



Minnesota Community Measurement is pleased to announce the beginning of our 2009 Physician’s Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI). Last year’s submission was a success and so Minnesota Community Measurement, along with our partner the Wisconsin Collaborative for HealthCare Quality, has expanded our program to include nine new measures for a total of 14 PQRI measures.

The benefits of submitting PQRI data through MNMCM are:

- 1) Eligible professionals will earn an incentive payment of 2.0 percent of their total allowed charges for Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) covered professional services furnished during the 2009 calendar year.
- 2) No G-codes necessary, just submit your raw data and MNMCM takes care of the rest.
- 3) The cost is only \$120 per physician.

See the next page for a complete list of measures!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR MNMCM’S PQRI PROGRAM:

- **JULY 2009** – The official PQRI registry guide will be available July 15th
- **AUGUST 1, 2009** – PQRI registration opens
- **OCTOBER 15, 2009** – Phase 1 data submission begins (data submitted for the first three quarters of 2009)
- **JANUARY 2010** – Phase 2 data submission begins (for fourth quarter 2009)

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Please contact MNCM@info.org to join our mailing list or if you have additional questions.

PQRI Eligible Professionals

1. Medicare physicians
 - Doctor of Medicine
 - Doctor of Osteopathy
 - Doctor of Podiatric Medicine
 - Doctor of Optometry
 - Doctor of Oral Surgery
 - Doctor of Dental Medicine

2. Practitioners

- Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Physician Assistant
- Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (and Anesthesiologist Assistant)
- Certified Nurse Midwife
- Clinical Social Worker
- Clinical Psychologist
- Registered Dietician
- Nutrition Professional
- Audiologists (as of 1/1/2009)

3. Therapists

- Physical Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Qualified Speech-Language Therapist

WHICH PQRI MEASURES ARE RIGHT FOR YOU?

An eligible professional may submit on any PQRI quality measures (selecting three minimum). Which measures apply to your practice? That depends on the patients you treat, the setting you practice in and your quality improvement interests and initiatives.



MEASURE TYPES*	WHICH PROFESSIONALS SHOULD CONSIDER SUBMITTING THESE MEASURES?
DIABETES MEASURES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hemoglobin A1c Control (#1) • Low Density Lipoprotein Control (#2) • High Blood Pressure (#3) • Nephropathy/urine screening (#119) 	Consider the diabetes measures for PQRI submission if you regularly see and treat diabetic patients. Appropriate for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD's and DO's • Nurse practitioners • Physician assistants • Clinical nurse specialists
PREVENTION SCREENING AND PREVENTIVE CARE MEASURES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osteoarthritis screening (#39) • Mammography screening (#111) • Colorectal cancer screening (#112) • Pneumonia vaccination (#113) 	Consider the preventive screening and preventive care measures if you regularly advise and/or administer preventive services. Appropriate for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD's and DO's • Nurse practitioners • Physician assistants • Clinical nurse specialists
TOBACCO USE AND CESSATION MEASURES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquire about tobacco use (#114) • Advise smokers to quit (#115) 	Consider the tobacco measures if you regularly inquire and advise smokers to quit. Appropriate for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD's and DO's • Podiatrists • Ophthalmologists • Oral surgeons • Dentists • Chiropractors • Nurse practitioners • Physician assistants • Clinical nurse specialists • Nurse midwives • Clinical social workers • Clinical psychologists • Registered dietitians • Nutrition professionals • Physical and occupational therapists
CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE MEASURES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lipid profile completed (#152) 	Consider the coronary artery disease measures if you regularly see and treat patients with coronary artery disease. Appropriate for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD's and DO's • Nurse practitioners • Physician assistants • Clinical nurse specialists
CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE MEASURES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab testing profile completed (#121) • Blood pressure management (#122) 	Consider the chronic kidney disease measures if you regularly see and treat patients with chronic kidney disease. Appropriate for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD's and DO's • Nurse practitioners • Physician assistants • Clinical nurse specialists
HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption/use of electronic health records (EHR) (#124) 	Consider submitting the technology measure if you use or are adopting an EHR. Appropriate for <u>all professionals listed above</u> and <u>CRNA's, audiologists, and speech-language therapists.</u>

* For a detailed list of the PQRI measure please visit http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage and scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "2009 PQRI Quality Measure Specifications Manual and Release Notes [ZIP 1MB]"