



## **Central Utah Informatics and EHR Working to make PQRI cost-effective**



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It's no secret that the PQRI initiative offers 2% Medicare reimbursement, which for many organizations can translate into huge dollars impacting the bottom line each year. The challenge though is having an automated tracking and submission system in place that makes PQRI submissions cost-effective.

Both EHR Integration Services and Central Utah Informatics (CUI) are meeting that challenge head-on by helping clients realize huge PQRI reimbursement dollars.

On the interfacing side, EHR will work with you in ensuring the electronic capture of PQRI measurements. EHR Integration Services has extensive experience in ConnectR interface development. As a training and service partner with both GE Centricity and Allscripts Enterprise EHR products, EHR can help you maximize your ConnectR capabilities, especially in the PQRI area.

On the PQRI registry side, CUI will guide you through the data extraction, evaluation and submission process.

## **Central Utah Informatics: A leader in PQRI**

Central Utah Informatics (CUI), a division of Central Utah Clinic has been a leader in Utah for Pay for Reporting and Pay for Performance in the health care arena since 2008.

Early in 2008, Central Utah Clinic was selected to be one of the first 32 registries for CMS and PQRI. Central Utah Informatics was formed as a request from CMS to roll out CUMC's model to help other groups across the country submit their data.

In 2008, CUI worked with over 18 groups and submitted data for more than 1,500 physicians.

The experienced team at CUI will help you step through the maze of PQRI. Having been on the ground floor of this program, CUI has been influential in helping CMS with data formatting and website validation efforts. Whether you are looking at consultation services in general or looking for a partner to submit this data on your behalf, CUI can help.

## **Successfully Navigate through the Maze of PQRI**

There are over 180 measures to choose from when submitting PQRI data to CMS. CUI will help you navigate through different options as well as provide support in querying your Practice Management and Electronic Medical Record systems to successfully extract PQRI data for the reporting year.

CUI will ensure your data is clean and ready for submission to CMS. Once the data has passed evaluation and valuation, CUI will submit your data on your behalf by the end of March. You can then expect a payment for 2.0% of your total Medicare allowable charges sometime that summer or early fall.

## **Contact us to discuss your PQRI needs**

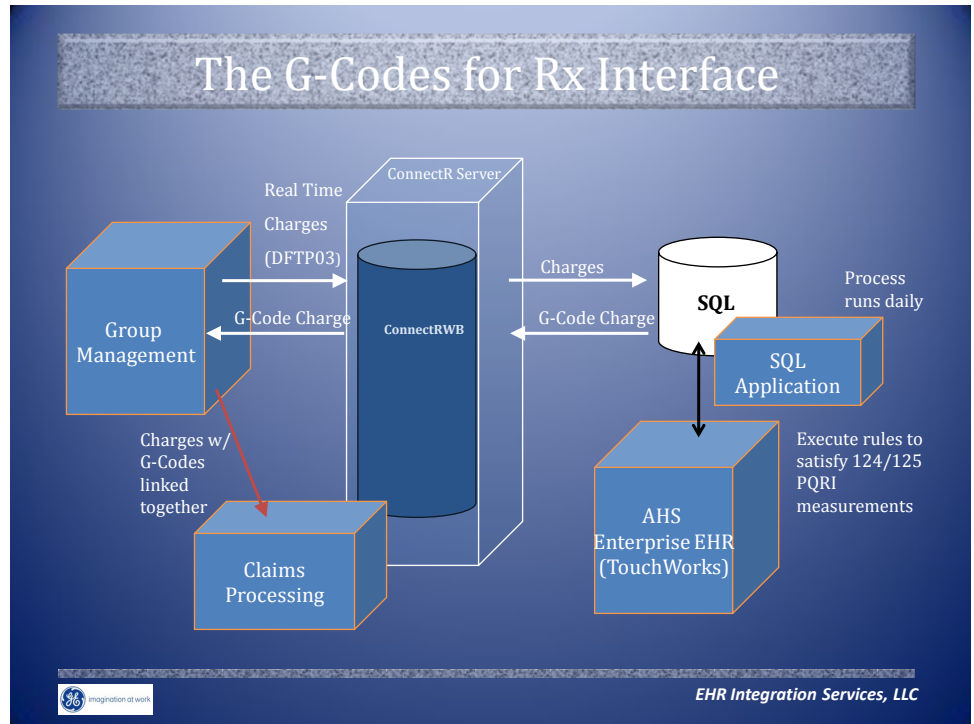
# Submit PQRI Rx data by utilizing the G-Code Interface

*EHR Integration Services* is a leader in developing ConnectR interfaces and has teamed up with CUI to support clients who want to submit their Rx data for PQRI reporting and reimbursement.

CMS requires that the G-Code be electronically linked to the claim for submission. Installing a G-Code Interface makes that possible.

Here's an example of how it works for a GE Centricity Group Management application.

Every night, the interface takes all charges for that day and runs them through a rule-based .net application. For the charges requiring a G-Code, a string is created and passed through ConnectR. ConnectR mapping is completed and the charge is sent back through the Group Management system as a \$0 CPT code.



## PQRI Success Story

### EHR helps CUMC Maximize PQRI Medicare Reimbursements

Central Utah Medical Clinic (CUMC) needed to track the Rx requirement by claims or G-Codes on the billings. Knowing they already had all the data captured in their Practice Management system, (Group Management) and Enterprise EHR (formally TouchWorks), they wanted to get the information on the claim **without human involvement**.

With ConnectR training and consulting support from *EHR Integration Services*, CUMC staff used their ConnectR skills to quickly create a Charge interface that automatically captures the G-Codes needed to be on claims in order to track Rx for 2009 PQRI.

Jamie Steck from CUMC says, "This interface is a huge time saver. We could not think of any better way to capture this information in order to be able to track it for our PQRI submission. It is hard to guess actual time this would have taken, but I am estimating 1,000's of hours. From build to final testing took us two weeks."

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