

## Physician Quality Reporting Initiative Program Update 2010

### Program Changes

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced changes and updates to the 2010 CMS Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI).

Major changes include:

- An optional reporting period for claims-based reporting. In addition to the twelve-month reporting period from January 1 through December 31, there also will be a six-month reporting period from July 1 – December 31. This six-month reporting period will allow those who decide to participate later in the year the opportunity to begin reporting.
- The 30 consecutive patients requirement in the Measures Group reporting option has been changed to 30 unique patients in the “patient sample” method.
- Starting with the 2010 program results, CMS will “enhance” public reporting of PQRI participation by posting on the Medicare Physician Directory Web page names of participants who: (1) submit data on the 2010 PQRI quality; (2) meet one of the proposed satisfactory reporting criteria of individual measures or measures groups; and (3) qualify to earn a PQRI incentive payment for covered professional services furnished during the applicable 2010 PQRI.

### Measures/Codes

There are no additional measures for diagnostic radiology in PQRI 2010, although Measure #11, Carotid Imaging Reporting was “retired” and replaced by measure #195, Stenosis Measurement in Carotid Imaging Studies. A new oncology measure has been added – Measure #194, Cancer Stage Documented. In addition, there are a number of code updates, terminology clarifications and verbiage changes (see table below).

Complete 2010 measure specifications, specification release notes and 2010 program information can be found in the “Downloads” section of this CMS webpage:

[www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15\\_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage)

The following table summarizes the 2010 changes that will affect radiology, nuclear medicine and radiation oncology measures.

MEASURE #	MEASURE SET	MEASURE	NOTES
<b>Diagnostic Imaging</b>			
10	Stroke	CT/MRI Reports	Clarification on outpatient reporting. Additions and deletions to ICD-9 code listing.
<del>11</del>	Radiology	Carotid Imaging Reports	Measure #11 retired. See Measure #195.
145	Radiology	Fluoroscopy Time Recorded	Category I codes removed from denominator and new codes added to numerator.
146	Radiology	Inappropriate Use BIRADS 3	No changes
147	NUC MED	Correlation of Bone Studies	No changes

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195	Radiology	Stenosis Measurement in Carotid Imaging Studies	New measure - replaced Measure #11. Denominator codes updated from Measure #11. Medical exclusion modifier on Category II code removed.
<b>Interventional Radiology</b> (may be reportable by some)			
20	Perioperative	Timing of Antibiotics-Ordering Phys	Additions and deletions to Category I code listing; additional terminology.
21	Perioperative	Selection of Antibiotic	Deletions to Category I code listing.
22	Perioperative	Discontinuation of Antibiotic	Additions and deletions to Category I code listing; additional terminology.
23	Perioperative	VTE Prophylaxis	Additions and deletions to Category I code listing.
24	Osteoporosis	Communication Following Fracture	New terminology; denominator criteria updated; additions and deletions to ICD9 code listing.
40	Osteoporosis	Mgmt Following Fracture	New terminology; denominator criteria updated; additions and deletions to ICD9 code listing.
76	Critical Care	Prevention of CRSBI (Maximum Sterile Barrier Technique)	Updated Category II language.
<b>Radiation Oncology</b>			
71	Oncology	Breast Cancer Hormonal Therapy	Updated numerator statement; addition of diagnosis code
102	Prostate CA	Bone Scan Overuse - Staging	Deletions to Category I code listing.
104	Prostate CA	Adjuvant Hormonal Therapy	Deletions to Category I code listing.
105	Prostate CA	3D Radiotherapy	Updated measure description; deletions to Category I code listing.
143	Oncology	Pain Intensity Quantified	Registry reporting only in 2010. Additions to ICD-9 code listing; updated verbiage to delete paired measure Category II codes.
144	Oncology	Plan of Care for Pain	Registry reporting only in 2010; updated verbiage to delete paired measure Category II codes.
156	Oncology	Cancer Stage Documented	New measure
194	Oncology	Cancer Stage Documented	New measure

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