

2013 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Getting Started with Measures Groups

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Introduction:

This document contains general implementation guidance for reporting 2013 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) measures groups. Measures groups include reporting on a group of clinically-related measures identified by CMS for use in PQRS, either through claims-based and/or registry-based submission. Twenty-two measures groups have been established for 2013 PQRS: Diabetes Mellitus (DM), Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD), Preventive Care, Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG), Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA), Perioperative Care, Back Pain, Hepatitis C, Heart Failure (HF), Coronary Artery Disease (CAD), Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD), HIV/AIDS, Asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), Sleep Apnea, Dementia, Parkinson's Disease, Hypertension (HTN), Cardiovascular Prevention, Cataracts, and Oncology.

An eligible professional may choose to pursue more than one 2013 reporting option. However, an eligible professional who satisfactorily reports under more than one reporting option will earn a maximum of one incentive payment equal to 0.5% of his/her total estimated allowed charges for Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) covered professional services furnished during the longest reporting period for which he or she satisfied reporting criteria.

There are two reporting periods available for eligible professionals to report 2013 PQRS measures groups: a) 12-month reporting period from January 1 through December 31, 2013 OR b) a 6-month reporting period from July 1 through December 31, 2013 (available **only** via Registry). The 6-month reporting period allows those eligible professionals who may have decided to participate later in the year to begin reporting. Measures groups containing a measure with a 0% performance rate will not be counted as satisfactorily reporting the measures group. This document provides strategies and information to facilitate satisfactory reporting by each eligible professional who wishes to pursue this alternative.

The 2013 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Measures Groups Specifications Manual, which can be found at http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/MeasuresCodes, contains detailed descriptions for each quality measure within each measures group. Denominator coding has been modified from the original individual measure as specified by the measure developer to allow for implementation as a measures group. To get started, review the 2013 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Measures Groups Specifications manual to determine if a particular measures group is applicable to Medicare services the practice provides.

This manual applies to PQRS for <u>incentive payment eligibility only</u> and does not provide guidance for avoiding possible payment adjustment(s) for current or upcoming program years. Additional information on how to avoid future PQRS payment adjustments can be found through supporting documentation available on the CMS website: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/index.html?redirect=/PQRS/.

Measures Groups Participation Strategy:

- 1. Plan and implement processes within the practice to ensure satisfactory reporting of measures groups.
- 2. Become familiar with the following methods for satisfactory reporting of measures groups. The methods for measures groups are:

20 Patient Sample Method via claims – 12-month reporting period only

• For claims-based submissions, a participating eligible professional must report on all applicable measures within the selected measures group when billing measure-eligible claims for a minimum

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sample of 20 unique Medicare Part B FFS patients who meet patient sample criteria (See Patient Sample Criteria Table starting on page 4) for the measures group. PQRS analysis will be initiated when the measures group-specific intent G-code is submitted on a claim. However, all claims meeting patient sample criteria in the reporting period will be considered in the analysis regardless of the date of service the measures group-specific intent G-code is submitted. If the eligible professional does not have a minimum of 20 unique Medicare Part B FFS patients who meet patient sample criteria for the measures group, the eligible professional will need to choose another measures group or choose another reporting option. Please refer to Appendix A: 2013 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Participation Decision Tree.

- All applicable measures within the group must be reported at least once for each patient within the sample population seen by the eligible professional during the reporting period (January 1 through December 31, 2013) for each of the 20 unique Medicare Part B FFS patients.
- Measures groups containing a measure with a 0% performance rate will not be counted as satisfactorily reporting the measures group.

OR

20 Patient Sample Method via registry – 12-month or 6-month reporting period

- For registry-based submissions, a participating eligible professional must report on all applicable measures within the selected measures group for a minimum sample of 20 unique patients, a majority (11) of which must be Medicare Part B FFS patients, who meet patient sample criteria for the measures group. If the eligible professional does not have at least 20 unique patients (a majority of which must be Medicare Part B FFS patients) who meet patient sample criteria for the measures group, the eligible professional will need to choose another measures group or choose another reporting option. Please refer to Appendix A: 2013 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Participation Decision Tree.
- All applicable measures within the group must be reported at least once for each patient within the sample population seen by the eligible professional during the reporting period (January 1 through December 31, 2013 OR July 1 through December 31, 2013) for each of the 20 unique patients in which a majority are Medicare Part B FFS patients.
- Measures groups containing a measure with a 0% performance rate will not be counted as satisfactorily reporting the measures group.
- 3. Determine the patient sample based on the patient sample criteria. The following table contains patient sample criteria (common codes) that will qualify an eligible professional's patient for inclusion in the measures group analysis. For claims-based submissions, claims must contain an international Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) diagnosis code (where applicable) accompanied by a specific CPT patient encounter code. All diagnoses included on the base claim are considered in PQRS analysis.

Note: International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) diagnosis codes have been incorporated into the *2013 PQRS Measures Group Specifications* manual. These codes are for REFERENCE ONLY and should not be used to determine eligible patients for the 2013 program year. Reporting ICD-10-CM will **not** count toward satisfactorily reporting the measures groups within the PQRS for 2013.

