

Meaningful use and PQRS deadlines extended

Good news! CMS has extended the reporting deadlines for PQRS and Meaningful Use to allow the opportunity to attest to participation in both programs. **Eligible professionals now have until 10:59 pm CT on March 20, 2015**, to attest to meaningful use for the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program 2014 reporting year. CMS reminds providers to attest as soon as possible and that providers who successfully attest for the 2014 program year will:

- Receive an incentive payment
- Avoid the Medicare payment adjustment, which will be applied January 1, 2016

Note: The Medicare extension does not affect deadlines for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

CMS also set March 20 as the new deadline for submitting PQRS data via the EHR reporting option or through qualified data registries:

- EHR Direct or Data Submission Vendor that is certified EHR technology (CEHRT)
- Qualified clinical data registries (QCDRs) (using QRDA III format) reporting for PQRS and the clinical quality measure (CQM) component of meaningful use for the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program

Read this AAFP article for more information: http://www.aafp.org/news/government-medicine/20150225mudeadline.html?cmpid=em_30820368_L1