

What's Hot: Important Updates

CMS Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS): EIDM Accounts Necessary to Obtain 2015 PQRS Feedback Reports and 2015 Annual Quality and Resource Use Reports

CMS will be releasing two reports in early fall that will require Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM) accounts to access. The reports scheduled for release are:

- **PQRS feedback reports** depicting your program year 2015 PQRS reporting results, including payment adjustment assessment for 2017.
- **2015 Annual Quality and Resource Use Reports (QRURs)** that will show how groups and solo practitioners performed in 2015 on the quality and cost measures used to calculate the 2017 Value Modifier.

Prepare now by either signing up for an Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM) account or ensuring that your existing account is active. EIDM accounts are **required** for participants to obtain 2015 PQRS feedback reports and 2015 Annual QRURs. The same EIDM account can be used to access both reports. To register for an EIDM account, visit the [CMS Enterprise Portal](#) and click "New User Registration" under "Login to CMS Secure Portal."

The EIDM system provides a way for business partners to apply for, obtain approval of, and receive a single user ID for accessing multiple CMS applications, including PQRS feedback reports.

CMS has packaged several resources for EIDM system users into the [EIDM System Toolkit](#), including the "EIDM User Guide" and "EIDM Quick Reference Guides". These resources provide instructions for PQRS participants obtaining a new EIDM account, managing and updating information for an existing EIDM account, and adding account role(s) in the Physician Value-Physician Quality Reporting System (PV-PQRS) Domain. The PV-PQRS Domain provides access for PQRS program information for various tasks, including viewing feedback reports. **Information about the 2015 Annual QRURs is available [here](#).**

Please ensure that your EIDM account is active, current, and you're able to log in, or begin the process to create an account.

For additional assistance regarding EIDM, contact the QualityNet Help Desk at 1-866-288-8912 (TTY 1-877-715- 6222) from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday, or via email at qnetsupport@hcqis.org. To avoid security violations, please do not include personal identifying information such as Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number in email inquiries to the QualityNet Help Desk.

Anthem Implementing Two Revised Opioid Analgesics Policies

Anthem has announced that effective September 2016 it will implement revised clinical policies for **short and long-acting opioid analgesic** utilization management. The policies will apply to all Anthem health plans and are designed to improve patient safety and reduce misuse and abuse of opioid analgesics. [Click here for details.](#)

Anthem Announces Update to SGLT2 Inhibitor Step Therapy Program

On August 1, Anthem announced an update to the Sodium-Glucose Co-Transporter 2 (SGLT2) Inhibitor Step Therapy program. Farxiga, Invokana, Invokamet, and Xigduo XR will be part of this program. The SGLT2 Inhibitor Step Therapy Program applies to all Anthem health plans. [Click here for details.](#)

**Dr. Mark Fouree Speaks to the Importance of Value-Based Care in the Maine Sunday Telegram**

In his latest piece in the Maine Sunday Telegram, Dr. Mark Fouree (chief health affairs officer for MaineHealth) focuses on how hospitals across the MaineHealth system are adopting the Triple Aim and, in particular, how health and wellness have become a focus for members. [Click here to read the article in its entirety.](#)