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Patient Sample Criteria Table		
Measures Group	CPT Patient Encounter Codes	ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes
Diabetes Mellitus (DM) 18 through 75 years	97802, 97803, 97804, 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, G0270, G0271, G0402	250.00, 250.01, 250.02, 250.03, 250.10, 250.11, 250.12, 250.13, 250.20, 250.21, 250.22, 250.23, 250.30, 250.31, 250.32, 250.33, 250.40, 250.41, 250.42, 250.43, 250.50, 250.51, 250.52, 250.53, 250.60, 250.61, 250.62, 250.63, 250.70, 250.71, 250.72, 250.73, 250.80, 250.81, 250.82, 250.83, 250.90, 250.91, 250.92, 250.93, 357.2, 362.01, 362.02, 362.03, 362.04, 362.05, 362.06, 362.07, 366.41, 648.00, 648.01, 648.02, 648.03, 648.04
Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) 18 years and older	99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350	585.4, 585.5
Preventive Care 50 years and older	99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215	
Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) 18 years and older	33510, 33511, 33512, 33513, 33514, 33516, 33517, 33518, 33519, 33521, 33522, 33523, 33533, 33534, 33535, 33536	
Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) 18 years and older	99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, G0402	714.0, 714.1, 714.2, 714.81
Perioperative Care 18 years and older	0236T, 15734, 15830, 15832, 15833, 15834, 15835, 15836, 15837, 19260, 19271, 19272, 19300, 19305, 19306, 19307, 19316, 19318, 19324, 19361, 19364, 19366, 19367, 19368, 19369, 19380, 21627, 21632, 21740, 21750, 21805, 21825, 22558, 22600, 22612, 22630, 27080, 27125, 27130, 27132, 27134, 27137, 27138, 27158, 27202, 27235, 27236, 27244, 27245, 27269, 27280, 27282, 27440, 27441, 27442, 27443, 27445, 27446, 27447, 27880, 27881, 27882, 27884, 27886, 27888, 31760, 31766, 31770, 31775, 31786, 31805, 32096, 32097, 32098, 32100, 32110, 32120, 32124, 32140, 32141, 32150, 32215, 32220, 32225, 32310, 32320, 32440, 32442, 32445, 32480, 32482, 32484, 32486, 32488, 32491, 32505, 32506, 32507, 32800, 32810, 32815, 32900, 32905, 32906, 32940, 33020, 33025, 33030, 33310, 33320, 33877, 33880, 33881, 33883, 33886, 33889, 33891, 34051, 34800, 34802, 34803, 34804, 34805, 34812, 34820, 34825, 34830, 34831, 34832, 34833, 34834, 34900, 35011, 35013, 35021, 35081, 35082, 35091, 35092, 35102, 35103, 35131, 35141, 35142, 35151, 35152, 35206, 35216, 35246, 35266,	

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Measures Group	CPT Patient Encounter Codes	ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes	
	35271, 35276, 35301, 35311, 35363, 35371, 35372, 35460, 35512, 35521, 35522, 35523, 35525, 35526, 35533, 35537, 35538, 35539, 35540, 35556, 35556, 35556, 35566, 35570, 35571, 35572, 35583, 35585, 35585, 35631, 35632, 35631, 35632, 35633, 35634, 35636, 35637, 35638, 35642, 35645, 35664, 35664, 35664, 35664, 35664, 35665, 35665, 35665, 35666, 356671, 36830, 37224, 37225, 37226, 37227, 37228, 37229, 37231, 37235, 37616, 37617, 38100, 38101, 38115, 38120, 38381, 38571, 38572, 38700, 38720, 38724, 38740, 38745, 38746, 38747, 38760, 38765, 38770, 38780, 39000, 39010, 39200, 39220, 39545, 39561, 43020, 43030, 43045, 43100, 43101, 43107, 43108, 43112, 43113, 43116, 43117, 43118, 43121, 43122, 43123, 43124, 43130, 43313, 43314, 43320, 43325, 43327, 43328, 43330, 43331, 433314, 43320, 43325, 43327, 43328, 43330, 43341, 43350, 43351, 43352, 43360, 43361, 43400, 43401, 43405, 43410, 43415, 43420, 43425, 43496, 43601, 43621, 43622, 43631, 43622, 43631, 43632, 43633, 43634, 43641, 43644, 43645, 43651, 43652, 43653, 43800, 43801, 43641, 43644, 43645, 43651, 43652, 43653, 43800, 43801, 43640, 43641, 43404, 44050, 44051, 44050, 44055, 44125, 44126, 44127, 44150, 44141, 44141, 44143, 44145, 44146, 44147, 44150, 44181, 44156, 44167, 44150, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44174, 44150, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44161, 44174, 44150, 44161,		
	NOTE: CPT Category I procedure codes billed by surgeons performing surgery on the same patient, submitted with modifier 62 (indicating two		

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Measures Group	CPT Patient Encounter Codes	ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes
	surgeons, i.e., dual procedures) will be included in the denominator population. Both surgeons participating in PQRS will be fully accountable for the clinical action described in the measure.	
Back Pain 18 through 79 years	Diagnosis codes with CPT codes: 97001, 97002, 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215 OR One of the following back surgical procedure codes: 22210, 22214, 22220, 22222, 22224, 22226, 22532, 22533, 22534, 22548, 22554, 22556, 22558, 22585, 22590, 22595, 22600, 22612, 22614, 22630, 22632, 22818, 22819, 22830, 22840, 22841, 22842, 22843, 22844, 22845, 22846, 22847, 22848, 22849, 63001, 63003, 63005, 63011, 63012, 63015, 63016, 63017, 63020, 63030, 63035, 63040, 63042, 63043, 63044, 63045, 63046, 63047, 63048, 63055, 63056, 63057,	Diagnosis codes for CPT 9XXXX codes: 721.3, 721.41, 721.42, 721.90, 722.0, 722.10, 722.11, 722.2, 722.30, 722.31, 722.32, 722.39, 722.4, 722.51, 722.52, 722.6, 722.70, 722.71, 722.72, 722.73, 722.80, 722.81, 722.82, 722.83, 722.90, 722.91, 722.92, 722.93, 723.0, 724.00, 724.01, 724.02, 724.09, 724.2, 724.3, 724.4, 724.5, 724.6, 724.70, 724.71, 724.79, 738.4, 738.5, 739.3, 739.4, 756.12, 846.0, 846.1, 846.2, 846.3, 846.8, 846.9, 847.2
Hepatitis C 18 years and older	63064, 63066, 63075, 63076, 63077, 63078, 63081, 63082, 63085, 63086, 63087, 63088, 63090, 63091, 63101, 63102, 63103, 63170, 63172, 63173, 63180, 63182, 63185, 63190, 63191, 63194, 63195, 63196, 63197, 63198, 63199, 63200	070.54
Heart Failure (HF) 18 years and older	99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350	402.01, 402.11, 402.91, 404.01, 404.03, 404.11, 404.13, 404.91, 404.93, 428.0, 428.1, 428.20, 428.21, 482.22, 428.23, 428.30, 428.31, 428.32, 428.33, 428.40, 428.41, 428.42, 428.43, 428.9
Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) 18 years and older	99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350	410.00, 410.01, 410.02, 410.10, 410.11, 410.12, 410.20, 410.21, 410.22, 410.30, 410.31, 410.32, 410.40, 410.41, 410.42, 410.50, 410.51, 410.52, 410.60, 410.61, 410.62, 410.70, 410.71, 410.72, 410.80, 410.81, 410.82, 410.90, 410.91, 410.92, 411.0, 411.1, 411.81, 411.89, 412, 413.0, 413.1, 413.9, 414.00, 414.01, 414.02, 414.03, 414.04, 414.05, 414.06, 414.07, 414.2, 414.3, 414.8, 414.9, V45.81, V45.82

