

# Where can I learn more about Value-Based Purchasing?

The Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program aims to transform Medicare from a passive payer of claims to an active purchaser of quality healthcare. It links performance on various quality metrics to reimbursement, thereby encouraging continuous improvement in healthcare.

Beginning in FFY2013, CMS began reducing base operating DRG payments by 1%. If a hospital collected \$90,000,000 in Medicare reimbursements in FFY2012, CMS withheld \$900,000 of that in FY2013 to fund the program. Hospitals have the opportunity to earn back a portion of that withholding (or more) depending on how well they perform on those measures of quality.

The evaluation used to determine the portion of reimbursement each hospital earns back is evolving each year. Here are some helpful links to help you learn more about VBP:

## Websites

- **Professional Research Consultants, Inc.:** [www.PRCcustomresearch.com](http://www.PRCcustomresearch.com)
- **HCAHPS® Consumer Reporting Site:** [www.HospitalCompare.hhs.gov](http://www.HospitalCompare.hhs.gov)
- **HCAHPS® Online:** [www.HCAHPSonline.org](http://www.HCAHPSonline.org)
- **CMS Hospital VBP Information:** <http://www.cms.gov/Hospital-Value-Based-Purchasing/>
- **CMS Hospital Compare VBP Site:** <http://www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov/staticpages/for-consumers/value-based-purchasing.aspx>
- **Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®):** [www.cahps.ahrq.gov](http://www.cahps.ahrq.gov)
- **QualityNet:** <https://www.qualitynet.org/>
- **VBP page of QualityNet:**  
<https://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier2&cid=1228772039937> (To download Estimated Percentage Payment Summary Reports, actual Percentage Payment Summary Reports, and Baseline Measure Reports for your hospital)

## From the Federal Register:

- **Final Rule for FFY 2013:** <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-05-06/pdf/2011-10568.pdf>
- **Final Rule for FFY 2014:** <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-11-30/pdf/2011-28612.pdf>
- **Final Rule for FFY 2015:** <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/08/31/2012-19079/medicare-program-hospital-inpatient-prospective-payment-systems-for-acute-care-hospitals-and-the>
- **Final Rule for FFY 2016:** <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-08-19/pdf/2013-18956.pdf>

