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MQii Learning Collaborative:  
**“QCDR Malnutrition Measures Increase  
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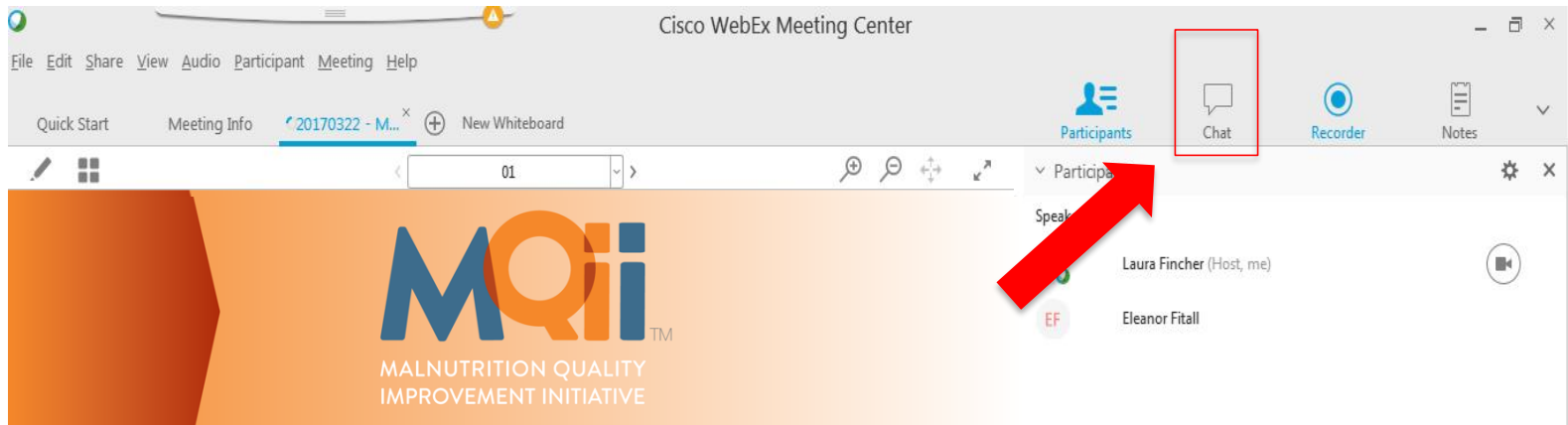
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# Before We Get Started...



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# Today's Agenda

Agenda Item	Presenter
Welcome and introduction to the webinar	Christina Badaracco, MPH, RD, LDN <i>Research Scientist at Avalere Health</i>
Introduction to QPP and MIPS; Overview of QCDRs and available malnutrition measures	Angel Valladares, MPH <i>MQii Data and Measures Lead at Avalere Health</i>
Guidance for reporting measures to Premier and the U.S. Wound Registry	Catherine D'Andrea, RDN, LDN <i>Manager of Quality Initiatives at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics</i>
Questions – 15 min	

# Learning Objectives

- Understand how the QPP and MIPS influence practice by RDNs
- Describe the MQii Malnutrition Quality Measures included in the Premier Clinician Performance Registry and the U.S. Wound Registry
- Identify the steps involved in reporting the malnutrition quality measures using the Premier Clinician Performance Registry and the U.S. Wound Registry



