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# MSCI Newsflash

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## Special points of interest:

- \* Meaningful Use shorter reporting period
- \* Stage 3
- \* PQRS
- \* ICD-10
- \* Medix Webinars

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## CMS to shorten 2015 reporting period

The CMS announced in January 2015 that they may reduce the reporting burden on providers for Meaningful Use in 2015, by shortening the EHR reporting period in 2015, to 90 days. That proposal has not yet been implemented or even approved.

What effect will this have on us?

1. If the reporting period is shortened to 90 days:

- I still have 3 quarters left in 2015 to meet the Meaningful Use requirements and attest for a later quarter
- I have already met the requirements for the 1st quarter, so I can attest for January through March and

be done with MU 2015

2. If the reporting period remains at one full year:

- I still have 3 quarters left in 2015 to meet the Meaningful Use requirements. I'll catch up

• I have already met the requirements for the 1st quarter, keeping with this momentum will ensure successful attestation for 2015

Since the rule has not been implemented yet, it is imperative that you continue to treat it as a full year attestation and regularly run your Objective Measures and CQM reports to ensure your measures are meeting the required criteria for a successful attestation,

whenever it may occur.

We highly discourage waiting until later in the year to hope for a quarterly reporting period, or in the event it



remains a full year period, to have to try to catch up on measures falling short of the minimum requirements for passing.

## What should we expect for Stage 3?

The CMS has opened the proposed rule for Stage 3 for public viewing and comment until May 29th, 2015. You may view the rule here:

<http://www.cms.gov/>

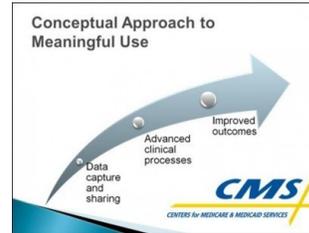
[Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/Stage3\\_Rule.pdf](#)

In summary, it proposes:

- Specifications for Stage 3 criteria to be met in order to qualify for an incentive
- Encourages the electronic submission of Clinical Quality Meas-

## What should we expect for Stage 3?

- Consolidate a set of key advanced use objectives, eliminating widely accepted measures, or those no longer useful in gauging performance, to:
- Align with national health care quality improvement efforts
- Promote interoperability and health information exchange
- Focus on the 3-part aim of reducing cost, improving access, and improving quality
- EPs who did not previously participate in the EHR incentive will be required to report for a full calendar year, the data for this set of objective measures in 2017 and beyond, in order to avoid Medicare penalties.



**EPs... will be required to report CQM measures for a full calendar year... in 2017 and beyond.**

## PQRS

The MSCI Webinar on Wednesday April 8th featured a spot about PQRS and how MicroMD can be utilized for claims-based reporting. PQRS is no longer voluntary unless you expect the Medicare adjustments. For non-participants, failure to

successfully report on quality measures will result in a 2% FMedicare payment adjustment.

Fortunately, once you've chosen your measures, MicroMD EMR rules can be set to remind you of the appropriate CPT II codes to apply to your

encounters, to be carried over to your PM claims.

Ask us how!

**Twice monthly webinars can keep important programming & government regulatory information at the forefront.**

## ICD-10

Also featured in our webinar... Jason did a great feature on ICD-10... "How to Create a Test Batch of ICD-10 Claims" amongst other important topics. Medix puts on twice monthly webinars on PM and EMR as a courtesy to our customers, to help keep important program-

ming & government regulatory information always up-to-date for you. . Remember if you don't have time to attend the webinar, you should at least register for the webinar so you can watch the video of it at a time that is more convenient. It is also a good practice to be in so that

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before you know it. Have you started your mapping process? Have you reviewed information we've provided on the process (both written & short video)? Have you updated other areas of your system that are affected by the implementation of ICD-10? Have you mapped out your ICD-10 implemen-

tation process and appointed people to manage that process internally? Answers/Helpful Recommendations to these and other important topics are regularly discussed during the webinars.



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Please join us for our EMR webinar on Wednesday April 15, 2015.

Submit your questions or requests anytime you would like to see something covered during our webinar.

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### Registration Link Below

### MSCI Monthly EMR User Forum

- Session LV- 4/15/2015

Join us for a webinar on Apr 15, 2015  
at 10:00 AM CST.

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5797758163998948610>

Reminder: The deadline for user submitted questions is 4/8/2015!

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.