Info on 2010 PQRI 6-Month Reporting Options Using Claims or Registry Reporting
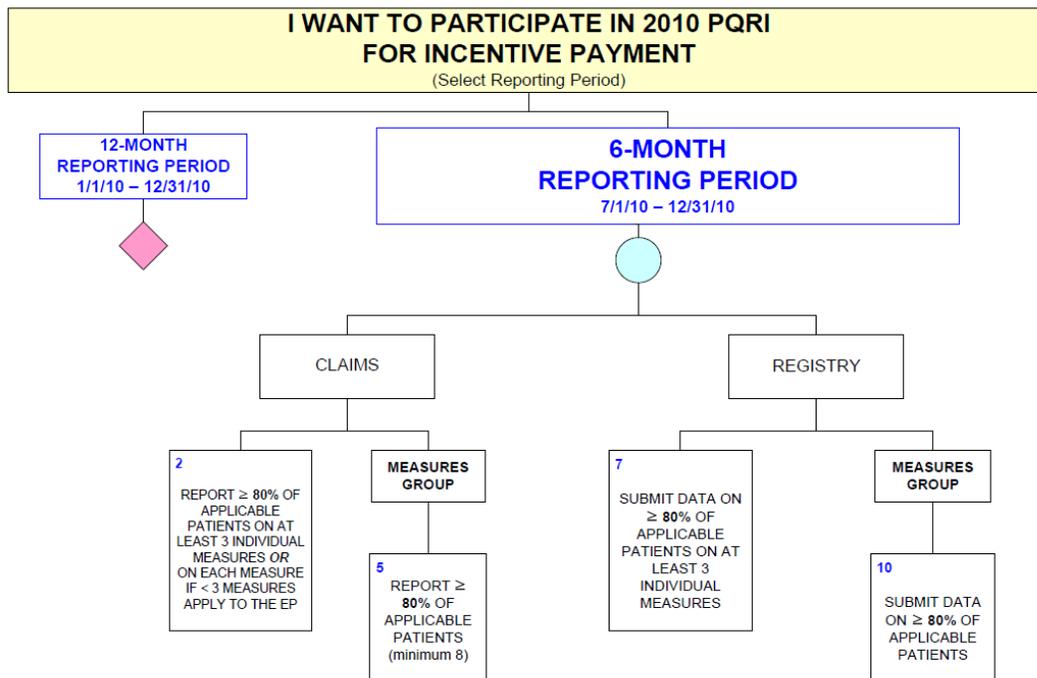
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The 2010 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) has two reporting periods: 12-months (January 1-December 31, 2010) and 6-months (July 1-December 31, 2010). For 2010, eligible professionals (EPs) who satisfactorily report PQRI measures for the 6-month reporting period will become eligible to receive a PQRI incentive equal to 2.0% of their total Medicare Part B allowed charges for services performed during the reporting period. See the *2010 PQRI Implementation Guide*, Appendix C, for the *PQRI Decision Tree*. Page 21 of 25 shows the following four 6-month reporting period options:

- **Claims-based reporting of individual measures for 80% or more** of applicable patients on **at least 3 individual measures** or **on each measure if less than 3 measures** apply (July 1-December 31, 2010)
- **Claims-based reporting of one measures group for 80% or more** of applicable Medicare Part B FFS patients of each EP (with a *minimum of 8 patients*) (July 1-December 31, 2010)
- **Registry-based reporting** of **at least 3 individual PQRI measures for 80% or more** of applicable Medicare Part B FFS patients of each EP (July 1-December 31, 2010)
- **Registry-based reporting** of **one measures group for 80% or more** of applicable Medicare Part B FFS patients of each EP (with a *minimum of 8 patients*) (July 1-December 31, 2010)

PQRI claims-based reporting involves the addition of quality-data codes (QDCs) to claims submitted for services when billing Medicare Part B. EPs also have the option of using a qualified registry to assist in collecting PQI measure data. The registry will submit this quality data directly to Medicare, eliminating the need for adding QDCs to the Medicare Part B claim.

Resources

- *2010 PQRI Implementation Guide* at
  http://www.cms.gov/PQRI/Downloads/2010_PQRI_ImplementationGuide_02-10-2010_FINAL.pdf
- *Qualified Registries for 2010 PQRI Reporting* at
  http://www.cms.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage

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