

# US Department of Health and Human Services

## Privacy Impact Assessment

**Date Signed:**

01/11/2016

**OPDIV:**

CMS

**Name:**

Q-Net

**PIA Unique Identifier:**

P-5378460-030817

**The subject of this PIA is which of the following?**

General Support System (GSS)

**Identify the Enterprise Performance Lifecycle Phase of the system.**

Operations and Maintenance

**Is this a FISMA-Reportable system?**

Yes

**Does the system include a Website or online application available to and for the use of the general public?**

No

**Identify the operator.**

Contractor

**Is this a new or existing system?**

Existing

**Does the system have Security Authorization (SA)?**

Yes

**Indicate the following reason(s) for updating this PIA.**

PIA Validation

**Describe in further detail any changes to the system that have occurred since the last PIA.**

Not Applicable

**Describe the purpose of the system.**

QualityNet (QNet) is a General Support System (GSS). CMS maintains the QNet network infrastructure, a network environment that uses shared database servers and Wide Area Network (WAN)/Local Area Network (LAN) resources to monitor and improve utilization and quality of care for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. The program consists of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Data Center Complex 1 located at the CMS central offices in Baltimore, MD; Complex 2, located at the Iowa Foundation for Medical Care (IFMC) in Des Moines, IA; Complex 3, located at Buccaneer Computer Systems & Services, Inc. (BCSSI) in Warrenton, VA; a national network of 53 Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) sites responsible for each US state, territory, and the District of Columbia; 1 Clinical Data Abstraction Center (CDAC); 18 End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) networks; and the two BCSSI and IFMC Contractor support locations.

**Describe the type of information the system will collect, maintain (store), or share.**

The system is a General Support System (GSS) and does not directly collect or store information. The applications/systems residing on the GSS collect and store information. Therefore, individual PIAs have been prepared and submitted for the applications/systems residing on this GSS. There are mechanisms in place such as: Iron Mail that proactively protect mission critical business applications from internet borne threats.

The QualityNet (QNet) Wide Area Network (WAN)/Local Area Network (LAN) network configuration provides the WAN/LAN connectivity and support for the Health Care Quality Improvement System that comprises of ten Major Applications that collect information and operate within QNet network infrastructure:

Case Review Management Information System (CRMIS)

Consolidated Renal Operations in a Web-Enabled Environment (CROWN)

Deliverable and Data Submission Tool (DDST)

End Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program (ESRD QIP)

Healthcare Quality Improvement System (HCQIS)

Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR)

Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)

Quality Improvement Evaluation System (QIES)

QNET Enterprise Services (QNET ES)

QNET Nationwide Health Information Network Gateway (QNET NwHIN)

Quality Management and Review System (QMARS)

QualityNet Identity Management System (QIMS)

Renal Management Information System (REMIS)

Survey and Certification Providing Data Quickly (SC PDQ)

**Provide an overview of the system and describe the information it will collect, maintain (store), or share,**

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**Does the system collect, maintain, use or share PII?**

No