

PQA Quality Connection

A Bimonthly Digest of PQA News,
Events and Engagement Opportunities



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Quality Professionals Gather in Tampa for the 2025 PQA Annual Meeting



The [2025 PQA Annual Meeting](#) took place May 19-21 in Tampa, Fla. Nearly 400 leaders from PQA member organizations attended to network, engage and learn from more than 60 speakers.

These nationally leading speakers shared expert insights and best practices for improving medication use quality from every angle in the industry. [Read more](#) about these sessions and learn more about the meeting below:

- Abstracts from the [2025 PQA Annual Meeting Poster Session](#) are in the May-June 2025 issue of the [Journal of the American Pharmacists Association](#).
- See *Drug Topics'* [coverage](#) of the meeting for more insights from the sessions. Attendees can access the information about the meeting in the meeting app through June 11, 2025.
- Thank you to our [sponsors](#) whose support helped make this meeting possible. Save the date to join us at the 2026 PQA Annual Meeting, May 12-14, in Baltimore! [Sign up](#) to receive updates on all of PQA's convening events.

Education Needed on Use of PQA Medication Therapy Problem Categories Framework

Driven to promote a standard of care for MTM, PQA has identified an opportunity to educate MTM providers on the integration of the PQA MTP Categories Framework into the PPCP. As such, PQA will develop continuing education for learners to achieve five objectives. [Read more.](#)



PQA Presents Quality Awards to Eight Medicare Plan Contracts

PQA [recognized](#) eight Medicare plan contracts with a PQA Laura Cranston Excellence in Quality or Quality Improvement Award for high achievement or significant

Summary of CMS Rate Announcement and Final Rule

CMS recently published the 2026 rate announcement and final rule CMS-4208-F. PQA has prepared for our members and stakeholders summaries of each:

improvement in PQA measures of medication safety and appropriate use. Congratulations to Alignment Healthcare, LMC Family Holdings, Capital Blue Cross, Commonwealth of PA Pub Schools Retirement System, Lifetime Healthcare, UPMC Health System, EmblemHealth and Independent Health Association.

- [PQA's Summary of the 2026 Medicare Advantage and Part D Rate Announcement](#)
- [PQA's Summary of 2026 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule \(CMS-4208-F\)](#)

Q&A with 2025-26 Executive Fellows

PQA will welcome Melody Evans and Lauren Moy in June for the 2025-26 Postdoctoral Executive Fellowship. Fellows collaborate with PQA staff on a variety of initiatives to improve medication use quality. [Read more](#).



Get to Know PQA Board Chair James Kirby

"PQA is critical in determining how we measure ourselves in providing patient-centered care and creating opportunities between pharmacies and payers to incentivize that care..." [Read more](#).



PQA Welcomes 7 New Members

Seven [new members](#) have joined PQA in 2025. Welcome to:



Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Anticoagulation Forum, Fairview Pharmacy Solutions, Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Organization, MDI Health, Milliman, Inc., and Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy.

2nd Quarter Stakeholder Advisory Meeting

PQA's 2nd Quarter 2025 Stakeholder Advisory Meeting is **June 11, 1-2 pm ET**.



PQA SAMs are members-only events that are held quarterly to share current and relevant measure development and maintenance updates.

Access the registration link via the [Member Resources Library](#).

Share Your Quality News with PQA



"Five For Friday" is a biweekly celebration of our collective work to improve medication use quality. Catch up on recent editions.

- [Five for Friday, April 11](#)
- [Five for Friday, April 25](#)
- [Five for Friday, May 9](#)
- [Five for Friday, May 23](#)

PQA's Five for Friday features three stories on our member's work, one on a PQA initiative and ways to

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[PQA](#): "PQA's work in medication therapy management (MTM) spans over a decade. [Jenny Bingham](#) details PQA's six objectives to advance MTM quality..."



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