



Please review the important milestones below that are related to the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) and the Value-Based Modifier (VM) program. For additional information, see the references listed at the end of the document.

Program:	Milestone:	Milestone deadline:
PQRS	PQRS Vendor Type	Submission Dates*
	CEHRT EHR Direct Product	1/1/2015 – 3/20/2015
	CEHRT EHR DSV	1/1/2015 – 3/20/2015
	QCDR (EHR Incentive Program)	1/1/2015 – 3/20/2015
	QCDR (PQRS Only)	1/1/2015 – 3/31/2015
	Qualified Registry	1/1/2015 – 3/31/2015
	Last day for groups to submit 2014 data through the GPRO Web Interface.	20-Mar-15
PQRS	Last day for MOC Program entities to submit 2014 quality data. Last day to submit 2014 PQRS data through registry or QCDR (PQRS only) reporting method (XML only as February 28 is last day for QCDRs to submit QRDA) to determine 2014 incentive and the 2016 payment adjustment.	31-Mar-15
VM	Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Group Registration Open 4/1/15 to 6/30/15. Groups of 2 or more eligible professionals (EPs) can register to participate in the PQRS Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) in 2015 between April 1 and June 30, 2015. For the 2017 Value-Based Payment Modifier (Value Modifier), physician solo practitioners and physicians in groups of 2 to 9 EPs can qualify to earn upward adjustments or neutral (no) adjustments under the quality-tiering methodology, by performing well on quality and cost measures. Physicians in groups of 10 or more EPs can earn upward, neutral, or downward adjustments under quality-tiering. In order to qualify to earn these incentives and to avoid the automatic negative Value Modifier payment adjustment in CY 2017, these groups must either: (1) participate in the PQRS GPRO in CY 2015 and meet the satisfactory reporting criteria to avoid the CY 2017 PQRS payment adjustment, or (2) ensure that at least 50% of the EPs in the group participate in the PQRS as individuals in CY 2015 and meet the satisfactory reporting criteria as individuals via a qualified PQRS registry, claims, or EHR (or in lieu of satisfactory reporting, satisfactorily participate in a qualified clinical data	01-Apr-15 to 30-June-15

	registry) to avoid the CY 2017 PQRS payment adjustment. Solo practitioners must participate in the PQRS as individuals in CY 2015 and avoid the CY 2017 PQRS payment adjustment in order to qualify for incentives and avoid the automatic negative Value Modifier payment adjustment in CY 2017. No registration is necessary for the EPs in a group or solo practitioners to participate in the PQRS as individuals. Information on registering to participate in the PQRS GPRO in 2015 is available at http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeedbackProgram/Self-Nomination-Registration.html	
VM	Release of the 2014 Mid-Year Quality and Resource Use Reports for all physician groups and physician solo practitioners nationwide.	Spring 2015
VM	Release of the 2014 Quality and Resource Use Reports for all groups and solo practitioners nationwide.	Fall 2015

- **Submission ends at 8:00 PM ET on the submission end date listed above. Submissions will not be accepted after this time.*

Additional Resources

More information about the Value Modifier program is available at:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeedbackProgram/index.html>

More information about the PQRS program is available at:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/index.html>

More information about the PQRS program timeline for 2014-2016 is available at:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/Downloads/PQRS-Timeline-2014-2016.pdf>

For questions about, the IACS sign up process, or participating in the 2014 PQRS as a group or individual, please contact the QualityNet Help Desk at 1-866-288-8912 or via email at qnetsupport@hcqis.org. For questions about the Value Modifier please contact the Physician Value (PV) Help Desk at 1-888-734-6433 (select option 3).