



NASW's Practice Alert

Urgent Attention Clinical Social Workers: Medicare PQRS Negative Payment Adjustment

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It has been brought to NASW's attention that clinical social workers who are Medicare providers may have inappropriately received notice of a two percent negative payment adjustment in 2017 for not using 9 measures when reporting Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) measures in 2015. As you may be aware, clinical social workers did not have 9 PQRS measures to report in 2015. NASW is working with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to address and reconsider the negative payment adjustment where appropriate. **If you have been subjected to this negative payment adjustment due to lack of reporting 9 measures, please send your name and National Provider Identification (NPI) number by December 19, 2016 to PQRSPenalty@naswdc.org.** Your information will be submitted to CMS for reassessment and reconsideration of the negative payment adjustment for 2017. Additional information is available at:

<http://www.socialworkers.org/includes/newIncludes/homepage/NEGATIVE%20PQRS%20PAYMENT%20ADJUSTMENT%20FOR%202017.pdf>