

Overview of the ASTRO PQRSwizard



What is PQRSwizardSM?

The PQRSwizard is a fast, convenient and cost-effective online tool to help collect and report quality measure data for the CMS PQRS incentive payment program. Similar to online tax preparation software, the PQRSwizard guides you through a few easy steps to rapidly collect, validate, report and submit the results to CMS for payment. The PQRSwizard is powered by the CECity Registry®, a CMS-qualified registry for PQRS reporting.

What is PQRS?

The Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) was developed by the Centers For Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in 2007 as a voluntary reporting program that provides a financial incentive to physicians and other eligible professionals who report data on quality measures for covered services furnished to Medicare beneficiaries.

What is the incentive/penalty schedule?

Eligible providers who participate in PQRS can receive an incentive payment of 0.5 percent of their total allowed charges for Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) covered services.*

Providers who have not reported PQRS measures in 2013 will incur a 1.5 percent negative adjustment in their 2015 Medicare reimbursements; the negative adjustment will increase to 2 percent for each year thereafter.

What measures are available?

The ASTRO PQRSwizard features the oncology measure group along with 14 quality measures in the area of radiation oncology, including measures on breast cancer, prostate cancer and colon cancer.

ASTRO encourages members to participate using the Oncology Measures Group, which significantly reduces the burden of participation. For the Oncology Measures Group, providers are only required to report on 20 unique patients, versus 80 percent of patients for three individual measures. Visit the ASTRO PQRS toolkit for more information on the Oncology Measures Group: www.astro.org/pqrswizard

Why use PQRSwizard?

PQRSwizard has a built-in Progress Monitor that checks for missing data to validate your report. The Progress Monitor tracks your data to provide you with continuous feedback regarding valid patients. The system even calculates your measures and provides a printable report of your measure results in real-time.

How do I participate?

All you need to do is complete a registration form, select your measures and answer a few questions per patient, or upload your data file! PQRSwizard takes the guessing out of PQRS participation - just follow the simple steps and let the wizard do the rest!

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