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Measures Group	CPT Patient Encounter Codes	ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes	
Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD) 18 years and older	99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99217, 99218, 99219, 99220, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99455, 99456, G0402 OR 33140, 33510, 33511, 33512, 33513, 33514, 33516, 33517, 33518, 33519, 33521, 33522, 33523, 33533, 33534, 33535, 33536, 92920, 92924, 92928, 92933, 92937, 92941, 92943	Diagnosis codes for CPT 99XXX codes: 410.11, 410.21, 410.31, 410.41, 410.51, 410.61, 410.71, 410.81, 410.91, 411.0, 411.1, 411.81, 411.89, 413.0, 413.1, 413.9, 414.00, 414.01, 414.02, 414.03, 414.04, 414.05, 414.06, 414.07, 414.2, 414.8, 414.9, 429.2, 433.00, 433.01, 433.10, 433.11, 433.20, 433.21, 433.30, 433.31, 433.80, 433.81, 433.90, 433.91, 434.00, 434.01, 434.10, 434.11, 434.90, 434.91, 440.1, 440.20, 440.21, 440.22, 440.23, 440.24, 440.29, 440.4, 444.01, 444.09, 444.1, 444.21, 444.22, 444.81, 444.89, 444.9, 445.01, 445.02, 445.81, 445.89	
HIV/AIDS 13 years and older	99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, G0402	042, V08	
Asthma 5 through 50 years	99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350	493.00, 493.01, 493.02, 493.10, 493.11, 493.12, 493.20, 493.21, 493.22, 493.81, 493.82, 493.90, 493.91, 493.92	
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) 18 years and older	99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215	491.0, 491.1, 491.20, 491.21, 491.22, 491.8, 491.9, 492.0, 492.8, 493.20, 493.21,493.22, 496	
Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) 18 years and older	99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99406, 99407	555.0, 555.1, 555.2, 555.9, 556.0, 556.1, 556.2, 556.3, 556.4, 556.5, 556.6, 556.8, 556.9	
Sleep Apnea 18 years and older	99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215	327.23, 780.51, 780.53, 780.57	
Dementia Any age	90791, 90792, 90832, 90834, 90837, 96116, 96118, 96119, 96120, 96150, 96151, 96152, 96154, 97003, 97004, 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350	094.1, 290.0, 290.10, 290.11, 290.12, 290.13, 290.20, 290.21, 290.3, 290.40, 290.41, 290.42, 290.43, 290.8, 290.9, 294.10, 294.11, 294.20, 294.21, 294.8, 331.0, 331.11, 331.19, 331.82	

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Parkinson's Disease Any age	99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310	332.0
Hypertension (HTN) 18-90 years	99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, G0438, G0439 AND NOT ICD-9-CM: 403.01, 403.11, 403.91, 404.02, 404.03, 404.12, 404.13, 404.92, 404.93, 585.5, 585.6	401.0, 401.1, 401.9, 402.00, 402.01, 402.10, 402.11, 402.90, 402.91, 403.00, 403.10, 403.90, 404.00, 404.01, 404.10, 404.11, 404.90, 404.91
Cardiovascular Prevention 18 years and older	99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215	One of the following diagnosis codes indicating diabetes mellitus: 250.00, 250.01, 250.02, 250.03, 250.10, 250.11, 250.12, 250.13, 250.20, 250.21, 250.22, 250.23, 250.30, 250.31, 250.32, 250.33, 250.40, 250.41, 250.42, 250.43, 250.50, 250.51, 250.52, 250.53, 250.60, 250.61, 250.62, 250.63, 250.70, 250.71, 250.72, 250.73, 250.80, 250.81, 250.82, 250.83, 250.90, 250.91, 250.92, 250.93, 357.2, 362.01, 362.02, 362.03, 362.04, 362.05, 362.06, 362.07, 366.41, 648.00, 648.01, 648.02, 648.03, 648.04
		One of the following diagnosis codes indicating ischemic vascular disease: 410.11, 410.21, 410.31, 410.41, 410.51, 410.61, 410.71, 410.81, 410.91, 411.0, 411.1, 411.81, 411.89, 413.0, 413.1, 413.9, 414.00, 414.01, 414.02, 414.03, 414.04, 414.05, 414.06, 414.07, 414.2, 414.8, 414.9, 429.2, 433.00, 433.01, 433.10, 433.11, 433.20, 433.21, 433.30, 433.31, 433.80, 433.81, 433.90, 433.91, 434.00, 434.01, 434.10, 434.11, 434.90, 434.91, 440.01, 440.09, 440.1, 440.20, 440.21, 440.22, 440.23, 440.24, 440.29, 440.4, 444.01, 444.09, 444.1, 444.21, 444.22, 444.81, 444.89, 444.9, 445.01, 445.02, 445.81, 445.89

