



The American Board of Nuclear Medicine

A Member Board of the American Board of Medical Specialties

2012 CMS MOC Incentive Program What You Need to Know!

1. This is a new program. We expect the rules to change quickly as the program evolves. Don't expect that the rules for 2013 will be the same as the rules for 2012.
2. **New for 2012**
 - a) The modules for 2012 have been unbundled. ABNM diplomates can only use the MOC:PQRS module. The price for using only this module is \$30. Last year the modules were not unbundled and the price for using the MOC:PQRS module was \$100.
 - b) You must attest the you have completed a Part IV PPA activity in 2012. This means that you must have chosen a PPA project and made a baseline measurement. The Board will confirm this by looking at your MyMOC profile to see that you have updated your progress on your PPA project (see below).

Status: Year 2 - In Progress/Requires Attention



You may update your responses to the questions below until **December 31, 2012**. After that date the form will be **read-only**.

1. Which of the following describes your progress this year with regard to your current PPA project? (Please check all that you have accomplished during this year)

<input type="checkbox"/>	I have completed a PPA project, and am in the process of choosing another
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have chosen an appropriate project. Name of Your Project? <div></div>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have made baseline measurements to document the scope of the problem
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have analyzed the root cause of the problem
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have developed an action plan for improvement
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have instituted the action plan
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have made measurements to determine if improvement has occurred

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Since the PPA requirement only began in 2011, the Board expects that most diplomates to have learned about PPA in 2011 and to have chosen a PPA project and made a baseline measurement in 2012. For most diplomates, the Board expects the 2 highlighted areas above to be checked and completed.

Diplomates certified in 2011 would only be expected to have learned about PPA.

3. **If you are certified by the ABR and the ABNM**, you should only apply for this program through the ABNM if most of your clinical work is nuclear medicine. Diagnostic radiologists must report on 3 PQRS measures. Since there is only 1 PQRS measure for nuclear medicine, nuclear medicine physicians only need to report on this one measure.
4. Check with your billing office to determine if you are participating in the PQRS incentive program. **If you are not participating in the PQRS program, you are not eligible to participate in the CMS MOC Incentive Program.**
5. **You should not register for the CMS MOC Incentive Program if your MyMOC profile does not say you are meeting MOC milestones.** Log into your profile and you will find this information in the upper right part of the screen.

ABNM Diplomate Status

ABNM Member ID	4484
Initial Certification Date	9/8/1979
Date Certification Expires	Never (Lifetime)
Certification Status	Active
Meeting MOC Milestones	Yes



6. If you are registering for the CMS MOC Incentive Program as an ABNM diplomate, **you can NOT use the CECity module for PQRS.** The CECity PQRS module requires 3 PQRS measures and there is only one PQRS measure for nuclear medicine. **Registration for the PQRS incentive must be done by your billing office.**
7. **You should NOT use the CECity patient survey module.** Nuclear Medicine physicians are not required to do individual patient surveys. You are required to attest that a patient experience of care survey has been done in the last year on a department level.
8. Detailed instructions on how to register for the CMS MOC Incentive Program is attached. In order to register you should have the following information available.
 - a) Your ABNM ID number – you can find it in the upper right part of the screen when you log onto your MyMOC profile on the ABNM website.

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- b) Your NPI number. You can find your NPI number at <http://npidb.org/npi/>.
 - c) Your Tax Identification Number or Social Security number
 - d) A credit card number to pay the \$30 registration fee.
9. Background material for this program is attached.
10. Click or enter <https://mocmatters.abms.org/default.aspx> into your browser to register.



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Welcome to MOC Matters - tools and resources designed to increase the value of the Maintenance of Certification® program (ABMS MOC®) by aligning MOC with other physician assessment and reporting initiatives.

If you are certified by one of these MOC:PQRS Qualified Member Boards, ABMS has a simple solution to help you meet the reporting requirements.

