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PPAC Annual Report Recommendations

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OPQA Review Program

- 6,600 random reviews conducted using the Master Review Form (MRF) so far in FY17
 - Projected 18,000 by end of FY
- FY17Q1 focus was on consistency of applying review standards and synthesizing volume of data points collected
 - Approximately 275 review questions/items in MRF

Quality Metrics

- Master Review Form
 - Correctness (Compliance)
 - Identified metrics and established targets for FY17
 - Clarity
 - Under development
- Quality Index Reporting
- External Perceptions

Quality Metric Targets (Correctness)

Metric	Target
35 USC § 101	93 – 98%
35 USC § 102	90 – 95%
35 USC § 103	88 – 93%
35 USC § 112	87 – 92%

Next Steps

- Defining and publishing Clarity metrics/targets for the beginning of FY18
- Updating and publishing Compliance metrics/targets for the beginning of FY18
- External dashboards and access to data
- Linkage of quality findings to:
 - Examination time analysis study
 - Clarity of record pilot
 - Case studies
 - Examiner training efforts
 - Big Data explorations

Questions and Comments

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