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Measures Group	CPT Patient Encounter Codes	ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes
Cataracts 18 years and older	66840, 66850, 66852, 66920, 66930, 66940, 66983, 66984 WITHOUT Modifier 56 (preoperative management only)	
Oncology 18 Years and older	77427, 77431, 77432, 77435, 77470 OR 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215 AND Procedure codes: 51720, 96401, 96402, 96405, 96406, 96409, 96411, 96413, 96415, 96416, 96417, 96420, 96422, 96423, 96425, 96440, 96446, 96450, 96521, 96522, 96523, 96542, 96549	140.0, 140.1, 140.3, 140.4, 140.5, 140.6, 140.8, 140.9, 141.0, 141.1, 141.2, 141.3, 141.4, 141.5, 141.6, 141.8, 141.9, 142.0, 142.1, 142.2, 142.8, 142.9, 143.0, 143.1, 143.8, 143.9, 144.0, 144.1, 144.8, 144.9, 145.0, 145.1, 145.2, 145.3, 145.4, 145.5, 145.6, 145.8, 145.9, 146.0, 146.1, 146.2, 146.3, 146.4, 146.5, 146.6, 146.7, 146.8, 146.9, 147.0, 147.1, 147.2, 147.3, 147.8, 147.9, 148.0, 148.1, 148.2, 148.3, 148.8, 148.9, 149.0, 149.1, 149.8, 149.9, 150.0, 150.1, 150.2, 150.3, 150.4, 150.5, 150.8, 150.9, 151.0, 151.1, 151.2, 151.3, 151.4, 151.5, 151.6, 151.8, 151.9, 152.0, 152.1, 152.2, 152.3, 152.8, 152.9, 153.0, 153.1, 153.2, 153.3, 153.4, 153.5, 153.6, 153.7, 153.8, 153.9, 154.0, 154.1, 154.2, 154.3, 154.8, 155.0, 155.1, 155.2, 156.0, 156.1, 156.2, 156.8, 156.9, 157.0, 157.1, 157.2, 157.3, 157.4, 157.8, 157.9, 158.0, 158.8, 158.9, 159.0, 159.1, 159.8, 159.9, 160.0, 160.1, 160.2, 160.3, 160.4, 160.5, 160.8, 160.9, 161.0, 161.1, 161.2, 161.3, 161.8, 161.9, 162.0, 162.2, 162.3, 162.4, 162.5, 162.8, 162.9, 163.0, 163.1, 163.8, 163.9, 164.0, 164.1, 164.2, 164.3, 164.8, 164.9, 165.0, 165.8, 165.9, 170.0, 170.1, 170.2, 170.3, 170.4, 170.5, 170.6, 170.7, 170.8, 170.9, 171.0, 171.2, 171.3, 171.4, 171.5, 171.6, 171.7, 171.8, 171.9, 172.0, 172.1, 172.2, 172.3, 172.4, 172.5, 172.6, 173.7, 173.10, 173.11, 173.12, 173.19, 173.20, 173.21, 173.22, 173.39, 173.40, 173.41, 173.42, 173.99, 173.80, 173.81, 173.82, 173.89, 173.90, 173.91, 173.92, 173.99, 174.0, 174.1, 174.2, 174.3, 174.4, 174.5, 174.6, 174.8, 174.9, 175.0, 175.9, 176.0, 176.1, 176.2, 176.3, 176.4, 176.5, 176.8, 176.9, 179, 180.0, 180.1, 180.8, 180.9, 181, 182.0, 182.1, 182.8, 183.0, 183.2, 183.3, 183.4, 183.5, 183.8, 183.9, 184.0, 184.1, 184.2, 184.3, 184.4, 184.8, 184.9, 185, 186.0, 186.9, 187.1, 187.2, 187.3, 187.4, 187.5, 187.6, 187.7, 187.8, 187.9, 188.0, 188.1, 188.2, 188.3, 188.4, 188.5, 188.6, 188.7, 188.8, 188.9, 180.0, 180.1, 190.2, 190.3, 190.4, 190.5, 190.6, 190.7, 190.8,

Patient Sample Criteria Table		
Measures Group	CPT Patient Encounter Codes	ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes
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Patient Sample Criteria Table		
Measures Group	CPT Patient Encounter Codes	ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes
		203.81, 203.82, 204.00, 204.01, 204.02, 204.10, 204.11, 204.12, 204.20, 204.21, 204.22, 204.80, 204.81, 204.82, 204.90, 204.91, 204.92, 205.00, 205.01, 205.02, 205.10, 205.11, 205.32, 205.80, 205.81, 205.82, 205.90, 206.01, 206.02, 206.10, 206.11, 206.12, 206.20, 206.21, 206.22, 206.80, 206.81, 206.82, 206.90, 206.91, 206.92, 207.00, 207.01, 207.02, 207.10, 207.11, 207.12, 207.20, 207.21, 207.22, 207.80, 207.81, 208.82, 208.90, 208.81, 208.82, 208.90, 208.81, 208.82, 208.90, 208.91, 208.92, 208.00, 208.11, 208.12, 208.20, 208.21, 208.22, 208.80, 208.81, 208.82, 208.90, 208.91, 208.92, 209.00, 209.01, 209.02, 209.03, 209.10, 209.11, 209.12, 209.13, 209.14, 209.15, 209.16, 209.17, 209.20, 209.21, 209.22, 209.23, 209.24, 209.25, 209.26, 209.27, 209.29, 209.30, 209.31, 209.32, 209.33, 209.34, 209.35, 209.36, 209.70, 209.71, 209.72, 209.73, 209.74, 209.75, 209.79, 235.0, 235.1, 235.2, 235.3, 235.4, 235.5, 235.6, 235.7, 235.8, 236.6, 236.7, 236.90, 236.1, 236.2, 236.3, 236.4, 236.5, 236.7, 237.71, 237.72, 237.3, 237.4, 237.5, 237.6, 237.70, 237.71, 237.72, 237.3, 238.4, 238.5, 238.6, 238.77, 238.8, 238.9, 239.0, 239.1, 239.2, 239.3, 239.4, 239.5, 239.6, 239.7, 239.81, 239.89, 239.9

4. To initiate reporting of measures groups via claims-based submissions, submit the measures group-specific intent G-codes which will indicate your intention to begin reporting on a measures group. It is not necessary to submit the measures group-specific intent G-code on more than one claim. It is not necessary to submit the measures group-specific intent G-code for registry-based submissions. However, the measures group-specific intent G-codes have been included for registry only measures groups for use by registries that utilize claims data.