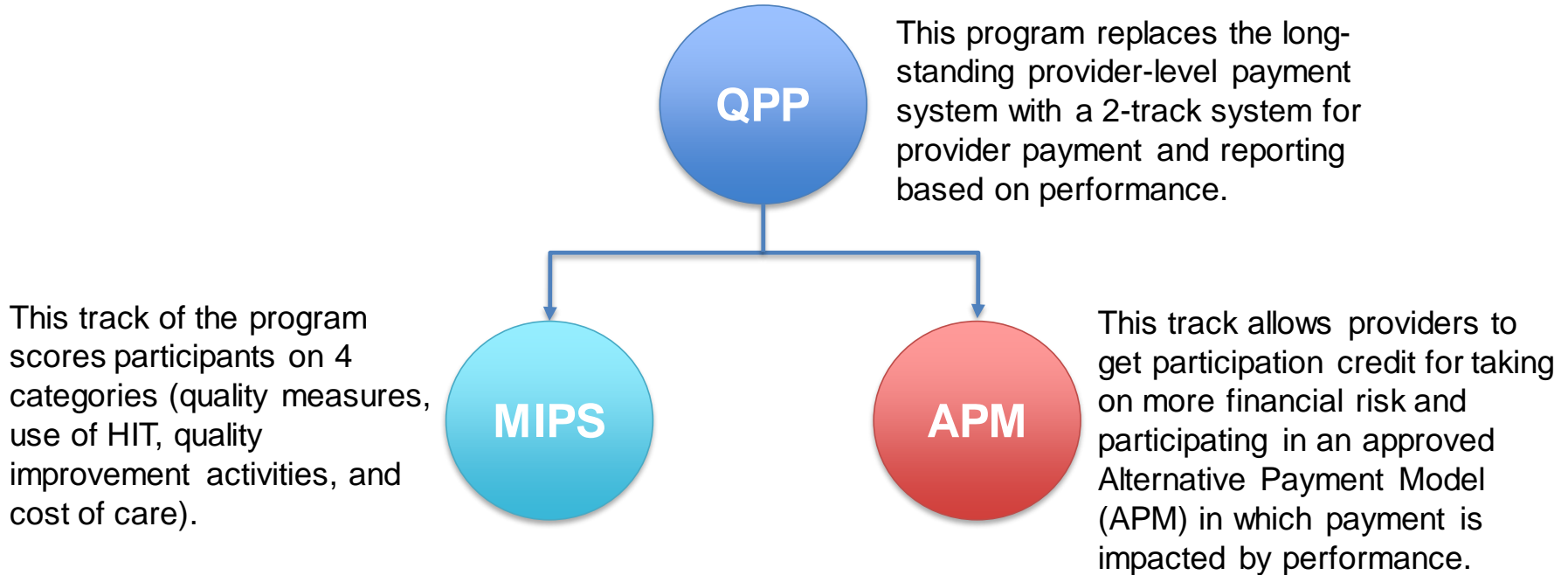
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Angel Valladares, MPH  
*MQii Data and Measures Lead*  
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- Brief overview of the Quality Payment Program and QCDR reporting option
- Overview of malnutrition measures adopted by Premier and US Wound registries
- RDN participation requirements for the QPP

