



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

### ◆ Physician Participation in Physician Compare:

- Physician Quality Reporting (PQRS), including the Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO)
- Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program
- Electronic Health Record (EHR) Meaningful Use (MU) 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	2014	2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2011 PQRS, GPRO, eRx &amp; EHR MU Incentive Program Participation</li> <li>• 2012 PQRS, GPRO, eRx &amp; EHR MU Incentive Program Participation</li> <li>• Information on ABMS board certification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2013 PQRS, GPRO, eRx &amp; EHR MU Incentive Program Participation</li> <li>• 2013 PQRS Maintenance of Certification Incentive</li> <li>• 2012 PQRS GPRO &amp; ACO measures (early 2014)</li> <li>• 2013 PQRS GPRO &amp; ACO measures (late 2014)</li> <li>• GPRO Composite Measures (DM &amp; CAD) (late 2014)</li> <li>• CG-CAHPS data for PQRS GPROs and ACOs (late 2014)</li> <li>• Successful reporting of the 2013 Cardiovascular Prevention measures group in support of Million Hearts Initiative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2014 PQRS, GPRO, eRx &amp; EHR MU Incentive Program Participation</li> <li>• 2014 PQRS Maintenance of Certification Incentive</li> <li>• 2014 PQRS GPRO &amp; ACO measures</li> <li>• CG-CAHPS data for PQRS GPROs and ACOs</li> <li>• 2014 Individual PQRS Quality Measures</li> <li>• Measures from the 2014 Cardiovascular Prevention measures group in support of Million Hearts Initiative</li> <li>• Specialty Society Measures (beyond 2015)</li> </ul>

If members would like to provide feedback about the Physician Compare website, feedback can be sent to [PhysicianCompare@Westat.com](mailto:PhysicianCompare@Westat.com)

### ◆ 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](mailto: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.