



## Reminder: Critical Access Hospital (CAH) PEPPER Change in Delivery Method

This is a reminder about the change in Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Report (PEPPER) distribution. At the request of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), beginning with the CAH PEPPER version Q4FY18, released on April 5, 2019, the CAH PEPPERS are available for access from a secure portal at <https://pepper.cbrpepper.org>.

Previously, the CAH PEPPERS were uploaded to QualityNet for Administrators and those who have basic user accounts with the PEPPER recipient role. Please be aware that the distribution method and process has changed. Please share this information with others within your organization who need to access the PEPPER.

To access your Q4FY18 CAH PEPPER, which became available on April 5, 2019, follow these steps:

1. Go to <https://pepper.cbrpepper.org>. From the home page, click on the "PEPPER Distribution - Get Your PEPPER" link in the section for critical access hospitals.
2. Scroll to the row for "Critical Access Hospitals" and click on the link "PEPPER Resources Portal".
3. Complete the form, including the CAH provider number (CMS Certification Number, or PTAN), and the provided validation code, sent by email before the April 5 release. If you need a validation code, please contact the PEPPER Help Desk.
4. Upon successful confirmation of the CMS certification number (provider number) and validation code, you will view a page with the Q4FY18 CAH PEPPER (and the previous version, Q4FY17, if available). We recommend that you download (save) the PEPPER file(s) to your computer for future access.

Thank you for your interest in retrieving the PEPPERS. Please let us know how we can be of assistance. You can utilize the [Help Desk](#) on our website if you have any questions.

The PEPPER Team