Claims and Registry G-codes

G8485: I intend to report the Diabetes Mellitus (DM) Measures Group

G8487: I intend to report the Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Measures Group

G8486: I intend to report the Preventive Care Measures Group

G8490: I intend to report the Rheumatoid Arthritis Measures Group

G8492: I intend to report the Perioperative Care Measures Group

G8493: I intend to report the Back Pain Measures Group

G8545: I intend to report the Hepatitis C Measures Group

G8547: I intend to report the Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD) Measures Group

G8645: I intend to report the Asthma Measures Group

G8898: I intend to report the Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Measures Group

G8902: I intend to report the Dementia Measures Group

G8905: I intend to report the Cardiovascular Prevention Measures Group

Registry-only G-codes

G8544: I intend to report the Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Measures Group

G8548: I intend to report the Heart Failure (HF) Measures Group

G8489: I intend to report the Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) Measures Group

G8491: I intend to report the HIV/AIDS Measures Group

G8899: I intend to report the Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Measures Group

G8900: I intend to report the Sleep Apnea Measures Group

G8903: I intend to report the Parkinson's Disease Measures Group

G8904: I intend to report the Hypertension (HTN) Measures Group

G8906: I intend to report the Cataracts Measures Group **G8977**: I intend to report the Oncology Measures Group

5. Report all applicable measures for the measure group on each denominator-eligible patient included in the patient sample for each individual eligible professional. Report quality-data codes (QDCs) as instructed in the 2013 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Measures Groups Specifications manual on all applicable measures within the measures group for each patient included in the sample population for each individual eligible professional. For claims-based submissions, eligible professionals may choose to submit QDCs either on a current claim or on a claim representing a subsequent visit, particularly if the quality action has changed. For example, a new laboratory value may be available at a subsequent visit. Only one instance of reporting for each patient included in the sample population will be used in PQRS analysis to calculate reporting and performance rates for each measure within a group.

For claims-based submissions, if all quality actions for the applicable measures in the measures group have been performed for the patient, one composite G-code may be reported in lieu of the individual quality-data codes (QDCs) for each of the measures within the group. This composite G-code has also been created for registry only measures groups for use by registries that utilize claims data. However, it is not necessary to submit this composite G-code for registry-based submissions. Refer to the *2013 Physician Quality Reporting System* (PQRS) Measures Groups Specifications manual for detailed instructions about how to report QDCs for each of the measures groups at http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/MeasuresCodes.

An eligible professional is only required to report QDCs on those individual measures in the measures group that meet the criteria (e.g., age, gender, etc.) according to the *2013 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)*Measures Groups Specifications manual. For example, if an eligible professional is reporting the Preventive Care Measures Group for a 52-year old female patient, only 6 measures out of 9 apply. See the Preventive Measures Group Demographic Criteria table below.

Preventive Measures Group Demographic Criteria		
Age	Measures for Male Patients	Measures for Female Patients
<50 years	Patient does not qualify for measures group analysis	Patient does not qualify for measures group analysis
50-64 years	110, 113, 128, 173, 226	110, 112, 113, 128, 173, 226

Preventive Measures Group Demographic Criteria		
Age	Measures for Male Patients	Measures for Female Patients
65-69 years	110, 111, 113, 128, 173, 226	39, 48, 110, 111, 112, 113, 128, 173, 226
70-75 years	110, 111, 113, 128, 173, 226	39, 48, 110, 111, 113, 128, 173, 226
≥76 years	110, 111, 128, 173, 226	39, 48, 110, 111, 128, 173, 226

Claims-Based Reporting Principles

The following principles apply to the reporting of QDCs for PQRS measures:

- The CPT Category II code(s) and/or G-code(s), which supply the numerator, must be reported:
 - o on the claim(s) with the denominator billing code(s) that represents the eligible encounter
 - o for the same beneficiary
 - o for the same date of service (DOS)
 - o by the same eligible professional (individual NPI) who performed the covered service as the payment codes, usually ICD-9-CM, CPT Category I or HCPCS codes, which supply the denominator.
- All diagnoses reported on the base claim will be included in PQRS analysis, as some PQRS measures require reporting more than one diagnosis on a claim. For line items containing a QDC, only one diagnosis from the base claim should be referenced in the diagnosis pointer field. To report a QDC for a measure that requires reporting of multiple diagnoses, enter the reference number in the diagnosis pointer field that corresponds to one of the measure's diagnoses listed on the base claim. Regardless of the reference number in the diagnosis pointer field, all diagnoses on the claim(s) are considered in PQRS analysis.
- Up to four diagnoses can be reported in the header on the CMS-1500 paper claim and up to eight diagnoses can be reported in the header on the electronic claim. However, only one diagnosis can be linked to each line item, whether billing on paper or electronically. PQRS analyzes claims data using ALL diagnoses from the base claim (Item 21 of the CMS-1500 or electronic equivalent) and service codes from each individual professional identified by his or her rendering individual National Provider Identifier (NPI) on allowed/paid service line for a PQRS QDC line. Eligible professionals should review ALL diagnosis and encounter codes listed on the claim to make sure they are capturing ALL reported measures applicable to that patient's care.
- If your billing software limits the number of line items available on a claim, you may add a nominal amount such as a penny to one of the line items on that second claim for a total charge of one penny. PQRS analysis will subsequently join claims based on the same beneficiary for the same date-of-service, for the same Taxpayer Identification Number/National Provider Identifier (TIN/NPI) and analyze as one claim. Providers should work with their billing software vendor/clearinghouse regarding line limitations for claims to ensure that diagnoses, QDCs, or nominal charge amounts are not dropped.
- QDCs must be submitted with a line-item charge of zero dollars (\$0.00) at the time the associated covered service is performed.
 - o The submitted charge field cannot be blank.
 - o The line item charge should be \$0.00.

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- o If a system does not allow a \$0.00 line-item charge, a nominal amount can be substituted the beneficiary is not liable for this nominal amount.
- o Entire claims with a zero charge will be rejected. (Total charge for the claim cannot be \$0.00.)
- o Whether a \$0.00 charge or a nominal amount is submitted to the Carrier or A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC), the PQRS code line is denied and tracked.
- QDC line items will be denied for payment, but are then passed through the claims processing system for PQRS analysis. Eligible professionals will receive a Remittance Advice (RA) associated with the claim which will contain the PQRS QDC line-item and will include a standard remark code (N365) and a message that confirms that the QDCs passed into the National Claims History (NCH) file. N365 reads: "This procedure code is not payable. It is for reporting/information purposes only." The N365 remark code does NOT indicate whether the QDC is accurate for that claim or for the measure the eligible professional is attempting to report.
 - o Keep track of all PQRS cases reported so that you can verify QDCs reported against the RA notice sent by the Carrier or A/B (MAC). Each QDC line-item will be listed with the N365 denial remark code.
- Multiple eligible professionals' QDCs can be reported on the claim(s) representing the eligible encounter using
 their individual NPI. Therefore, when a group is billing, they should follow their normal billing practice of placing
 the NPI of the individual eligible professional who rendered the service on each line item on the claim including
 the QDC line(s).
- Some measures require the submission of more than one QDC in order to properly report the measure. Report each QDC as a separate line item, referencing one diagnosis and including the rendering provider NPI.
- Use of CPT II modifiers (1P, 2P, 3P, and the 8P reporting modifier) is unique to CPT II codes and may not be used with other types of CPT codes. Only CPT II modifiers may be appended to CPT II codes. CPT II modifiers can only be used as indicated in the measures group specification.
- Solo practitioners should follow their normal billing practice of placing their individual NPI in the billing provider field, (#33a on the CMS-1500 form or the electronic equivalent).
- Eligible professionals may submit multiple codes for more than one measure on a claim.
- Multiple CPT Category II and/or G-codes for multiple measures that are applicable to a patient visit can be
 reported on the claim(s) representing the eligible encounter, as long as the corresponding denominator CPT
 codes are also line items on those claim(s).
- If a denied claim is subsequently corrected through the appeals process to the Carrier or A/B MAC, with accurate
 codes that also correspond to the measure's denominator, then QDCs that correspond to the numerator should
 also be included on the resubmitted claim as instructed in the measure specifications.
- Claims may NOT be resubmitted for the sole purpose of adding or correcting QDCs.
- Eligible professionals should use the 8P reporting modifier sensibly for applicable measures they have selected to report. The 8P modifier may not be used freely in an attempt to meet satisfactory reporting criteria without regard toward meeting the practice's quality improvement goals.

