

Goodbye PQRS!

Time to celebrate, rejoice, shout it from the clinic-tops!

Ok enough celebrating. PQRS is indeed not going to be a required reporting methodology in 2017, that is true; however, CMS has not left providers without a quality reporting requirement. It is called MIPS (Merit-Based Incentive Payment System). Physical therapists are not on the list of providers required to participate in MIPS at this time. That should be a good thing, right? Well, it depends on how you look at it. Read on.

Although physical therapists will not be required to report into the MIPS program in 2017 or 2018, 2019 may begin a MIPS reporting requirement for physical therapists as well. You could sit back and give your poor head a rest from all of this quality reporting, however it is not advised. By continuing to report your PQRS data, you continue to gather quality data over the next two years and will gain reporting practice into this new system. Despite not being recognized as reporting providers in 2017 and 2018 you will be provided with a report to give you feedback on your data.

A detailed explanation of MIPS is beyond the scope of this article. There APTA and CMS have resources for providers - <http://www.apta.org/PQRS/>; <https://qpp.cms.gov/>. These resources will be further enhanced as we progress through the coming year.

As always, if you have any questions regarding this or other billing issues, please contact me at AngelaSBrooks@verizon.net.

I wish each of you a happy and safe holiday season.

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