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## E-QUAL Learning Collaboratives

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**Joint E-QUAL/CEDR Reward Opportunity**

E-QUAL is excited to announce a special grant opportunity for EDs interested in improving care through use of ACEP's [Clinical Emergency Data Registry \(CEDR\)](#)!

As part of a *special one-time program*, E-QUAL seeks to maximize the success of your quality improvement project and help your ED build critical data access and capacity. **We are seeking EDs in rural and underserved areas interested in joining E-QUAL and CEDR to apply this year.**

The award is a **one-time lump sum of \$4,000** that will be used to cover the technical assistance of CEDR costs for 2018.

### Eligibility

- Must be enrolled in and complete a 2018 E-QUAL collaborative
- Hospital-based ED practices in CMS designated Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), OR
- ED practices located in rural areas requiring that your location be outside an Urbanized Area as defined by the U.S. Census. Use the following web link to determine if your ED facility meets the [CMS Rural definition](#).

### Submission

Applications must be submitted by the deadline to:

Nalani Tarrant, Senior Project Manager at [ntarrant@acep.org](mailto:ntarrant@acep.org)

**Extended Deadline to submit application is July 20, 2018.**

[Download Application](#)

# TCPI Clinician Events



If you submitted 2017 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) data through the [Quality Payment Program website](#), you can now view your performance feedback and MIPS final score.

You can access your performance feedback and final score by:

- Going to the [Quality Payment Program website](#)
- Logging in using your Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM) credentials; these are the same EIDM credentials that allowed you to submit your MIPS data

If you don't have an EIDM account, refer to [this guide](#) and start the process now.

In the coming weeks, we'll provide additional guidance to help walk through how to review your feedback and to assist in answering your questions.

Please note: The final performance year for the Value-Based Modifier and Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) programs was 2016; therefore, CMS will no longer provide PQRS Feedback Reports or Quality and Resource Use Reports (QRURs). The final reports under these programs were provided in September 2017 and remain available for download through the end of this year.

## **MIPS Eligible Clinicians Participating in Medicare Shared Savings Program or Next Generation ACOs**

If you participated in a MIPS Alternative Payment Model (APM) in 2017, specifically in a Medicare Shared Savings Program (Shared Savings Program) or Next Generation Accountable Care Organization (ACO), your performance feedback is now available to your ACO (APM Entity) via the [Quality Payment Program website](#). Participant TINs in Shared Savings Program will be able to log into the [Quality Payment Program website](#) directly to access final performance feedback. Participants in Next Generation ACOs will need to request feedback from a representative (such as a security official) within their APM Entity.

Please note: Because all clinicians in the Next Generation ACO Model were Qualifying APM participants, performance feedback for the 2017 performance year will not be provided.

Under the MIPS APM Scoring Standard, the performance feedback, accessible to the APM Entity, will be based on the APM Entity score and is applicable to all MIPS eligible clinicians within the APM Entity group. This feedback and score does not have any impact on the Shared Savings Program or Next Generation ACOs' quality assessment.

## **Questions?**

If you have questions about your performance feedback or MIPS final score, please contact the Quality Payment Program by:

- Phone: 1-866-288-8292/TTY: 1-877-715-6222 or
- Email: [QPP@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:QPP@cms.hhs.gov)

Thank you,  
The TCPi ISC Team

## Portal Access Guide Update

We have updated and expanded the E-QUAL *Portal Access Guide*. This guide covers all aspects of interaction with the portal in step-by-step breakdowns.

Download the new guide here: [Portal Access Guide](#)

For any additional questions, please contact us directly as [equal@acep.org](mailto:equal@acep.org).

## Quality Tip of the Month



"To facilitate the timely diagnosis of STEMI patients, consider using evidence based "Rapid ECG criteria" to help triage nurses identify which patients need an ECG within ten minutes of ED arrival. For example (Graff criteria): patients over age 30 with chest pain, and patients over age 50 with shortness of breath, syncope, palpitations, and general weakness."

*Mike Ross, MD, Emory University*

Interested in providing Quality Tips from your experiences? Your tip will be highlighted and credited to you, as shown above. Please contact us at [equal@acep.org](mailto:equal@acep.org).

## Frequently Asked Questions



### Question:

How does the Rural Critical Access Grant award work?

### Answers:

If your ED site fits three eligibility criteria, submit an application to [ntarrant@acep.org](mailto:ntarrant@acep.org). If selected, your site will receive a \$4,000 credit for 2018 CEDR technical costs.

For other questions please visit our updated [FAQ page](#). If your question has not been answered,

please e-mail us at [equal@acep.org](mailto:equal@acep.org).

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