To enroll or learn more, **START** by choosing your certifying board, below:

AMERICAN BOARD OF
ALLERGY AND
IMMUNOLOGY



AMERICAN BOARD OF
NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY



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MOC:PQRS FAQ

Q: What is the difference between PQRI, PQRS and MOC:PQRS?

A: All are part of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) program on Physician Quality Reporting.

- The Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), formerly known as Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) is a voluntary reporting program that provides an incentive payment to eligible professionals who satisfactorily report data on quality measures. Physicians who successfully meet the criteria for PQRS reporting in 2012 will receive an incentive payment equal to 0.5% of their total estimated Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule allowed charges for covered professional services furnished during the reporting period.
- MOC:PQRS offers eligible physicians who have satisfactorily submitted data under PQRS the opportunity to earn an additional incentive of 0.5% for participating in a CMS-qualified Maintenance of Certification program "more frequently" than is required to qualify or maintain board certification. The "more frequently" requirements are defined by the Boards in terms of their own MOC requirements and cycle times.

Q: My specialty Board isn't on the list, can I still participate in MOC:PQRS reporting?

A: You can participate in CMS Physician Quality Reporting (PQRS) but not MOC:PQRS Reporting for 2012. MOC:PQRS reporting is only available to physicians whose certifying Boards have gone through a qualifying process with CMS. Nine Boards became fully qualified in 2012. All Boards will have an opportunity to participate in 2013 but will have to go through a similar qualifying process between January and June of 2013.

Q: For the patient survey requirement, what is meant by institutional or departmental level surveys?

A: Many hospitals and health care institutions routinely conduct patient surveys on either a scheduled or rolling basis—sharing the results with physicians and staff in an effort to identify strengths and areas for improvement. If you, your department or division participated in this type of survey in 2012, it will count toward meeting the requirements for MOC:PQRS, even if the results were not specific to you. If, in 2012, you have participated in a patient experience of care survey that is specific to you (e.g. through your specialty Board or society), that also counts. Another option would be to use the survey module available in this application. Please keep in mind that CMS survey requirements may not satisfy your Board's MOC requirements.

Q: Do I need to provide anything extra to my Board to prove I am fulfilling the "more frequent" requirements?

A: Not unless specifically requested. CMS requires each qualified Board to validate physician compliance with the requirements of MOC:PQRS to the best of its knowledge and to audit a percentage of the participants on an annual basis. Since MOC:PQRS is a federal program, you also may be audited by CMS or other legal entities. Your attestation statements within this application serve as initial record of participation and will be maintained by your Board and available to CMS. If you are selected for audit, you may be asked to provide additional documentation to support your attestation (e.g. CME certificates, patient experience of care surveys, or documents verifying participation in Part IV activities) and the consequences will be determined by the rules and regulations of the auditing organization (e.g. Member Board, CMS). Otherwise, your Board will continue to track your progress in MOC via their usual monitoring schedule.

Q: Who issues the MOC:PQRS payment? When?

A: All payments come from CMS. For those physicians that qualify, CMS will issue the MOC:PQRS incentive payment at the same time as the PQRS incentive payment (for 2010 reporting, most PQRS payments were issued August-September 2011). If you fail to qualify for the PQRS incentive, you will not receive the MOC:PQRS incentive. Registration fees for MOC: PQRS tools will not be refunded if you do not qualify for the 0.5% incentive payment from CMS. CMS contact information can be found at <http://cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/ContactCMS/index.html>.

Q: If I am certified in more than one specialty can I receive more than one incentive payment?

A: No. Physicians cannot receive more than one additional 0.5% incentive even if they complete a Maintenance of Certification Program in more than one specialty.



