In 2011, “Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) I” and “GPRO II” were available to group practices. GPRO I consists of 200 or more physicians, and GRPO II consists of two–199 eligible professionals.

In 2012, CMS seeks to eliminate the distinction between GPRO I and GPRO II for group practices. The two groups will instead be consolidated such that a group practice GPRO will consist of 25 or more eligible professionals.

In 2011, CMS allowed for individual measures as well as measure groups to be reported via claims for the six-month reporting period.

In 2012, CMS no longer allows physicians to report the individual measures or measure groups via claims for the six-month reporting period.

In 2011, CMS allowed individual measures and measure groups to be reported via registries during the six-month reporting period.

In 2012, CMS will retain the six-month reporting option for reporting measure groups via registry only. Physicians will no longer be able to use the six-month reporting period to report the individual measures via registry.

In 2011, CMS had one option for the electronic health record (EHR)-based method of reporting PQRS. It required an eligible professional to report at least three PQRS measure for 80 percent of applicable Medicare Part B FFS patients of each eligible professional.

In 2012, CMS has created an additional option for reporting via the EHR-based method of reporting.

1. The first option is streamlined with the EHR Incentive Program. During the 12-month reporting period, you can report three Core Clinical Quality measures (if any denominators are zero, then you have to do three alternate core) and report three of the 38 additional Clinical Quality Measures for the EHR Incentive Program.

2. The second option is the same as the option in 2011. It requires an eligible professional to report at least three PQRS measures (not necessarily core measures) for 80 percent of applicable Medicare Part B FFS patients of each eligible professional. A list of these EHR measures can be found at: [http://www.facs.org/ahp/pqri/2012/ehr-reporting.pdf](http://www.facs.org/ahp/pqri/2012/ehr-reporting.pdf).