

Physician Reviewers Are Needed Now

Primaris, Missouri's Quality Improvement Organization, reviews healthcare services provided to Medicare patients in Missouri. We review Medicare cases to determine whether the services meet professionally recognized standards of healthcare, are medically necessary, and are delivered in the most appropriate setting. Medical records are also reviewed to validate the coding and DRG assignment, determine the medical necessity for hospital admission, verify the appropriateness for discharge, and identify quality of care issues.

Primaris is currently recruiting physician reviewers in all specialties. Because you are an integral part of health care quality improvement, we urge you to become a physician reviewer.

Highlights:

- Physician reviewers can accept or refuse cases that meet his/her own availability in terms of time and location.
- Primaris provides training for all reviewers through online modules.
- Clinical review staff collect, prepare, and summarize the records for each case for the physician reviewer's determination.
- Physician reviewers are reimbursed for time.

Physician Reviewer Requirements:

- Missouri licensed, board certified physician practicing 20 or more hours/week
- Active admitting privileges with a Missouri hospital
- Currently provides care to Medicare beneficiaries

To complete the PR training and obtain 3.0 hours AMA PRA Category 1 CME credit click on the four modules located on www.primaris.org/training.

For more information, please visit our website at www.primaris.org or call Sharon Hoffarth, MD, MPH, FACPM at 1-800-735-6776 ext. 170.