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**Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI): Frequently Asked Questions Update**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce that updates to many of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS) on the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) are now available on the PQRI webpage. A number of FAQs have been revised, while many new FAQs have been added to the system. The purpose of the FAQs is to provide detailed answers to common questions regarding the PQRI program. Among the various FAQs included in this update are several related to the 2007 PQRI data re-run. The FAQs may be found in the “Related Links Inside CMS” section of the PQRI webpage at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/pgri/> on the CMS website.

**2009 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI): New Educational Products Now Available**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce that two new educational resources have been posted to the PQRI webpage on the CMS website.

The following items are now available for download on the PQRI Educational Resources web page:

**2009 PQRI Fact Sheet: What's New for the 2009 PQRI** - This Fact Sheet provides an overview of the 2009 PQRI and highlights the changes from the 2008 PQRI program.

**2009 PQRI Made Simple – Reporting the Preventive Care Measures Group** - This Tip Sheet provides quick, easy to understand instructions on how to satisfactorily participate in the 2009 PQRI for those who wish to report quality data using claims for the Preventive Care Measures Group.

To access these new, and all, available educational resources, visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI> on the CMS website and click on the Educational Resources tab. Once on the Educational Resources page, scroll down to the “Downloads” section and click on the “2009 PQRI Fact Sheet: What’s New for the 2009 PQRI” and the “2009 PQRI Made Simple- Reporting the Preventive Care Measures Group” links.