

Quality Payment Program

No-Cost Technical Assistance for Small Practices in North Carolina

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The North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (NC AHEC) are working together to help small practices in North Carolina with 15 or fewer clinicians under one tax ID number to understand and enroll in the Quality Payment Program (QPP). You may earn a positive MIPS payment adjustment for 2019 if you submit 2017 data by March 31, 2018. If you participate in an Advanced APM in 2017, then you may earn a 5% incentive payment in 2019. MIPS-eligible clinicians opting not to participate will receive a 4% reduction in payment in 2019.

Support for Small Practices

Practices with 15 or fewer clinicians under one tax ID number, including those in rural locations, health professional shortage areas, and medically underserved areas are a crucial part of the health care system. The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) provides direct technical assistance to help these Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) eligible clinicians participate in the Quality Payment Program. This initiative is comprised of local, experienced organizations that will help clinicians:

- Select & report on appropriate measures and activities to satisfy requirements of each MIPS performance category – Quality, Improvement Activities, Advancing Care Information and Cost
- Engage in continuous quality improvement
- Optimize health information technology (HIT)
- Evaluate options for joining an Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM)

Getting started with MIPS Checklist

- Determine whether you have \$30,000 or less in Medicare charges OR 100 or fewer Medicare patients annually. If so, you are exempt from MIPS participation. CMS is mailing letters to all practices notifying them of their exempt status in May 2017
- Make sure your electronic health record is certified by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health Information: <https://chpl.healthit.gov/#/search>
- Determine whether you plan to report through claims, electronic health record (EHR), clinical registry, or qualified clinical data registry (QCDR)
- Decide which measures and activities best fit your practice - explore the MIPS Measures <https://qpp.cms.gov/measures/performance>
- Decide whether you should report as an individual or with a group
- To request our help, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QPPHelpNC>

Additional CMS Resources:

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