Cessation Intervention
  - #237: Hypertension/Blood Pressure Management



## What EPs Agree To Do:

### Practice Engagement:

- Maintain practice involvement
- Identify individuals to work with IFMC–IL on a regularly-scheduled basis through site visits, phone calls, teleconferences and education sessions

### Surveys:

- Complete an assessment of care processes survey and QIO satisfaction survey once during the three-year contract period

### Meetings:

- Meet with and maintain contact with IFMC–IL theme leader throughout the duration of the project via team meetings and other activities

### Elements of Preparation Criteria:

- Monitor and maintain timelines set forth in the action plan
- Complete/participate in collecting EHR-derived data to identify areas for improvement
- Report EHR-derived data on a monthly basis for breast cancer and colorectal cancer screenings, influenza and pneumococcal immunizations, tobacco use screening and cessation intervention and blood pressure measurement

### Sharing:

- Collect and submit timely data reports to the CMS-designated repository
- Agree to share data with IFMC–IL for aggregation and benchmarking purposes

### Confidentiality:

- Maintain and safeguard the confidentiality of privileged data or information – whether generated or acquired by the team – that can be used to identify an individual patient, practitioner, health plan or patient population
- Consent to the release of physician office identity as a project participant

## Proposed PQRS Rules:

- Beginning in 2013, individual physicians and eligible professionals' performance on Quality Measures will be publicly available on the Physician Compare Web site at Medicare.gov
- Beginning in 2013, physicians who do NOT report PQRS will be subject to a payment reduction in 2015
- Quality reporting for Meaningful Use, Patient Centered Medical Homes and Accountable Care Organizations are being aligned with PQRS
- Many EHRs have the ability to report PQRS directly to CMS

# What IFMC-IL Agrees To Do:

## Practice Engagement:

- Consult with the practice to identify areas of improvement
- Assist in the development of a practice-specific action plan

## Surveys:

- Provide assistance as needed in the completion of CMS-required surveys

## Meetings:

- Help Identify appropriate team members
- Assist with team development and meeting planning as requested
- Provide useful tools for effective meetings

## Elements of Preparation Criteria:

- Complete and implement an action plan aimed at improving the rate of preventive health care services
- Assist in collecting EHR-derived data to identify areas for improvements, including population management/population reports
- Assist practice in analyzing and effectively using data
- Assist practice in generating reports and transmitting data to CMS
- Share best practices, resources and evidence-based research
- Provide ongoing staff education by identifying opportunities for participation in teleconferences, webinars, calls and meetings, including one-on-one training, online materials and on-site presentations

## Sharing:

- Provide the practice with summary information on the status of the project, upcoming deadlines for data submission and activity reports

## Confidentiality:

- Maintain and safeguard the confidentiality of privileged data or information – whether written, photographed or electronically recorded and whether generated or acquired by the team – that can be used to identify an individual patient, practitioner, health plan or patient population

**For more information about eligibility and how to work with IFMC-IL to earn PQRS incentives, please contact Linda Brewer, QI Facilitator, at 630-928-5819 or [lbrewer@ilqio.sdps.org](mailto:lbrewer@ilqio.sdps.org).**

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# PQRS EHR Reporting Project

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**For more information, please complete and return the following:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# of providers in your practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Current EHR in use: \_\_\_\_\_

Did any provider in your practice submit PQRS:  Yes  No

If so, what method was used:

Via Medicare Part B Claims

To Qualified PQRS Registry

Via Qualified EHR

**Please fax or email the information to:**

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IFMC-IL thanks you for your interest. We will contact you to determine your eligibility to participate in this program.

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