



## MEMBER ALERT

### The Future of Quality Measure Reporting

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On Tuesday, **February 16<sup>th</sup>** the CMS announced that they have an **agreement** with private insurers to standardize quality measures for the nation's doctors. The CMS released seven sets of quality measures, known as “Core Measures” to be used across public and private payers. These were developed in collaboration with the Core Quality Measures Collaborative, that included the CMS, AHIP, the American Academy of Family Physicians and the National Partnership for Women and Families.

#### Take Home Message...Quality Reporting is for Private Payers, Too!

The Core Measure sets involve the following specialty areas:

- ACOs and Primary Care Medical Homes
- Cardiology
- Gastroenterology
- Orthopedics
- OB-GYN
- Oncology
- HIV/ Hep C care

Within the Core Measures for the ACOs/primary care and Cardiology, there are a few PQRS measures that a wound care or hyperbaric medicine doctor should consider reporting. These include:

- Hgb A1c
- the diabetes measure group or its separate components
- diabetic foot exam
- medication reconciliation
- BMI
- Tobacco screening and counseling.

Unfortunately, there are still NO wound care measures in PQRS.

#### **What You Can Do to Report ‘Wound Care’ Measures for PQRS:**


Doctors and other NPPs can report their PQRS measures through a Qualified Clinical Data Registry [QCDR] for PQRS credit.

The U.S. Wound Registry [USWR], a non-profit 501c3 entity, is a qualified QCDR that has **20 wound care and hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) measures** and reports **32 PQRS measures** common to some of our patients and including those listed above. Information can be found at:

<https://www.uswoundregistry.com/specifications.aspx>

**Further Support:**

To help understand how to report PQRS measures successfully and to identify wound care specific measures available through the USWR, please use the suggested links below:

 How to Pass PQRS (this includes how to select individual measures)

<http://carolinefifemd.com/2016/02/17/how-to-pass-pqrs/>

 A Guide for Meaningful Use Objective 10 for Wound Care Practitioners

<http://carolinefifemd.com/2016/02/17/a-guide-for-mu2-objective-10-for-wound-care-practitioners/>

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