



American Osteopathic Board of Proctology

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“Operating under the Authority of the American Osteopathic Association”

Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program Incentive

AOBPr, operating under the AOA, has qualified for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ (CMS) 2013 PQRS MOC Program Incentive. This will allow those diplomates who qualify to apply for an additional 0.5% incentive payment for 2013 for submitted Medicare/Medicaid claims. (Note: CMS requires that you are registered for and meet the basic PQRS reporting requirements and are board-certified in order to qualify for this incentive.)

This incentive program requires physicians to “perform activities more frequently than is required for the simple maintenance of certification” in components 2, 3, and 4 of Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC). Please complete the attached form to attest to your activities and completion of the requirements. Once received, attestation information will be transmitted to the AOA and submitted on your behalf by the AOA to CMS.

Requirements for participation in 2013 PQRS Incentive Program:

1. Maintain a valid unrestricted license in the United States.
2. Complete all of the following requirements:
 - A. Exceed the CME requirement of 120 hours in the three-year cycle ending December 31, 2015. Documentation of 50 hours of CME acquired during 2013 will satisfy this requirement. CMS requires these educational and a self-assessment program to have an assessment of what was learned.
 - B. Complete the Communication module on the O-CAT website to include the Patient Experience of Care survey.
 - C. Complete one additional Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement module on the O-CAT website. Even if you achieve 100% on your initial evaluation, CMS requires a plan for improvement and a re-assessment after the improvement intervention is implemented.

The above requirements can be applied toward your current OCC requirements as well.

3. Take and Pass the formal proctored written examination (OCC Component 3), if your certificate expires in 2013.

4. Maintain your AOA membership and have no ethical violations.

Once the above are complete:

- Fill out the Attestation of Completion form. The AOBPr must receive this completed form via fax or email by midnight, Dec. 31, 2013.
- Submit your 2013 Medicare claims and PQRs measures through your usual process.

AOBPr will submit your PQRs MOC activity completion information to the AOA, who will submit it to CMS.

For further information, visit the [CMS website](#) and review the information provided.

PQRS MOC Program Incentive Attestation of Completion

I hereby attest that I have completed all of the requirements set forth by the American Osteopathic Board of Proctology (AOBPr) for participation in the 2013 PQRS MOC Program Incentive.

I attest that...: (please check each item you have completed)

_____ ...I have a valid unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States.

_____ ...I have met or exceeded 50 hours of CME acquired during 2013.

_____ ...I have completed the Communication module on the O-CAT website.

_____ ...I have completed one additional Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement module.

_____ ...I have taken and passed the formal proctored written examination (OCC Component 3), if my certificate expires in 2013. (If your certificate does not expire in 2013, please mark this line "N/A".)

_____ ...I have maintained my membership in the AOA and have no ethical violations.

Signature

Name Printed

Date

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE AOBPr
BY EMAIL proctology@osteopathic.org OR FAX (312) 202-8402 BY
MIDNIGHT, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2013**

