

# CMS 2015 PQRS Submission Data Results

Some of the highlights as follow:

- **Participation in general:** continues to increase – 36.3% in 2012; 51.2% in 2013; 62.2% in 2014 and 69.1% in 2015
- **Participation by specialty:**  
The highest participation: Pathology at 89.4% in 2015;  
The lowest participation: Dentist at 18.7% in 2015

**Allergy/immunology only:** continues to increase – 27% in 2012; 43.1% in 2013; 53.7% in 2014 and 59.7% in 2015

2015 breakdown by reporting mechanism

18.4% by claims – (decreased from 20.3% in 2014)

7.2% by qualified registry (individual reporting) – (slight variation from 7.5% in 2014)

6.2% by registry measures group (group reporting) – (increased from 2.6% in 2014)

4.9% by EHR - (decreased from 9.4% in 2014)

- **Participation by Reporting Mechanism (Top Specialties):**  
Via claims – 64.1% Anesthesiologist; 60.4% Nurse Anesthetics; 55% Emergency and Physical Therapists.  
Via registry – 31.6% Dermatology (individual measures); 27.7% Nephrology (measures group).  
Via EHR – 25.4% Ophthalmology; 11% Orthopedic Surgery and Obstetrics/Gynecology.  
Via QCDR – 17.2% Thoracic/Cardiac Surgery; 8.4% Gastroenterology; 7.7% Anesthesiology
- **Participation by State (Top rates):** the highest at 82.1% in Wisconsin, followed by 78% in North Carolina, Minnesota and Vermont; the lowest at 48.4% in Alaska, followed by 53% in Hawaii and 56.5% in California.
- **Average of number of measures submitted:** Majority of individual participants reporting via EHR/Registry/QCDR submitted all 9+ quality measures (but no less than 3 measures). Majority of individual participants reporting via Claims submitted 6 quality measures (but no less than 3 measures).

Overall, over 63% of the eligible professionals avoided the 2% penalty taking effect in 2017.

CMS continues to streamline the measures available by eliminating measures that are topped out, redundant, or under-reported, and continues to align with the National Quality Strategy by streamlining measures across programs.

See the [CMS full PQRS Experience Report](#) for data submitted in 2015 and trend tables (2007 – 2016) and [2015 Appendix](#) (table trends), also posted on the AAAAI QCDR page [www.aaaai.org/qcdr](http://www.aaaai.org/qcdr)