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MOC:PQRS 2012

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In order to qualify, you must meet the following requirements:

- Participate in PQRS reporting by satisfactorily submitting data on quality measures for a 12-month reporting period either as an individual physician or as part of a group practice under one of the PQRS group practice reporting options. Submission can be accomplished via any of the approved PQRS reporting options—through Medicare Part B claims reporting, a CMS-qualified electronic health record or through a CMS-qualified registry. [Learn more.](#)
- Participate in a Maintenance of Certification program during the reporting year.
- Participate in Maintenance of Certification "more frequently" than is required to qualify or maintain board certification status—including completion of a practice assessment activity and patient experience of care survey in 2012.

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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) asked each qualifying specialty Board to define what "more frequently" would mean in terms of changes to their regular MOC requirements (For more information on ABNM's regular MOC requirements, [click here](#)). The American Board of Nuclear Medicine has defined the "more frequent" requirements as follows:

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ABNM requires completion of more frequent activity in either Part II or Part III.

- Part II (lifelong learning and self assessment): Complete more than 25 CME credits per year averaged over a two-year cycle (more than 50 CME credits in total over two years).
- OR
- Part III (cognitive skills assessment): Take the secure examination in year 8 or 9 rather than year 10.

In addition, all participants must fulfill the following Part IV requirements:

- Part IV (practice assessment and quality improvement): Complete a practice assessment activity in 2012 including a patient experience of care survey. The patient survey component must be fulfilled by the approved survey included in the Part IV module. Complete 2 practice improvement modules every 5 years rather than 1 practice improvement module every 5 years.

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Complete an activity related to practice assessment and a patient experience of care survey in 2012 and each year you participate in MOC:PQRS. The patient survey requirement may be fulfilled by participating in surveys administered by your institution, department or other organizations.

Participate in regular MOC. (Note: Since physicians with non-time limited specialty certificates are not required to participate in MOC in order to maintain their certificate; therefore, participation in the [regular ABNM MOC program](#) will fulfill the "more frequent" requirements.)

If you choose to participate in MOC:PQRS reporting via these products, you will need to provide your National Provider Identifier (NPI) and Board identification number upon registration. If you choose to participate in the PQRS registry option you will also need to provide your Tax Identification Number (TIN). For more information, please refer to the [privacy policy](#) link below.

CMS requires participants to attest on an annual basis to fulfilling the "more frequent" requirements and requires the American Board of Nuclear Medicine to validate this attestation. As noted above, some of the requirements -- such as participation in a department level patient experience of care survey must be met every year. Other requirements must be fulfilled by the end of your MOC cycle (which may be at a date beyond the year you receive the reimbursement from CMS).

Requirements must be completed within the calendar year. This application will remain open and accessible through December 31, 2012. Requirements for subsequent years are subject to change depending on CMS rules.

I have read the above requirements and would like to learn more about the tools available to assist with MOC:PQRS reporting.

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How will these tools help me to qualify for MOC:PQRS?



MOC:PQRS Attestation: Through this module, you will be able to attest to meeting the MOC:PQRS requirements, including "more frequent" participation in MOC. Upon completion, your information will be transmitted to your Member Board for validation and submission to CMS.



PQRS Reporting via a Registry: This module provides you with access to a CMS-qualified registry for PQRS reporting. The PQRIwizardSM will give you step-by-step instructions to guide you through the reporting process.

If you choose to fulfill the PQRS reporting requirement elsewhere, for example, through Medicare Part B claims, a qualified electronic health record, a qualified data submission vendor for EHRs, or another qualified registry, you do not need to complete this module.



Patient Survey: This module provides you with access to a patient experience of care survey including step-by-step instructions for administration, tracking of progress, and access to aggregate results (survey results not shared with CMS, however, CMS may ask you to provide information about the survey). This module is optional. If your Board permits you to fulfill the MOC:PQRS requirement through participation in a patient survey administered by your institution, department, Part IV practice assessment module, or another organization, you do not need to complete this module. You may select from two options: 1) Patient Survey with Internet and/or Interactive Voice Response (IVR) and 2) Patient Survey with Internet Response Only.

These modules are offered as a bundled package as well as individually. Click **CONTINUE** to learn more about your options and register.

