Dear ACC IL Chapter members:

We wanted to follow up on our last newsletter to make sure that if you are a member of a group over 25 providers -- you need to access your Medicare Quality and Resource Use Reports (QRUR). As a reminder these reports are available for every individual physician. As you may recall these reports will be a critical component in physician value based purchasing, that will be required for all physicians in 2017 using data from 2015 - just 23 short months away!

These reports contain information about resources used, per capita costs per beneficiary, and performance on quality measures derived from CMS-calculated administrative claims and from the CMS Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS). Based on claims submitted to Medicare, the QRURs for individual physicians highlight each physician's degree of involvement with Medicare patients during 2011.

If you are in a smaller group your reports will be available in the fall of 2013.

Below are critical links to obtain your reports, FAQ's, and a call in phone number for next week's conference call.

**Critical Links**

**FAQ's**


**Instructions to view your 2011 Quality and Resource Use Report (QRUR)**

To access your reports:
If requesting all QRURs within the Group (by TIN):

Step 1: Select to search by 'Group' (Screen will default to Group). Pay close attention to the fields required for authentication as they differ between a Group TIN report and an Individual report request.

Step 2: Enter the 9 digit Tax Identification Number of the Group in the 'TIN' field and click 'Search'. If there are reports for the Tax Identification Number, please continue to Step 3. If there are no reports found, you will be given a message that no reports are available.

Step 3: You will be prompted for additional information. Provide three different Individual NPI/PTAN combinations (no repetition is allowed): Physician NPI (of an individual physician with the group) Physician PTAN (Matching PTAN of the individual physician) Select 'Search' to request the QRUR, or 'Start Over' with a new request.

Step 4: If successful authentication criteria is entered you will see a listing of NPIs associated with the group TIN entered in step 2. The 'Report' column will indicate if a report is available for the NPI.
  - If 'Yes' displays under the 'Report' column, click on the NPI link to obtain an individual NPI report. You will have the option to download multiple reports at a time.
  - If 'No' displays under the 'Report' column, check the 'Reason' column for additional information indicator.
    - A 'Yes' means there is additional information as to why a QRUR is not available for that NPI. If 'Yes' is displayed under the 'Reason' column, hover over the 'Yes' and an informational message will appear containing the reason.
    - A 'No' means there is no additional information for this NPI.

If requesting a single QRUR for an individual Physician:

Step 1: Select to search by 'Individual'. (Screen will default to Group). Pay close attention to the fields required for authentication as they differ between a Group TIN report and an Individual report request.

Step 2: Enter the 10 digit National Provider Identifier for the individual physician in the 'NPI' field and click 'Search'. (Do not use the Group NPI to request an individuals' report). If there is a report for the National Provider Identifier, please continue to Step 3.

If a report is not found for the NPI entered, a message will display with additional information.

Step 3: You will be prompted for additional information. Provide the associated PTAN and TIN for the individual physician. Either the individual's PTAN/TIN or the Group's PTAN/TIN is acceptable for the single report request. Select 'Search' to request the QRUR or 'Start Over' with a new request.
Step 4: If successful authentication criteria is entered you will see the NPI you entered in step 2. Click on the NPI link to obtain the report.

Quality and Resource Use Reports (QRUR) Teleconference Announcement

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has scheduled two QRUR teleconferences. These teleconferences are intended for Medicare Part B providers and/or billing staff who have accessed a 2011 QRUR report from the Medicare QRUR website.

The first teleconference will take place on January 28, 2013 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM CST. This teleconference is for providers with 25 or more eligible professionals in Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, and Michigan.

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