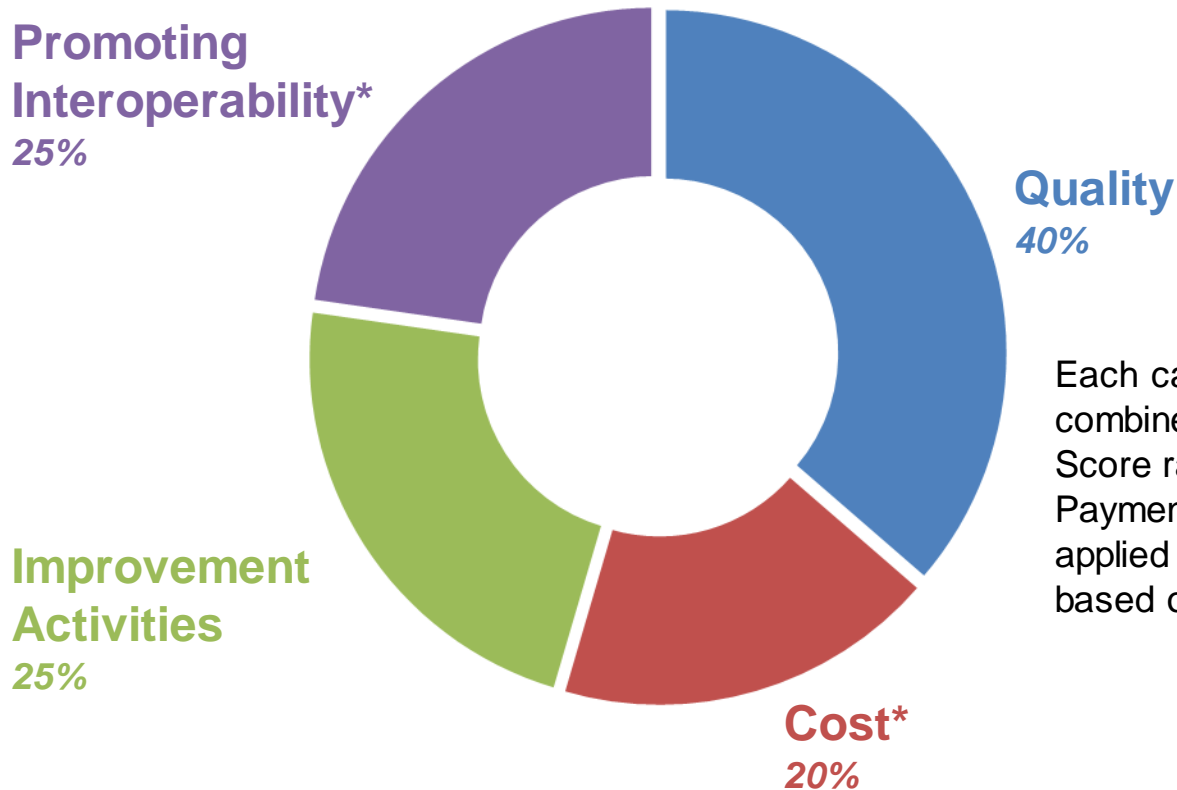
# Brief Overview of the QPP and MIPS



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**In 2020, CMS announced that approximately 84% of the more than 800,000 MIPS participating providers will receive a +1.97% payment adjustment in 2021 based on their performance in the 2019 MIPS performance period.**

# The MIPS is Compartmentalized into Four Separately-Scored Categories of Performance



Each category's score is combined into 1 overall MIPS Score ranging from 0—100. Payment adjustments are applied to future payments based on performance.

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**\*RDNs specifically are not required to report data for promoting interoperability and are not scored on the cost category. As a result, their scores will be redistributed across quality (85%) and improvement activities (15%) categories.**

# MIPS-Eligible Clinicians Can Report Individually or as Part of a Clinical Practice or Group

## Individual Reporting

- Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) Measures
- Qualified CMS Registry (MIPS Measures Only)
- Electronic Health Record Measure Reporting
- Medicare Part B Claims Measures

## Group Reporting

- Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) Measures
- Qualified CMS Registry (MIPS Measures Only)
- Electronic Health Record Measure Reporting
- CAHPS for MIPS Survey
- Administrative Claims for All-Cause Readmission Measure

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**All providers must report 6 quality measures to meet reporting criteria for the Quality Performance Category (85% of the Total MIPS Score for RDNs)**



# QCDRs Expand Provider Options for Quality Measure Reporting

## What is a QCDR?

- QCDRs are clinical registries that have been approved by CMS to collect performance data from MIPS participants and report quality measures on a provider's behalf to meet MIPS reporting requirements

## Why choose the QCDR reporting option?

- Simplifies data collection and reporting for MIPS participants
- Delivers quarterly feedback reports on reported measures
- Provides benchmarking information
- Provides access to a more expansive set of available measures to report for MIPS credit not available in other reporting options

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**Given that there are ZERO nutrition-specific MIPS measures in the standard set, QCDRs provide an option to report specialty measures more relevant to a nutrition professional's daily practice.**

# QCDRs Adopting Academy Malnutrition Measures

## Premier Clinician Performance Registry

Large Practices

All Specialties

Includes All 2020 MIPS Measures

## U.S. Wound Registry

Small Practices or Individuals

Surgical, Wound Care, Podiatry Specialties

Includes All 2020 MIPS Measures

# Each QCDR Has Integrated 4 Measures and CMS Has Approved 2 Measures Per QCDR for MIPS Credit

## Quality Measures Included and Proposed in Each QCDR

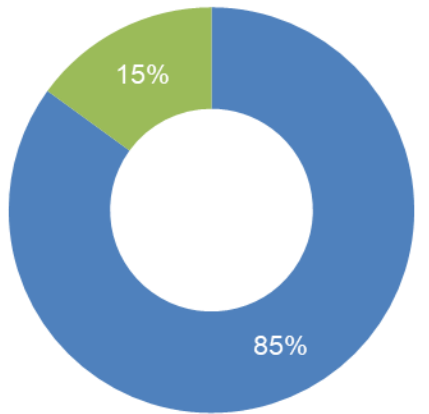
	Premier Clinical Performance Registry	U.S. Wound Registry
Measure #1	<b>Measure Title:</b> Completion of a Screening for Malnutrition Risk and Referral to a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist for At-Risk Patients	<b>Measure Title:</b> Completion of a Screening for Malnutrition Risk and Referral to a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist for At-Risk Patients
Measure #2	<b>PINC56:</b> Assessment of Nutritionally At-Risk Patients for Malnutrition and Development of Nutrition Recommendations/Interventions by a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist	<b>USWR27:</b> Assessment of Nutritionally At-Risk Patients for Malnutrition and Development of Nutrition Recommendations/Interventions by a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist
Measure #3	<b>PINC55:</b> Appropriate Documentation of Malnutrition Diagnosis	<b>USWR28:</b> Obtaining Preoperative Nutritional Recommendations from a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) in Nutritionally At-Risk Surgical Patients
Measure #4	<b>Measure Title:</b> Nutrition Care Plan Communicated to Post-Discharge Provider	<b>Measure Title:</b> Appropriate Documentation of Malnutrition Diagnosis