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Submission through Carriers or A/B MACs

QDCs shall be submitted to Carriers or A/B MACs either through:

Electronic-based Submission: PQRS QDCs are submitted on the claim just like any other code; however, QDCs will have a \$0.00 (or nominal) charge. Electronic submission, which is accomplished using the ASC X 12N Health Care Claim Transaction (Version 5010), should follow the current HIPAA standard version of the ASC x12 technical report 3.

OR

Paper-based submission: Paper-based submissions are accomplished by using the CMS-1500 claim form (version 08-05) as described in the sample claim provided in Appendix B.

Group NPI Submission

When a group bills, the group's NPI is submitted at the claim level, therefore, the individual rendering physician's NPI must be placed on each line item, including all allowed charges and quality-data line items.

Solo NPI Submission

The individual NPI of the solo practitioner must be included on the claim as is the normal billing process for submitting Medicare claims. For PQRS, the QDC must be included on the claim(s) representing the eligible encounter that is submitted for payment at the time the claim is initially submitted in order to be included in PQRS analysis.

CMS-1500 Claim Example

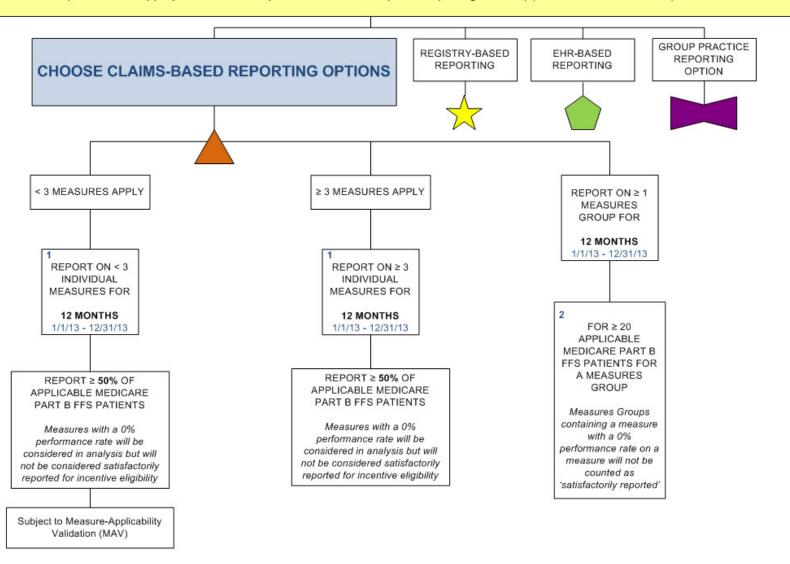
An example of a claim in CMS-1500 format that illustrates how to report measures groups is provided. See **Appendix** B.

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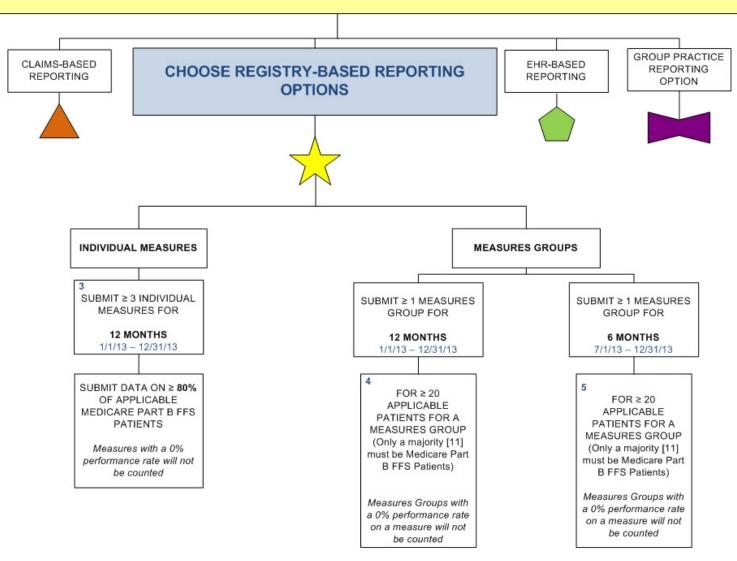
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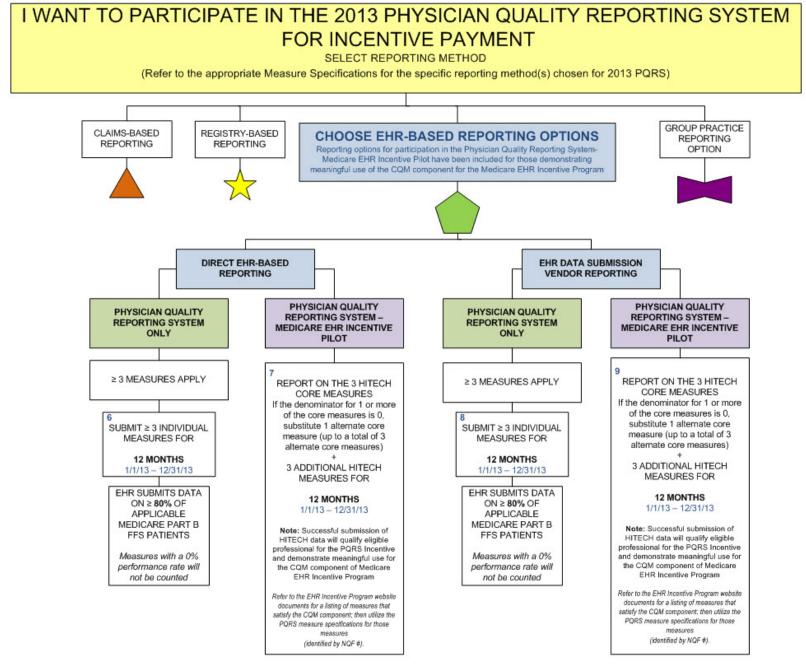


