

2016 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS): Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) *Registration Quick-Reference Guide*

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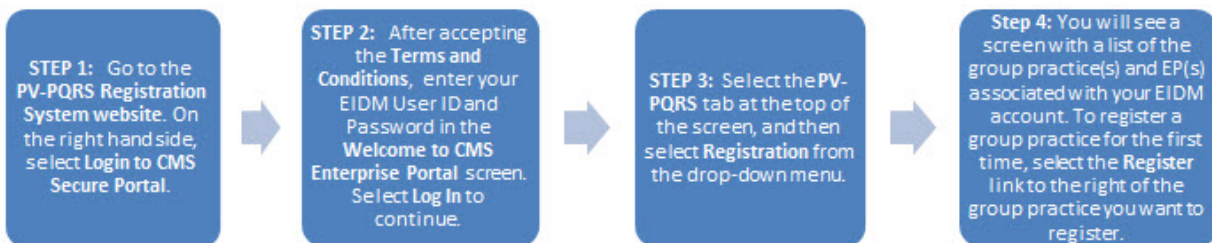
Overview

The [Physician Quality Reporting System \(PQRS\)](#) is a quality reporting program that encourages individual eligible professionals (EPs) and group practices to report information on the quality of care provided to Medicare beneficiaries. If an individual EP or group practice does not satisfactorily report data on quality measures, a negative payment adjustment will be applied. To avoid the 2018 PQRS negative payment adjustment by reporting during the 2016 program year, group practices who wish to participate in the PQRS group practice reporting option (GPRO) may register to participate via:

1. [Qualified PQRS registry](#)
2. [Web Interface](#) (for groups of 25+ EPs only)
3. [Direct electronic health record \(EHR\) using certified EHR technology \(CEHRT\)](#)
4. [CEHRT via Data Submission Vendor](#)
5. [Qualified Clinical Data Registry \(QCDR\)](#)
6. [Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems \(CAHPS\) for PQRS via Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\)-certified survey vendor to *supplement* reporting](#) (*this is not a stand-alone reporting mechanism*)

Registration

Registration must be completed through the online **Physician Value-Physician Quality Reporting System (PV-PQRS) Registration System** on the [CMS Enterprise Portal](#) during the **April 1, 2016-June 30, 2016 (11:59 p.m. EDT)** registration period. PQRS group practices may change or cancel their registration only during this timeframe.



- In order to register, group practices must have an approved **Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM)** account and indicate their reporting mechanism for the 12-month period.
- At least one person from the group practice will need to obtain an EIDM account with a **Security Official (SO) Role or a Group Representative Role** to complete registration. See step-by-step instructions for obtaining these roles in the “Obtain an EIDM Account to Access the Registration System” section of the [PQRS GPRO Registration webpage](#).

Note: If your group practice is participating in a Medicare Shared Savings Program **Accountable Care Organization (ACO)**, then you may participate in the PQRS GPRO only through the parent ACO and do **not** need to register for PQRS GPRO via the PV-PQRS Registration System.

Quick Facts

- For the 2016 program year, a "group practice" is defined as a single Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) with 2 or more individual EPs (as identified by Individual National Provider Identifier [NPI]) who have reassigned their billing rights to the TIN.
- The group practice size is based on the number of EPs (NPIs) billing under the TIN at the time of registration.
- The PQRS group practice should ensure they have researched and are able to report by the GPRO method they select during GPRO registration. Consider the following questions:
 - To report via the GPRO Web Interface, do any of the GPRO Web Interface measures apply to the practice?
 - To select the GPRO via CEHRT, has the PQRS group practice checked with the EHR vendor to verify this is a viable option? Some EHR software may only allow for individual reporting.
- For groups that select GPRO Web Interface: Given the GPRO Web Interface beneficiary assignment methodology, some group practices (such as groups consisting only of non-physician practitioners) might **not be able** to report PQRS quality measures using the GPRO Web Interface because the number of beneficiaries assigned to them will be insufficient. CMS advises those group practices to participate in PQRS via another reporting mechanism.
- For groups that select CAHPS for PQRS: Some group practices might not have a sufficient number of beneficiaries to produce reliable data and it is recommended that they not choose this option. These group practices will be notified if they do not have a sufficient number of beneficiaries.
- If a group practice is not able to report on the selected PQRS GPRO reporting mechanism, then the group practice is encouraged to report via another GPRO reporting mechanism or have the EPs in the group practice participate in the PQRS as individuals in 2016.
- If an organization or individual EP changes TINs, the registration under the old TIN does not carry over to the new TIN, nor is it combined for final analysis.
- If a TIN's organization name changes after the 2016 PQRS GPRO registration period ends, the name used during the registration process will appear on the program feedback.
- The 2016 PQRS data submission window will occur during the first quarter of 2017.