**QCDR participants receive performance feedback on all measures including those that are not selected for MIPS credit. These non-MIPS measures may serve as a useful tool to advance quality improvement across multiple areas.**

# Case Study: Successful MIPS Participation as an RDN



- RDN selects the QCDR reporting option for his/her MIPS participation
- RDNs are only scored on quality and improvement activities



■ Quality ■ Improvement Activities



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### MIPS Participating RDN Must Choose 6 Measures:

- **USWR27:** Assessment of Nutritionally At-Risk Patients for Malnutrition and Development of Nutrition Recommendations / Interventions by a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist
- **USWR28:** Obtaining Preoperative Nutritional Recommendations from a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) in Nutritionally At-Risk Surgical Patients
- **MIPS128:** Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan
- **MIPS239:** Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children and Adolescents
- **MIPS431:** Preventive Care and Screening: Unhealthy Alcohol Use: Screening & Brief Counseling
- **MIPS374:** Closing the Referral Loop: Receipt of Specialist Report



## IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES

### 2 high-weight activities or 4 medium-weight activities

High-weight activities that satisfy this category include:

- Use of QCDR for feedback reports that incorporate population health
- Provide 24/7 access to eligible clinicians or groups who have real-time access to patient's medical record

Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Medicare Program; Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and Alternative Payment Model (APM) Incentive Under the Physician Fee Schedule, and Criteria for Physician-Focused Payment Models. Available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/11/04/2016-25240/medicare-program-merit-based-incentive-payment-system-mips-and-alternative-payment-model-apm>



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*Manager of Quality Initiatives*  
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- Available nutrition quality measures for RDNs
- Description of QCDRs and how to participate in measure reporting
- Review of MQii resources for QCDR malnutrition quality measures

# MIPS Updates Impacting RDNs

## Merit Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)

2019: RDNs added as eligible clinicians

2020: Nutrition/dietitian specialty measure set introduced

# QCDR Collaborations Provide Opportunities for RDNs



# MQii Malnutrition Quality Measures in the Premier Clinician Performance Registry (PCPR) and U.S. Wound Registry (USWR)

2020 QCDR Measure ID	Measure Title	MIPS Eligible
PINC 55	Appropriate Documentation of a Malnutrition Diagnosis	Yes
PINC 56	Assessment of Nutritionally At-Risk Patients for Malnutrition and Development of Nutrition Recommendations/Interventions by a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist	Yes
USWR 27	Assessment of Nutritionally At-Risk Patients for Malnutrition and Development of Nutrition Recommendations/Interventions by a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist	Yes
USWR 28	Obtaining Preoperative Nutritional Recommendations from a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) in Nutritionally At-Risk Surgical Patients	Yes

## Measure Specifications:

[https://solutions.premierinc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020\\_PCPR\\_QCDR\\_Measure\\_Specifications.pdf](https://solutions.premierinc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020_PCPR_QCDR_Measure_Specifications.pdf)

<https://uswoundregistry.com/quality-measures/>





# PCPR Enrollment

Current PCPR Organization	New PCPR Organization
<p>Touch base with the current PCPR “point of contact” to within your organization to discuss adding malnutrition measures to the Premier contract.</p>	<p>If your organization has recently contracted with PCPR, note there are 2 PCPR staff “points of contacts” to assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expectations and Onboarding to the Registry</li><li>• Data Integration</li></ul> <p>In addition, an onboarding webinar is also available to new PCPR users.</p>

Premier Clinician Performance Registry is available to assist with MIPS reporting: <https://solutions.premierinc.com/cpi/full-service/>

# USWR Enrollment

## Step 1: Enroll

- There is no cost to join.
- Complete enrollment on the USWR website.

