



Pay for Performance Newsletter

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P4P Data Collection and Validation Timeline

March 25 - May 2, 2011 - Data Layout Test Files: Self-reporting physician organizations (PO) and health plans submit Measurement Year (MY) 2010 data layout test files. The final TEST file is basically a final "clean" file which requires DDD approval before it is sent to your auditor. This file should contain the actual P4P measure results that will be sent to your auditor.

May 6, 2011 - Submission Files to Auditors: Self-reporting POs and health plans send submission files to auditors.

May 13, 2011 - Auditor-Locked P4P Results: Self-reporting POs and health plans submit auditor-locked P4P clinical results.

May 24, 2011 - Validation Reports: NCQA posts POs' validation reports.

May 24 - May 31, 2011 - PO Validation Period: POs identify data issues by health plan for MY 2010 P4P clinical results.

The full [MY 2010 data collection and reporting timeline](#) is available on the IHA website.

MY 2010 Frequently Asked Questions

Please visit the IHA website for the most recent set of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ). P4P follows NCQA in issuing updates as FAQs. We strongly recommend that self-reporting POs and health plans adhere to clarifications and changes outlined in the FAQs. Adhering to these changes will ensure that the MY 2010 P4P measures are run successfully.

The [draft MY 2011 P4P manual](#) is also available on the IHA website.

Advanced Notice of Health Plan P4P Payment

The [MY 2010 Advanced Notice](#) is now available on the IHA website. This document shows updates for participating health plans' intended P4P incentive payment budget amounts and methodology for the 2011 payout year.

PO Report Card Released

The [PO report card for Commercial HMO/POS](#), based on MY 2009 results, is now available on the

Office of the Patient Advocate website. This report card includes clinical and patient experience results. For clinical, there are 3 levels of results:

1. an overall score of 1-4 stars
2. six topic scores of 1-4 stars
3. actual rates for 18 measures

New P4P Policy for Mergers and Acquisitions

A [P4P policy](#) on handling of PO mergers and acquisitions has been established effective MY 2011. P4P hopes that the policy will accommodate the variety of circumstances that occur from legal structural changes and ensure fairness by following a consistent process. For more details, please refer to the IHA website.

Announcements

National P4P Summit

The sixth annual National P4P Summit will be held on **March 23-25, 2011** in San Francisco, CA. Please visit the [P4P Summit website](#) for additional information.

P4P Job Openings

IHA is currently interviewing for a P4P Program Manager and a P4P Data Analyst. For links to the job descriptions and qualifications, please visit [Jobs](#) in the About Us section of the IHA website.

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