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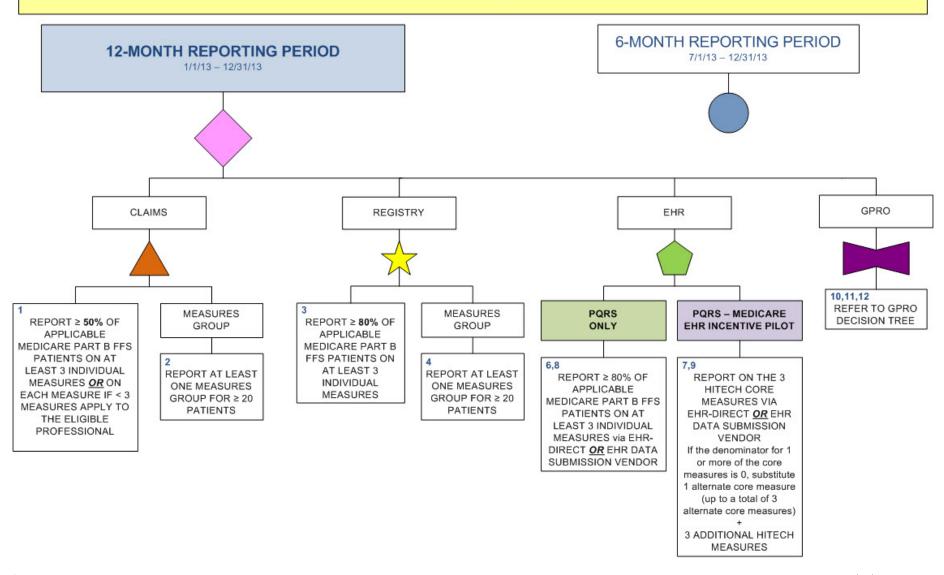


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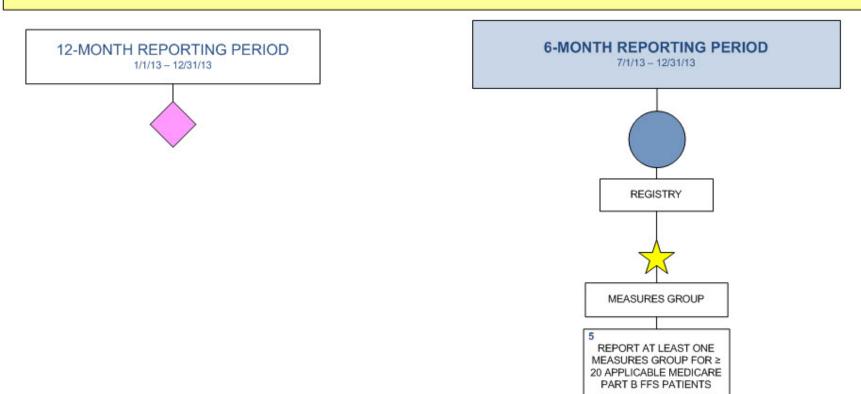
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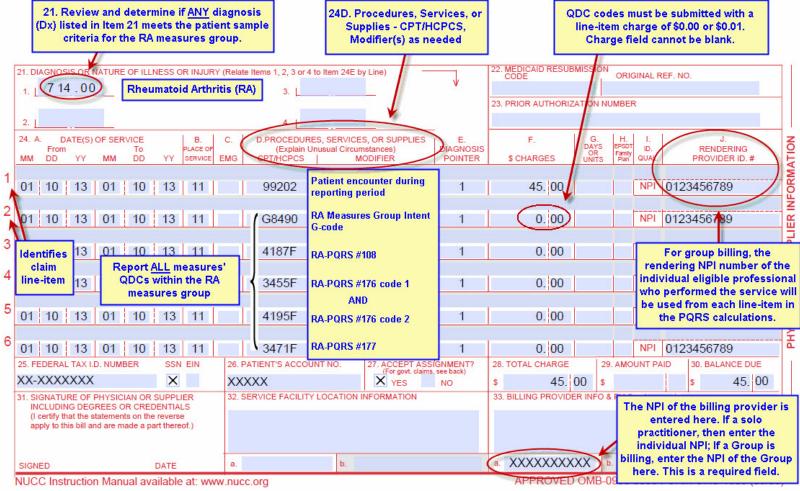
2013 Program Reporting Options

Number assigned coordinates with appropriate box on the Appendix C: 2013 PQRS Participation Decision Tree.

- 1. Claims-based reporting of individual measures (12 months)
- 2. Claims-based reporting of at least one measures group for 20 unique Medicare Part B FFS patients (12 months)
- 3. Registry-based reporting of at least 3 individual PQRS measures for 80% or more of applicable Medicare Part B FFS patients of each eligible professional (12 months)
- 4. Registry-based reporting of at least one measures group for 20 patients, the majority of which must be Medicare Part B FFS patients (12 months)
- 5. Registry-based reporting of at least one measures group for 20 patients, the majority of which must be Medicare Part B FFS patients (6 months)
- 6. Direct EHR-based reporting of at least 3 individual PQRS measures for 80% or more of applicable Medicare Part B FFS patients of each eligible professional (12 months)
- 7. Direct EHR-based reporting of a total of 3 HITECH core or alternate core measures AND at least 3 additional HITECH measures (12 months)
- 8. EHR Data Submission Vendor reporting of at least 3 individual PQRS measures for 80% or more of applicable Medicare Part B FFS patients of each eligible professional (12 months)
- 9. EHR Data Submission Vendor reporting of a total of 3 HITECH core or alternate core measures AND at least 3 additional HITECH measures (12 months)
- 10. GPRO-based reporting (2+ eligible professionals) of at least 3 individual PQRS measures via registry for 80% or more of the practice's applicable Medicare Part B FFS patients (12 months)
- 11. GPRO-based reporting (25-99 eligible professionals) of all applicable measures included in the submission web interface provided by CMS for consecutive, confirmed, and completed patients for each disease module and preventive care measures (12 months)
- 12. GPRO-based reporting (100+ eligible professionals) of all applicable measures included in the submission web interface provided by CMS for consecutive, confirmed, and completed patients for each disease module and preventive care measures (12 months)