## Step 2: Log In

- After enrolling, username and password will be emailed to log in to the Registry.
- Review MIPS package options.

## Step 3: Purchase

- Select MIPS package that best fits needs.
- May contact a USWR representative prior to making a purchase.

## Step 4: Complete IA

- Select “Improvement Activities” from an easy drop-down menu.
- Complete 1 or more of the Improvement Activities.

## Step 5: Quality Measures

- Choose the quality measures to report from EHR.
- Submit the Quality Measures you wish to report to the US Wound & Podiatry Registries.

USWR support is provided during every step of the MIPS reporting process: [www.uswoundregistry.com](http://www.uswoundregistry.com)

# Summary of Next Steps for Enrollment

## Premier Clinician Performance Registry

- ✓ Determine if a current contract exists
- ✓ If a contract exists, discuss adding measures with Premier contact for organization
- ✓ For a new contract, email [Clara\\_Dantonio@PremierInc.com](mailto:Clara_Dantonio@PremierInc.com)
- ✓ Work with assigned Premier staff to select measures and prepare for data integration

## U.S. Wound Registry

- ✓ Complete the [enrollment form](#) on USWR website
- ✓ Choose enrollment package that best meets your needs
- ✓ Select Quality Measures for MIPS reporting and Improvement Activities
- ✓ Prepare to upload data to USWR

## More Information on Preparing to Enroll

- ✓ Review Academy resources
- ✓ Identify and resolve barriers by emailing questions to [quality@eatright.org](mailto:quality@eatright.org)



# Academy as a Measure Steward

## Overview of Malnutrition Quality Measures

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) employ quality measures in a variety of quality incentive programs to publicly report data, including the **Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (HIQR) Program** and track of the Quality Payment Program (QPP), the **Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)**. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics serves as measure steward to the below Malnutrition Quality Measures in order to document standardized malnutrition care as well as support RDN participation in CMS quality incentive programs.

<b>Electronic Clinical Quality Measures – Inpatient Reporting</b>
<p>The four (4) malnutrition eQMs have been adopted by numerous health systems and hospitals throughout the nation as a part of the Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative (MQii) Learning Collaborative. The four malnutrition measures were reviewed by the National Quality Forum (NQF) and remain on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Measures under Consideration List (MUC List) for consideration into the <b>CMS Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (HIQR) Program</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>NQF #3087/MUC16-294:</b> Completion of a Malnutrition Screening within 24 hours of Admission</li><li>• <b>NQF #3088/MUC16-296:</b> Completion of a Nutrition Assessment for Patients Identified as At-Risk for Malnutrition within 24 hours of a Malnutrition Screening</li><li>• <b>NQF #3089/MUC16-372:</b> Nutrition Care Plan for Patients Identified as Malnourished after a Completed Nutrition Assessment</li><li>• <b>NQF #3090/MUC16-344:</b> Appropriate Documentation of a Malnutrition Diagnosis</li></ul>
<b>Global Malnutrition Composite Score Measure – Inpatient Reporting</b>
<p>The Global Malnutrition Composite Score Measure (composite measure) focuses on adults 65 years and older admitted to inpatient service who receive care appropriate to their level of malnutrition risk/and or malnutrition diagnosis if properly identified. The Academy continues to pursue the adoption of the composite measure into the <b>CMS Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (HIQR) Program</b> and is seeking endorsement from the NQF Prevention and Population Health Portfolio Standing Committee.</p>
<b>Malnutrition Measures Approved for Inclusion in QCDRs – Outpatient Reporting</b>
<p>New Malnutrition Quality Measures included in two Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QCDRs) provides physicians and RDNs who bill <b>outpatient</b> Medicare Part B, increased opportunity to participate in the <b>Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)</b>. The Premier Clinician Performance Registry and the U.S. Wound Registry offer Quality Measures for</p>

