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American Board of Family Medicine's Physician Quality Reporting System Deadline Passes with Outstanding Numbers

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The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) is pleased to announce that >1600 clinicians submitted data to the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) through the ABFM's online submission process and through the PRIME Patient Data Registry.

The PQRS is a quality reporting program that encourages individual eligible professionals and group practices to report to Medicare information on the quality of care. PQRS gives clinicians and group practices the opportunity to assess the quality of care they provide to their patients, helping to

ensure that patients get the right care at the right time. The PQRS phases out in 2017 and will be folded into the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Quality Payment Programs created by the Medicare and Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act. ABFM research demonstrates that family physicians who do their practice improvement activities in conjunction with PQRS not only reduce their quality and reporting burdens but also show greater improvement in outcomes. The ABFM is pleased to support so many diplomates in both regards.

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