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MIPS (Merit-based Incentive Payment System)

News Flash:

The submission period for the 2017 Performance Year is now closed, and it is time to review your 2018 Action Plan to determine your best course of action. The volume thresholds for 2018 increased significantly, so you will want to check the eligibility status of your providers at <https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup>. Next step is to learn more about other important [changes in 2018](#).

There are multiple learning opportunities coming up to help fill in the gaps. Here are a few:

- Using Improvement Activities to Enhance Performance Score for Solo Practitioners and Small Group Practices
 - [Register for April 17, 2018](#)
 - [Register for April 19, 2018](#)
- CMS Quality Payment Program Year 2 Webinar
 - [Register for May 1, 2018](#)
- Succeeding in MIPS: Advice from Peers in Solo & Small Group Practices
 - [Register for May 15, 2018](#)
 - [Register for May 17, 2018](#)

The Mountain-Pacific Quality Payment Program (QPP) team is ready to help you develop and refine your 2018 MIPS Action Plan. Please contact us at qualitypaymenthelp@mpqhf.org to set up a time for a 1:1 review.

Recent Information

- MIPS Action Plan Steps:
 - [Your MIPS Action Plan: Step 1 - Am I Included in MIPS?](#)
 - [Your MIPS Action Plan: Step 2 - Factors to Determine Reporting as a Group or as an Individual](#)
 - [Your MIPS Action Plan: Step 3 - A Look at Your EHR!](#)
 - [Your MIPS Action Plan: Step 4 - Selecting a Reporting Period](#)
 - [Your MIPS Action Plan: Step 5 - Selecting a Submission Method](#)
- Other MIPS Information:
 - Blog post: [2018 MIPS Changes](#)
 - Blog post: [MIPS 2017 Is in the Books](#)

Resources

- Find an eligible clinician's National Provider Identifier (NPI) number and participation status [here](#).
- Learn more about MIPS participation by reviewing this [fact sheet](#).
- Learn how to get started with MIPS by reviewing this [fact sheet](#).

[Subscribe to the MIPS blog](#) to get just-in-time information. Have other questions? Please email us at qualitypaymenthelp@mpqhf.org. We are here to help you be successful with the Quality Payment Program (QPP)!

MU (Meaningful Use)

News Flash:

Now that the 2017 EHR Incentive Program (Meaningful Use) reporting period is over for Medicare (some states may still be open for the Medicaid program), you can begin working on the requirements for 2018 reporting.

To start, become familiar with the [2018 EHR Incentive Program requirements](#) and determine your program (Medicare/Medicaid) eligibility and what stage you will report to. Then run your meaningful use reports to ensure you are on track with your threshold requirements. Next, plan the tasks/activities needed to meet the non-threshold requirements based on the program/stage you have chosen.

For both Medicare and Medicaid EHR MU programs, hospitals can choose to report objective and measure requirements for Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3 (your choice). [See our most recent blog post](#) for more information.

Recent Information

- [MU 2017 program requirements](#)
- [MU 2018 program requirement details available now](#)
- Blog post: [2018 Meaningful Use Info for Eligible Hospitals](#)
- Blog post: [New Medicare MU Attestation Deadline for Hospitals](#)

- Blog post: [New Montana MU Attestation Timeframes for 2017 Reporting](#)

- Blog post: [Meaningful Use Attestation Timeframes for 2017 Reporting](#)

- Blog post: [Meaningful Use Requirements for 2018](#)

[Subscribe to the MU blog](#) to get just-in-time information. If you have any questions, please [contact Deb Anderson](#), CPHIMS.

HIPAA PASS

Privacy and Security

News Flash:

Create a contingency plan for your organization so you can recover quickly and efficiently after an unforeseen event. [See this resource](#) for more information on creating a HIPAA contingency plan.

Here are [more resources](#) regarding HIPAA PASS Privacy and Security. If you have any questions, please [contact Susan Clarke](#).

Hospitals

News Flash:

Eligible inpatient quality reporting (IQR) hospitals are required to complete the Structural Measures and Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement (DACA) using the Inpatient Structural Measures/DACA data collection tool and the PC-01 submission using the Inpatient Web-Based Measures data collection tool via the [QualityNet Secure Portal](#). [See this resource](#) for more information!

If you have any questions, please [contact Ericka Alm](#).

Immunizations

News Flash:

As you know, pneumonia can be deadly. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends all children younger than 2 years old, all adults 65 years or older and people two through 64 years old with certain medical conditions get vaccinated against pneumonia. Adding this [vaccination assessment](#) to your patient portal can help increase vaccine awareness and patient portal engagement.

Resources

- Mountain-Pacific's [immunization and FluFIT tools and resources](#)
- Blog Post: [Vaccines in Practice: Influenza \(Flu\)](#)
- Blog Post: [Fact or Fiction: You Can Get the Flu from the Flu Shot](#)
- Blog Post: [Got Your Flu Shot Yet? It's Not Too Late!](#)
- Blog Post: [Fall, Flu and You!](#)
- [Effectiveness and Reach of the FluFIT Program in an Integrated Health Care System: a Multisite Randomized Trial](#)
- [The Effectiveness of the FLU-FOBT Program in Primary Care: A Randomized Trial](#)
- Mountain-Pacific's TV program [Healthy Living for Life - Immunizations Myth Busters: The Truth about Vaccines](#)

If you have any questions, please [contact Amber Rogers](#).

Readmissions

News Flash:

Chronic care management (CCM) is a critical component of primary care that contributes to better outcomes and higher satisfaction for patients and providers. CMS data show two-thirds of people with Medicare have two or more chronic conditions, which means many of your patients may benefit from a CCM program, including the help provided between visits. CCM can help deliver the coordinated care your patients need and deserve. Mountain-Pacific Quality Health has implemented a CCM program pilot project in Wyoming with 17 eligible provider practices. For program information, [visit the CMS website](#).

For more information with this pilot project, please [contact Kevin Franke](#).

ADEs (Adverse Drug Events)

News Flash:

According to the 2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, the majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is April 28! [Click here](#) to find a list of prescription drug disposal sites near you.

Resources

- [What Mountain-Pacific is doing to help decrease ADEs](#)
- [ADEs tools and resources](#)
- National Help Line:
 - Phone number: 1-800-622-4357
 - [Website](#)

If you have any questions, please [contact Stevi Sy](#).

Antibiotic Stewardship

News Flash:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to support antibiotic stewardship in all health care settings as the most effective means to reduce the growing resistance of microorganisms to antibiotics. The growing resistance to antibiotics by disease-causing pathogens has been labeled an emerging health care crisis.

The CDC recently announced new training on antibiotic stewardship. Four modules will be released throughout 2018, providing eight units of free, certified medical education (CME). These modules target prescribers (physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants), but are also open to pharmacists, nurses, certified health educators and public health practitioners with an MPH. These courses will include information on antibiotic resistance and a detailed explanation of the benefits of antibiotic stewardship including:

- Risks and benefits of antibiotics
- Adverse drug events
- *Clostridium difficile* infections

[Click here](#) to register for this education.

Resources

- [Learn more](#)
- [Tools and resources](#)

If you have any questions, please [contact Lori Chikoyak](#).

Additional Resources

Mountain-Pacific Resources:

- [Tools and Resources](#)
- [News](#)
- [Blog](#)
- [Healthy Living for Life TV Show](#)

State Calendars:

- [Montana](#)
 - [Wyoming](#)
 - [Alaska](#)
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