

## Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Bundled Payment Models for High-Quality, Coordinated Cardiac and Hip Fracture Care

On Monday, July 25th, the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) proposed new models that continue the Administration's progress to shift Medicare payments from quantity to quality by creating strong incentives for hospitals to deliver better care to patients at a lower cost.

These proposals contain three new significant policies:

1. New bundled payment models for cardiac care and an extension of the existing CJR model for hip replacements to other hip surgeries;
2. A new model to increase cardiac rehabilitation utilization; and
3. A proposed pathway for physicians with significant participation in bundled payment models, including CJR, to qualify for payment incentives under the proposed Quality Payment Program.

Because the hip/femur fracture surgeries model builds upon the existing CJR model, CMS proposes to test these bundled payments in the same 67 MSAs that were selected for that model. CMS is also proposing several changes to the CJR model, including expanding the list of entities that can enter into financial arrangements with CJR hospitals, modifications to the reconciliation methodology, and other minor changes to align with the newly proposed models.

The proposed rule can now be viewed on the Innovation Center web pages and the Federal Register. Stakeholder input is vital for the success of these proposals, and HHS welcomes feedback on this proposed rule.

Participant CJR hospitals should note that this is a proposed rule, with implementation of the proposed policies intended for 2017. The CJR model team will work to educate participant hospitals on the proposed changes to the model.

For more information:

<https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/epm/>  
<https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/cardiac-rehabilitation/>  
<https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/cjr>

## Save the Date for the Next Learning System Event!

### Clinical Engagement and Alignment: A Hospital Perspective

Thursday, August 25, 2016

1-2 p.m. EDT

[Register Here](#)

This webinar will feature presenters from Mt. Sinai Health System and Yale New Haven Hospital sharing strategies for engaging clinical teams in bundled payment models. Presenters will also discuss lessons learned around creating buy-in from institutional leadership.

### Rescheduling Notice!

#### CJR Quarterly Data Files with MPR - Follow-Up Office Hours Rescheduled to

Thursday, August 18, 2016

1-2 p.m. EDT

[Register Here](#)

The CJR Quarterly Data Files with MPR - Follow-Up Office Hours has been rescheduled from Thursday, August 11 from 1:00-2:00 pm EDT to Thursday, August 18 from 1:00-2:00 pm EDT. If you already registered for this event, you do not have to register again. Your registration has been transferred to this event at the new date and time and you will receive an email reminder prior to the webinar. If you would like to register for this event, click [here](#).

## A Request of CJR Participants

One of your CJR colleagues had a patient who chose to enter a skilled nursing facility upon discharge from the hospital even though the care team deemed her well enough to be discharged to home with occupational and physical therapy. This colleague is looking for ideas on how to better discuss clinical determinations. If you have strategies, ideas, or resources to share, please log into the [CJR Connect](#) site, go to the Chatter tab, search for "Discharge Planning," and enter a comment.

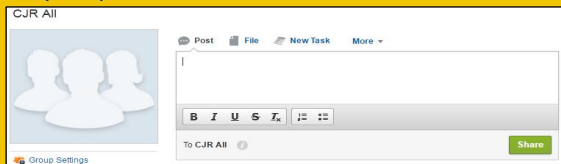
## In Case You Missed It

CJR Webinar Title	Webinar Date	Webinar Materials Available on CJR Connect through the Libraries Tab
CJR Patient Reported Outcomes (PROs) Data Collection for Performance Year 1	June 8, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webinar CJR PRO Data Collection in Performance Year One 06 08 16 Materials</li> </ul>
Bundled Payments: Strategies for Success and Lessons Learned	July 21, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webinar Bundled Payments: Strategies for Success and Lessons Learned 07 21 16 Materials</li> </ul>
CJR Quarterly Data Files with Mathematica Policy Research (MPR)	July 28, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webinar CJR Quarterly Data Files with Mathematica Policy Research (MPR) 07 28 16</li> </ul>

## Fast Fact about CJR Connect

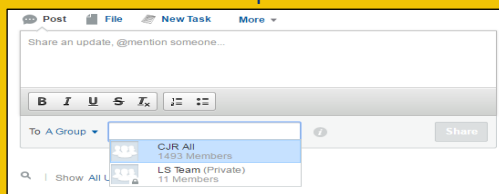
The default setting for CJR Connect Chatter is to post only to users' followers. If you do not change this setting, only your followers will be able to see and respond to your posts. The CJR Learning System team is identifying posts that are inadvertently shared with followers only, and sharing them with all CJR Connect users. Help us make sure that **all** CJR Connect users are able to view your questions, comments, or links, by following these steps:

1. Click on the Groups tab.
2. Select CJR All.
3. Enter your post into the field.



Alternatively, you can also:

1. Click on the Chatter tab.
2. Enter your post into the field.
3. Select "A Group" from the dropdown menu for "To."
4. Click on the open text field adjacent to "A Group."
5. Select "CJR All" from the dropdown menu.



## CJR Contact Info

For questions, assistance, suggestions for Learning System events or to be added to the CJR Bulletin distribution list, please contact

[CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:CJRSupport@cms.hhs.gov)

## CJR Model Reminders and Tips: CJR Quarterly Data Files

The first CJR Quarterly Data Files are now available to participant hospitals. Participants can access the files through the Download tab in the CJR Portal. Instructions for accessing the CJR Portal are available on [CJR Connect](#) in the Libraries tab. Use the content bar to search for "CJR Portal."

For tips on reviewing the Quarterly Data Files, see the PowerPoint slide deck from the July 28th webinar hosted by Mathematica Policy Research titled "Webinar CJR Quarterly Data Files with Mathematica Policy Research (MPR) 07 28 16," which is available through the Libraries tab on [CJR Connect](#).

## What's Trending on CJR Connect?

Here is what's trending in the [CJR Connect](#) Library:

- Most Recently Uploaded Documents
  - PRO Resource List v1 0\_07 01 16 - A list of resources to help support participant hospitals interested in the voluntary PROs data collection and reporting under CJR
  - PRO The Veterans RAND 12 (VR-12) Read Me\_v1 0\_06 15 16 - Guidance for participant hospitals interested in using the VR-12 for voluntary PROs data collection and reporting under CJR
  - Bulletin - April 2016
  - Bulletin - June 2016
- Frequently Downloaded Documents
  - PRO Data (Note: This content pack was updated on July 15, 2016.)
  - Webinar CJR 101 Quality Measures and Composite Quality Score 03 17 2016
  - Resource Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Billing Reference
  - Resource Payment Standardization Basics June 2015

These documents are available through the Libraries tab. Use the content bar to search for the file names.