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MOC Matters™ now offers two convenient ways to help you with MOC:PQRS reporting. The bundle offers everything in one package. However, if you don't need the complete package, check out the individual modules. See below to see which option is best for you.

Purchase the MOC:PQRS Bundle

The MOC:PQRS bundle includes the following modules for a single registration fee of \$100. *Note: There is no discount for not using the optional modules.*

1. MOC:PQRS Attestation
2. PQRS Reporting via Registry*
3. Patient Experience of Care Survey

Use of the PQRS Registry and Patient Experience of Care modules WITHOUT completion of the MOC: PQRS Attestation will result in the following additional charges to the credit card used for the original purchase of the bundled package:

- PQRS Reporting via a Registry Only - \$99
- PQRS Reporting via a Registry and Patient Survey - \$159

**You should select this option if your PQRS reporting numerator is obtained from a combination of multiple sources including paper charts, claims, or EHR/Practice Management System¹.*

Yes - I'd like to Purchase the MOC:PQRS Bundle

Purchase Individual MOC:PQRS Modules

The MOC:PQRS Individual Module option allows you to purchase one or more of the available modules individually. The modules are listed below:

MOC: PQRS Attestation - \$30

PQRS Reporting via Registry - \$199

You should select this option if your PQRS reporting numerator is obtained from a combination of multiple sources including paper charts, claims, EHR/Practice Management System.¹

Patient Survey with Web and/or Interactive Voice Response - \$60

Patient Survey with Web Response Only - \$50

Yes - I'd like to Purchase the MOC:PQRS Modules Individually

¹ United States. CMS. 2012. Registry Submission Qualifications Requirements. 22 Dec. 2011. Web.
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/AlternativeReportingMechanisms.html>



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Welcome ABNM Board Account to your personalized dashboard where you have access to tools to assist you in MOC:PQRS reporting. You must complete the attestation module below to inform your Board and CMS that you have fulfilled the MOC:PQRS requirements for 2012. The optional modules are available to assist you in completing specific components of MOC:PQRS. Just click the button to the right of each step to begin, continue, or review your progress.



Your registration information could not be
 verified with ABMS. Please contact
support@abms.org for assistance.

Attestation Module	Status	What Can I Do
Attest to Meeting MOC:PQRS Requirements + Learn More	<input type="radio"/> NOT STARTED	GET STARTED
Optional Modules	Status	What Can I Do
Report PQRS Through a Qualified Registry + Learn More	<input type="radio"/> NOT STARTED	GET STARTED
Conduct a Patient Experience of Care Survey + Learn More	<input type="radio"/> NOT STARTED	GET STARTED
Board Validation	Status	
In February 2013, the information from your completed MOC:PQRS attestation module will automatically be forwarded to your specialty board for review. Once validated, the status on your dashboard will change to "Verified" and your information will be sent to CMS for review and processing.	<input type="radio"/> NOT VERIFIED	
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MOC:PQRS Attestation

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Beginning in 2012, you have the opportunity to earn the Physician Quality Reporting System incentive of 0.5% of your estimated total allowed charges for covered Medicare Part B services **plus** an additional incentive of 0.5% by completing the following:

- Satisfactorily submit data, on quality measures under Physician Quality Reporting, for a 12-month reporting period (2012 calendar year) either as an individual physician or as a member of a selected group practice.

AND

- Participate in a CMS-qualified Maintenance of Certification program "more frequently" than is required to qualify for or maintain board certification including completion of a practice assessment and patient experience of care survey in 2012.

This module is designed to assist you in reporting your fulfillment of the MOC:PQRS requirements. The following page outlines the program requirements in the form of a checklist of questions. In order to successfully complete this activity, you must answer all of the questions. You do not need to complete the activity all at once. If you choose to return to the activity at a later time, be sure to hit the "Save and Finish Later" button before logging out.