## [Overview of Malnutrition Quality Measures](#)

# Academy's QCDR Webpage

The screenshot displays the website for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, specifically the page for the Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR). The top navigation bar includes links for 'eatright', 'eatrightPRO', 'eatrightCDRE', and 'eatrightCPE'. The main header features the 'eatright PRO' logo and the text 'Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header, a green navigation bar contains links for 'Advocacy', 'Leadership', 'Payment', 'Practice', and 'Research', along with a 'Sign In' button. The breadcrumb trail reads: 'Home > Practice > Quality Management > Quality Improvement > Qualified Clinical Data Registry'. The main content area is titled 'Qualified Clinical Data Registry' and includes a sidebar with a table of contents. The main text describes the inclusion of new Malnutrition Quality Measures into two QCDRs for RDNs to participate in the 2020 MIPS. It lists links for 'Premier Clinician Performance Registry', 'U.S. Wound Registry', 'malnutrition eCOMs', 'QCDR Microlearning Overview', and 'FAQs'. There are also sections for 'Webinars' and 'Frequently Asked Questions'.

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**Qualified Clinical Data Registry**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has approved inclusion of new Malnutrition Quality Measures into two Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QCDRs) for RDNs to participate in the 2020 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). The new Malnutrition Quality Measures included in the [Premier Clinician Performance Registry](#) and the [U.S. Wound Registry](#) promote health care team collaboration with measures for physician and RDN reporting. These measures are for MIPS reporting via QCDRs and do not replace the previous four (4) [malnutrition eCOMs](#) and the Global Malnutrition Composite Score measure (composite measure). For more information, listen to the [QCDR Microlearning Overview](#) and review the [FAQs](#).

**Webinars**

- [QCDR Microlearning Series: What RDNs Need to Know about Qualified Clinical Data Registries](#)

**Frequently Asked Questions**

- [General](#)
- [Participation](#)
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**Malnutrition Quality Measures for Reporting into a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR)**

The Academy has stewarded four new Malnutrition Quality Measures into two Qualified Clinical

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# Academy's QCDR Microlearning Series

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The main content area features a product card for "Qualified Clinical Data Registry Microlearning Series: What RDNs Need to Know about Qualified Clinical Data Registries". The card includes an image of a laptop with a graduation cap and a diploma. The description states: "This four-part microlearning series consists of 15-minute modules on the Qualified Clinical Data Registry." Below the description is a bullet point: "• SKU LOQCDR". To the right of the description is a pricing box showing "Member Price \$0.00" and "Nonmember Price \$0.00", with a quantity selector set to "1".

The right sidebar contains a "Details" section with the following text: "Discover what RDNs need to know about Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QCDR), understand the benefits of MIPS reporting via QCDRs, find out about the Academy and QCDR collaborations, and recognize the significance of Malnutrition Quality Measures for RDN Reporting. This 4-part microlearning series consists of 15 minute modules on the following topics:"

- Microlearning 1 – QCDRs Support MIPS Participation for Reporting Malnutrition Quality Measures: An Overview
- Microlearning 2 – Onboarding and Enrollment in Premier Clinician Performance Registry: Reporting the New Malnutrition Quality Measures
- Microlearning 3 – Onboarding and Enrollment in U.S. Wound Registry: Reporting the New Malnutrition Quality Measures
- Microlearning 4 - Post Enrollment: Measure Selection, Data Collection and Submission Review

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## [Qualified Clinical Data Registry Microlearning Series: What RDNs Need to Know about Qualified Clinical Data Registries](#)

# Spotlight on Malnutrition Recorded Webinar



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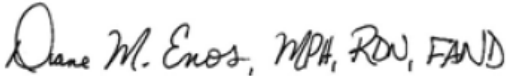


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# Appendix

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# The Academy Stewards 3 Sets of Malnutrition-Focused Quality Measures

## Individual Hospital eCQM Set

- Hospital-focused and guide QI efforts focused on: 1. improving timing of malnutrition screening; 2. improving timing of nutrition assessment for those at risk; 3. document nutrition care plan for those with malnutrition; 4. medical diagnosis of malnutrition for those assessed

## Global Malnutrition Composite Score

- Hospital-focused composite measure consisting of 4 components
- Provides overall performance score for completing the nutrition care process to identify and treat malnutrition in hospitalized patients
- Being considered for adoption into the CMS Hospital IQR Program

## QCDR Nutrition Measures

- Two separate sets of measures that correspond to the PCPR and USWR focused on care coordination between RDNs, physicians, and specialists (such as surgeons)
- Reportable measures via the 2 available QCDRs for MIPS participation credit

**For more information on the specific details for each measure set, visit the Academy website [here](#).**