Appendix B: CMS-1500 Claim [Detailed Measures Group] - Sample 1 (continues on next pg)

The following is a claim sample for reporting the Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) Measures Group on a CMS-1500 claim and it continues on the next page. Two samples are included: one is for reporting of individual measures for the RA measures group; the second sample shows reporting performance of <u>all</u> measures in the group using a composite G-code. See http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/MeasuresCodes for more information.



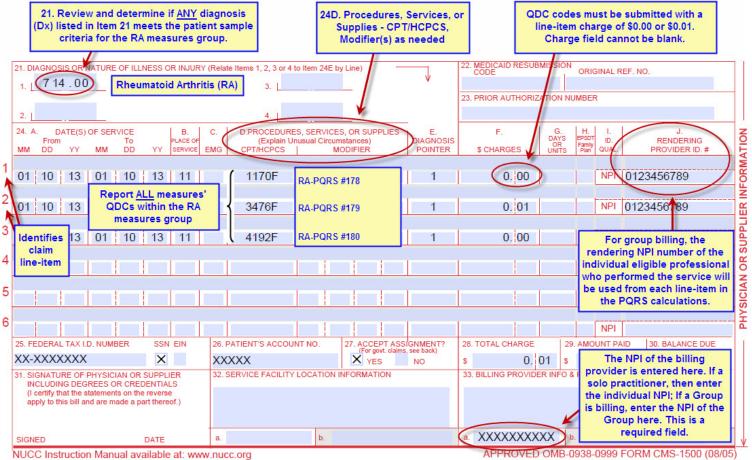
The patient was seen for an office visit (99202). The provider reports all measures (#108, #176, #177, #178, #179, and #180) in the RA Measures Group:

- Intent G-code (G8490) was submitted to initiate the eligible professional's submission of the RA Measures Group.
- Measure #108 (RA-DMARD Therapy) with QDC 4187F + RA line-item diagnosis (24E points to Dx 714.0 in Item 21);
- Measure #176 (RA-Tuberculosis Screening) with QDCs 3455F + 4195F + RA line-item diagnosis (24E points to Dx 714.0 in Item 21);
- Measure #177 (RA-Periodic Assessment of Disease Activity) with QDC 3471F + RA line-item diagnosis (24E points to Dx 714.0 in Item 21);

Appendix B: CMS-1500 Claim [Detailed Measures Group] - Sample 1 (cont.)

If billing software limits the line items on a claim, you may add a nominal amount such as a penny to one of the QDC line items on that second claim for a total

charge of \$0.01.

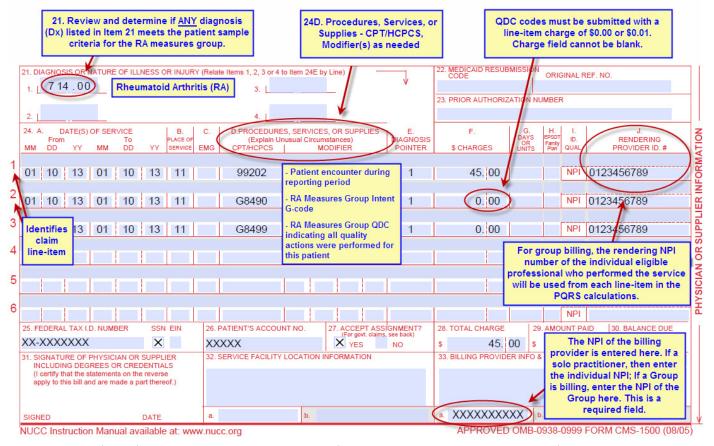


- Measure #178 (RA-Functional Status Assessment) with QDC 1170F + RA line-item diagnosis (24E points to Dx 714.0 in Item 21);
- Measure #179 (RA-Assessment & Classification) with QDC 3476F + RA line-item diagnosis (24E points to Dx 714.0 in Item 21); and
- Measure #180 (RA-Glucocorticoid Management) with QDC 4192F + RA line-item diagnosis (24E points to Dx 714.0 in Item 21).
- Note: All diagnoses listed in Item 21 will be used for PQRS analysis. (Measures that require the reporting of two or more diagnoses on a claim will be analyzed as submitted in Item 21.)
- NPI placement: Item 24J must contain the NPI of the individual provider that rendered the service when a group is billing.

Appendix B: CMS-1500 Claim [Sample Measures Group] - Sample 2

A detailed sample of an individual NPI reporting the RA Measures Group on a related CMS-1500 claim is shown below. This sample shows reporting performance of <u>all</u> measures in the group using a composite G-code. See http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-

Instruments/PQRS/MeasuresCodes for more information.



The patient was seen for an office visit (99202). The provider reports all measures (#108, #176, #177, #178, #179, and #180) in the RA Measures Group:

- Intent G-code (G8490) was submitted to initiate the eligible professional's submission of the RA Measures Group.
- Measures Group QDC Composite G-code G8499 (indicating all quality actions related to the RA Measures Group were performed for this patient) + RA line-item diagnosis (24E points to Dx 714.0 in Item 21). The composite G-code G8499 may not be used if performance modifiers (1P, 2P, 3P, or G-code equivalent) or the 8P reporting modifier apply.
- Note: All diagnoses listed in Item 21 will be used for PQRS analysis. (Measures that require the reporting of two or more diagnoses on claim will be analyzed as submitted in Item 21.)
- NPI placement: Item 24J <u>must</u> contain the NPI of the individual provider that rendered the service when a group is billing.