




Radiology Views™ Newsletter – January 2010

2010 Medicare’s Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Part 2

- ✓ PQRI is a voluntary Medicare program that offers an incentive bonus to providers who choose to participate and satisfactorily document specific information as outlined in a particular measure.
- ✓ In 2010, the PQRI bonus is up to 2.0% of each provider’s total Medicare allowed payments for 2010.
- ✓ To be eligible to receive a bonus, a provider has to report on at least 80% of eligible cases that meet PQRI criteria for at least three measures (or as many that are applicable).
- ✓ This year, there are 175 measures, 10 of which are for radiology. For a complete list of all measures, go to: [2010 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative](#).

Radiology	Measures: 10, 145, 146, and 195
Nuclear Medicine	Measure: 147
Interventional Radiology	Measures: 20, 21, 22, 23, and 76

For your convenience, PRC Medical has created a reminder list for the most popular measures reported, M. 10, 76, 145, 146, 147, and 195.

	PQRI REMINDER- 2010
M. 10 STROKE CT OR MRI BRAIN	
	Presence/Absence of Hemorrhage, Mass Lesion, Acute Infarction
	Study performed within 24 hours of arrival or not
M. 76 CENTRAL VENOUS CATHETER INSERTION	
	Maximal Sterile Barrier Technique
M. 145 FLUORO EXPOSURE TIME	
	Total fluoro time was _____ minutes
M. 146 SCREENING MAMMOGRAM	
	Don't assign Category 3 "Probably Benign"
M. 147 BONE SCANS	
	Correlation with existing relevant imaging studies
M. 195 MRA, CTA NECK, CAROTID ANGIOGRAM, NECK DUPLEX ULTRASOUN	
	"All stenosis percentages reference the distal internal carotid artery."

Note: This reminder list is intended to be used only as a prompt to remind the physician to include the required elements for reporting.

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