



Successful Participation in the Physician Compare Program: What the Web Says About You as a Physician

◆ What Is Physician Compare?

Physician Compare is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website that allows the public to find and select physicians who are currently enrolled in the Medicare program as well as other information on Eligible Professionals (EPs) who participate in CMS quality programs. Information on physician performance, including information on quality measures and patient experience, is available to the public through the Physician Compare website.

◆ General Physician Information Included on Physician Compare includes

- Address
- Primary and Secondary Specialties
- Medicare Assignment Status
- Education
- Group Affiliations
- Provider Language Skills
- American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Board Certification Information
- Hospital Affiliations (which link to the hospital's profile on Hospital Compare as available)

◆ Physician Participation in Physician Compare

Physician Compare website includes information on physician performance in the various CMS quality initiative programs, such as:

- Physician Quality Reporting (PQRS), including the Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO)
- Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program

If you would like to check your information for accuracy, please visit: <http://www.medicare.gov/physiciancompare/search.html>.

◆ Physician Compare Public Reporting Timeline

2013	2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 2011 PQRS, GPRO, eRx & EHR MU Incentive Program Participation ■ 2012 PQRS, GPRO, eRx & EHR MU Incentive Program Participation ■ Information on ABMS board certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Notation for satisfactory PQRS GPRO reporters ■ ALL 2015 PQRS measures for individual EPs collected through a Registry, EHR, or claims * ■ ALL 2015 PQRS Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) measures reported via the Web Interface, EHR, and Registry for group practices of 2 or more EP * ■ All measures reported by ACOs with a minimum sample size of twenty patients *
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 2013 PQRS, GPRO & EHR Incentive Program Participation ■ 2013 PQRS Maintenance of Certification Incentive ■ 2012 PQRS GPRO & ACO measures (early 2014) ■ 2013 PQRS GPRO & ACO measures (late 2014) ■ GPRO Composite Measures (DM & CAD) (late 2014) ■ CG-CAHPS data for PQRS GPROs and ACOs (late 2014) ■ Successful reporting of the 2013 Cardiovascular Prevention measures group in support of Million Hearts Initiative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Notation for satisfactory reporters under PQRS, participants in the EHR MU Incentive Program, and EPs that satisfactorily reports all four of the Cardiovascular Prevention measure ■ Notation for individuals who have earned the 2014 PQRS Maintenance of Certification Incentive ■ 2015 CAHPS for PQRS for groups of 2 or more EPs ■ CAHPS for certain ACOs ■ ALL 2015 Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) measure data collected at the individual level *

* Does not include a measure that is in its first year

◆ How Do I Update My Information on Physician Compare?

- Incorrect information relating to address, education, contact information, and Medicare Assignment status needs to be edited through the Internet-based PECOS system at <https://pecos.coms.hhs.gov/pecos/login/do>.
- Incorrect information relating to training, residency, hospital affiliation and/or foreign language needs to be edited by email to Physician Compare at PhysicianCompare@westat.com. Please be sure to include your name, specialty, address of practice location, NPI number, and the best method of contact in addition to providing the corrected information.

Visit the Academy's website for more detailed information!

<http://www.entnet.org/content/physician-compare>