This module also provides links to the optional tools including: 1) PQRS reporting through a qualified registry and 2) access to a patient experience of care survey. **It is important to note that once you complete the attestation to fulfilling these requirements, you will no longer have access to these tools.**

Requirements must be completed within the calendar year. This module will remain open and accessible through December 31, 2012.

Please click next to proceed.

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Please complete Parts 1 and 2 of the attestation. You may exit out and return to the module as needed. Please be sure to save your data prior to exiting. Once all questions have been answered in both parts, click the Next button to submit your attestation.

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Attestation Part I

I will complete 2012 PQRS reporting in compliance with CMS rules. If you would like access to a CMS-qualified registry, [click here](#).

☐ Yes

I have participated in Maintenance of Certification this year.

☐ Yes

I am currently in year of my MOC cycle

☐ Yes

Within my current Maintenance of Certification cycle, I agree to participate "more frequently" than is required to qualify or maintain board certification status and will fulfill the requirements outlined below.

☐ Yes

I have completed a practice assessment in 2012.

☐ Yes

I have participated in a patient experience of care survey in 2012. (Note: Survey results are not shared with CMS, however you may need to provide CMS with the survey questions upon request)

☐ Yes

I will fulfill all of the requirements for "more frequent" participation in MOC by:

☐ Yes

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American Board of Nuclear Medicine "more frequently" than requirements

In consideration of participation in the Maintenance of Certification: Physician Quality Reporting System ("MOC:PQRS") administered by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS"), I acknowledge and agree as follows:

- I authorize the American Board of Nuclear Medicine to collect, retain and submit data relating to me and my medical practice to CMS for any and all purposes relating to the MOC:PQRS Program, including establishing my eligibility for any incentive or bonus payment available under the MOC:PQRS .
- I shall be responsible for ensuring, and confirming, the truth and accuracy of all data I submit to the American Board of Nuclear Medicine. Further, I shall cooperate in any audit of such data conducted by the Board, CMS or other entity legally authorized to engage in such an audit.
- I agree to actively engage in practice assessment and otherwise comply with all obligations and requirements of the MOC:PQRS, including those which would make me eligible for any incentive or bonus payment.
- I shall indemnify the American Board of Nuclear Medicine and CMS with respect to any loss or claim arising out of failure to fulfill the obligations under the MOC:PQRS or as set forth above.

Attestation Part 2

Do you agree with all of the statements and attestations on this page?

☐ I agree

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Please Note: Once you click the NEXT Button, your MOC:PQRS Attestation will be complete and you will no longer have access to the Bundled Optional Modules (PQRS Through a Qualified Registry & Patient Experience of Care Survey).

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Congratulations

You have successfully completed this module, your information will be submitted to your Board for validation and subsequent transmission to CMS March of 2013. You can check the status of your application after that time by logging back into this website.

Please click next to participate in an optional feedback survey. By providing feedback you'll be helping us to improve this application.

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Evaluation

Optional Survey

Thank you for using the ABMS MOC Matters tools for MOC:PQRS reporting. Please take a moment to help us understand how we may improve these products by answering a few questions.

Was the text clear and understandable?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, please let us know which sections were unclear.

Did you find it easy to navigate through the reporting tools?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, please let us know which sections were difficult to navigate.

Please share any additional comments that could help us to improve the reporting tools.

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Attestation Module	Status	What Can I Do
Attest to Meeting MOC:PQRS Requirements + Learn More	 COMPLETED 8/5/2012	REVIEW 
Optional Modules	Status	What Can I Do
Report PQRS Through a Qualified Registry + Learn More	ATTESTED TO	
Conduct a Patient Experience of Care Survey + Learn More	ATTESTED TO	
Board Validation	Status	
In February 2013, the information from your completed MOC:PQRS attestation module will automatically be forwarded to your specialty board for review. Once validated, the status on your dashboard will change to "Verified" and your information will be sent to CMS for review and processing.	 NOT VERIFIED	
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