



## Requirements regarding 2009 QOPI Participation

For those physician organizations signed up for the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO®), Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®) initiative in 2009, we wanted to remind you of the expectations regarding satisfactory participation in QOPI.

POs that participate in the PGIP Oncology Initiative must:

1. Register each of their oncology practice units with ASCO QOPI. A QOPI requirement is that each oncology practice unit must have one ASCO member to participate in this data collection.
2. Have each practice unit participate in bi-annual data collections and reporting. The first data collection occurs in the spring and the second in the fall (please note that spring data collection is tentatively scheduled to commence in late March). Bi-annual data collections include conducting retrospective chart reviews at the practice level on:
  - Core measures
  - Care at end-of-life module
  - One additional module from domain- or disease-specific modules
3. Also, after each data collection, practice units are asked to “opt-in” and choose which health plans should be notified about their participation in QOPI. It is a **requirement** of participation in this PGIP QOPI initiative that each practice unit selects BCBSM as a health plan choice on the opt-in form. By opting in, a practice unit is merely allowing ASCO to inform BCBSM that the practice successfully submitted data as part of the data collection – BCBSM does not receive any practice-specific data from the data collection.
4. POs and practice units should review on-line individual and aggregate data reports generated at close-of-data collection, comparing practice results to aggregate results
5. POs and practice units will use QOPI performance data to identify physician organization-, practice unit- and/or physician-specific opportunities for improvement, setting explicit performance improvement goals

Not meeting any of the above participation expectations has the potential to adversely impact a PO’s evaluation score and its ultimate PGIP payment.

Should you have any questions about the QOPI initiative or the participation requirements as described above, please do not hesitate to contact Tom Leyden at (248) 448-3306 or [tleyden@bcbsm.com](mailto:tleyden@bcbsm.com).