

Can MIPS Be Salvaged?

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Measures Actually Reported Under PQRS

Table 2: Quality Measures Most Frequently Reported under PQRS via the Claims Mechanism, 2015

Quality Measure	Percent of All Measure Reports	Percent of Specialties With Measure in Top 5 Most Frequently Reported
Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record	10	91
Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan	6	79
Pain Assessment and Follow-Up	6	14
Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention	6	83
Screening for High Blood Pressure and Follow-Up Documented	6	14

Source: Fiedler, Gronniger, Ginsburg, Patel, Adler, Darling. "Congress Should Replace Medicare's Merit-Based Incentive Payment System," Health Affairs Blog. Based on CMS 2015 PQRS Experience Report



Trade-offs Facing Congress

Impact

- Pre-specified measure sets
- High stakes payment consequence
- Differentiation

Clinician choice

- Unfettered measure choice
- High stakes payment consequence
- Limited differentiation