

Are You Subject to PQRS Penalties?!
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Making Sense of PQRS for Mental & Behavioral Health

Are you reporting enough to avoid the penalty?

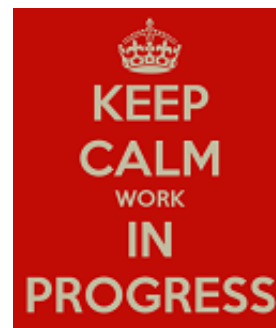
There's a lot of confusion about PQRS, in part because it's so similar to Meaningful Use (MU), with overlapping terms and dates. While the goal-plan-hope is for PQRS reporting to be combined with MU in the future, for now the 2 programs are separate and need to be addressed individually.

What is PQRS and does it affect mental / behavioral health?

PQRS is the Physicians Quality Reporting System, and it does apply to mental/behavioral health: if you are seeing clients who meet the PQRS criteria, or measures, you must report on your treatment. In the past, the PQRS program was voluntary, and incentives were given to practices to encourage participation. **Starting in 2013, the program is now mandatory, and 2014 is the last year to earn incentives.**

In 2013, participation was easy: practices only had to report on 1 measure, and claims-based reporting was an easy way to ensure compliance to avoid the penalty. In 2014, the process is more complex, and this is the last year that claims-based processing is accepted: starting in 2015, reporting must be done electronically, via a certified EHR, a registry, or a group practice reporting option (GPRO). Check out [PQRS Guide for Mental Health](#) and [Penalties & Bonuses: PQRS for Mental Health](#) for more info, plus see details about the different reporting options below.

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Many EHRs (electronic health records), EMRs (electronic medical records), and/or PMS (practice management systems) are Browser-based, which means that they are vulnerable to attacks like Heartbleed or Zero-Day.

This means that your clients' HIPAA-protected personal health information (PHI) could be at risk! It also means that company information, like employee social security numbers, financial reports, etc are also vulnerable. Not a situation you want to be worrying about.

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